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Dear Chico Graduate,

We need your help. **Please complete the attached survey.** Our purposes are to acquire information about your present employment status and satisfaction with your college education. Completing this survey will provide us with valuable information and give you a **chance to win \$100! All completed surveys will be entered into a drawing to win \$100.**

We will use the survey information to

- Provide feedback to your department on how Chico's graduates are faring in the world of work, and report on the level of satisfaction with educational experiences.
- Study the relationships among outcomes and other aspects of education.

Your responses to this survey are **confidential**. An identifying code number has been placed at the bottom of this page. This number will allow us to link your survey responses with information contained in university records such as your major and GPA. Your personal data will never be released or published in any way. Research results will refer only to large groups.

The information you provide is extremely valuable to the university and future students. One of the best ways to evaluate and improve higher education is to discover what former students are doing now and what their experiences have been. **Please complete the attached survey and return it in the prepaid envelope provided. You may win \$100!**

We appreciate your help!

Best Wishes,

*Chuck Worth*

Chuck Worth, Director  
Institutional Research



# SURVEY OF SPRING GRADUATES CSU, CHICO



## EMPLOYMENT

**1. What main activities are you engaged in at the present time? (mark all that apply)**

- (A) Employed 35 or more hours per week
- (B) Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
- (C) Employed less than 35 hours per week
- (D) Actively seeking full-time employment
- (E) Enrolled in an educational institution
- (F) Serving an internship, required for state or other professional licensing
- (G) Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
- (H) Other; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Which one of the above (Question 1) is your principal activity? Please mark the corresponding letter that best describes your principal activity at the current time.**

- (A)  (B)  (C)  (D)  (E)  (F)  (G)  (H)

**3. What are your plans for future educational activities? (mark all that apply)**

I do not plan to go to school again.

**I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:**

- Taking interesting classes
- Acquiring job skills
- Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
- Obtaining a teaching credential
- Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
- Obtaining a master's degree
- Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
- Other; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. When you chose your major, how strongly did you expect to obtain a job directly related to it?**

- Very strongly
- Somewhat strongly
- Not strongly at all

**If you are NOT employed, please skip to Question 16 on the next page.**

**5. What is your current job title?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please be specific. Examples: high school teacher, retail sales manager)

**6. Which factors listed below assisted you in finding your present job? (mark all that apply)**

- Above average GPA
- Academic major
- Double major
- Competence in foreign language
- Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
- Competence in mathematics
- Competence with computers
- Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
- An effective job search campaign
- Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
- Personality or interpersonal skills
- Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
- Other; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. What type of organization employs you?**

- Business or industry
- Government agency (not in education)
- Educational institution
- Non-profit organization (not government operated)
- Self-employed
- Other; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What was your starting monthly salary before deductions? (Monthly gross)

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9. Were you working at your present job before you completed your most recent degree?

- Yes
- No

10. To what extent is your job related to your major field of study?

- Directly related
- Somewhat related
- Not related at all

11. If your job is not "Directly related" to your major field (i.e., "Somewhat related" or "Not related at all" was marked in Question 10 above), what was your main reason for taking it? (mark only one)

- Could not find a job in my field
- Better pay than a job in my field
- Better opportunity for advancement than in my field
- To see if I liked this kind of work
- Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
- Geographical location appealed to me
- Best opportunity among available jobs
- Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

12. What level of education was required for your present job?

- Master's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Some college
- No college required

13. To what extent do you feel that your present job contributes to attaining your career goals?

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- Not at all

14. Where is your present job located?

- California
- Another state or U.S. possession
- Another country

15. How satisfied are you with your ability to work in a diverse and multicultural workplace?

- Completely satisfied
- Pretty satisfied
- Not very satisfied

16. Did you perform community service while you were enrolled at CSU, Chico?

- Yes
- No

If "Yes," how much time did you devote to community service while enrolled at CSU, Chico?

Number of MONTHS you performed community service.

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Average HOURS PER WEEK:

- 1-2 hours per week
- 3-4 hours per week
- 5-6 hours per week
- 7-8 hours per week
- 9-10 hours per week
- 11-15 hours per week
- 16-20 hours per week
- More than 20 hours per week

## EDUCATIONAL SATISFACTION

Please rate your satisfaction with the following items. Leave blank any of the items you considered unimportant in regard to your educational plans.

| Completely Satisfied  | Pretty Satisfied      | Not Very Satisfied    |   |
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.                                |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.                        |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.                          |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field. |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).                          |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your ability to do university work.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | The effort you put into your university education.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your involvement with faculty.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your major course of study.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | The quality of your degree program.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Instruction at CSU, Chico.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | The technology learning environment.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your involvement with community service activities.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your opportunity to participate in university governance.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Your involvement in athletics.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Academic advising.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | The value of your CSU, Chico education.   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | CSU, Chico as a whole.  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | In general, the way you are spending your life these days.  |

This questionnaire may have failed to capture some of your important thoughts. If so, please comment below.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**