

Majority of class of 2010 finds employment in field of study

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The majority of Alfred University alumni in the class of 2010 responding to a campus survey report finding work in their undergraduate field of study. Alfred University's McComsey Career Development Center has released the 2010 Destinations report, sharing the results of a survey of students from the class of 2010 on their current employment and graduate school enrollment. "Despite the sluggish economy, it appears that our students continue to experience success following graduation," said Mark McFadden, director of the Career Development Center. Seventy-nine percent of the class of 2010 responded to the survey. Of the undergraduate respondents, 55 percent have found employment in their field of study, while 41 percent are attending graduate school. Seventy-eight percent of the graduate students who responded reported finding employment, with 18 percent continuing into another graduate program. "One trend that is not surprising is the number of students opting to attend graduate school," McFadden commented, noting that this number has increased 4 percent from last year and 18 percent from 1998. "No doubt the challenging economic times with no foreseeable relief in sight play an important role in the higher trend towards obtaining an advanced degree." Only 3 percent of students who responded to the survey reported that they were currently seeking employment, a decrease of 2 percent from 2009 and below the national unemployment rate for recent college graduates, which is 4.3 percent. Geographically, New York State attracted the largest number of 2010 graduates, with just over half of respondents reporting remaining in the state, followed by Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Washington state. Students have also relocated internationally to countries including New Zealand, Japan, Lebanon, Denmark, and Sweden. For more information regarding the results of specific majors and other detailed information regarding the report, contact McFadden at mcfaddenm@alfred.edu or (607) 871-2164.