

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY



CLASS OF FALL 2003-SUMMER 2004

PLACEMENT SURVEY

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Background

The Center for Career Services (CSC) conducts a survey of new Prairie View A&M University graduates each year. Data collection is conducted during the graduation exercise each semester. Each graduating class is comprised of December, May and summer graduates.

Survey Objectives

The Career Placement Survey (CPS) has several objectives:

To ensure PVAMU is achieving its mission;

To improve the processes and products of the University;

To assess the institution's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats;

To help establish the imperatives, goals, plans, strategies, and performance measures; and

To provide a strategic plan that meets the requirements of accreditation requirements by the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Methodology

The CPS instrument contains both qualitative and quantitative survey items. The survey was administered to graduating students each semester. There were 17 items on the instrument and the survey took approximately 10 – 20 minutes to complete. Reliability and validity of the survey items were not analyzed prior to distribution.

Sample

The target population was Graduates and Undergraduate Majors of PVAMU. No sampling strategies were employed for the selection of respondents; therefore, the sample is a convenient sample. Participants were given instructions to participate in the survey and to answer the questions to the best of their knowledge. After they were finished, the surveys were collected and returned to the Career Services Center. Each semester approximately 150 responses were obtained. Demographic questions were not asked on the survey; therefore, statements with regard to the demographic make-up of the sample cannot be made.

Concepts

The CSC asked the respondents to answer questions about the following: employment offered after graduation, name of employer, city in which they will be employed, date they will begin working, approximate annual salary, relationship between academic preparation (major) and their job, plans to attend graduate school, and if they require assistance from CPS in their job search.

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College and School Summaries: Data identical to the Overall Summaries presented for each college or school, as well as detail reports of employment and graduate school pursuits presented per major:

Agriculture and Human Sciences
Architecture
Arts and Sciences
Business
Education
Engineering
Juvenile Justice and Psychology
Nursing
Graduate School

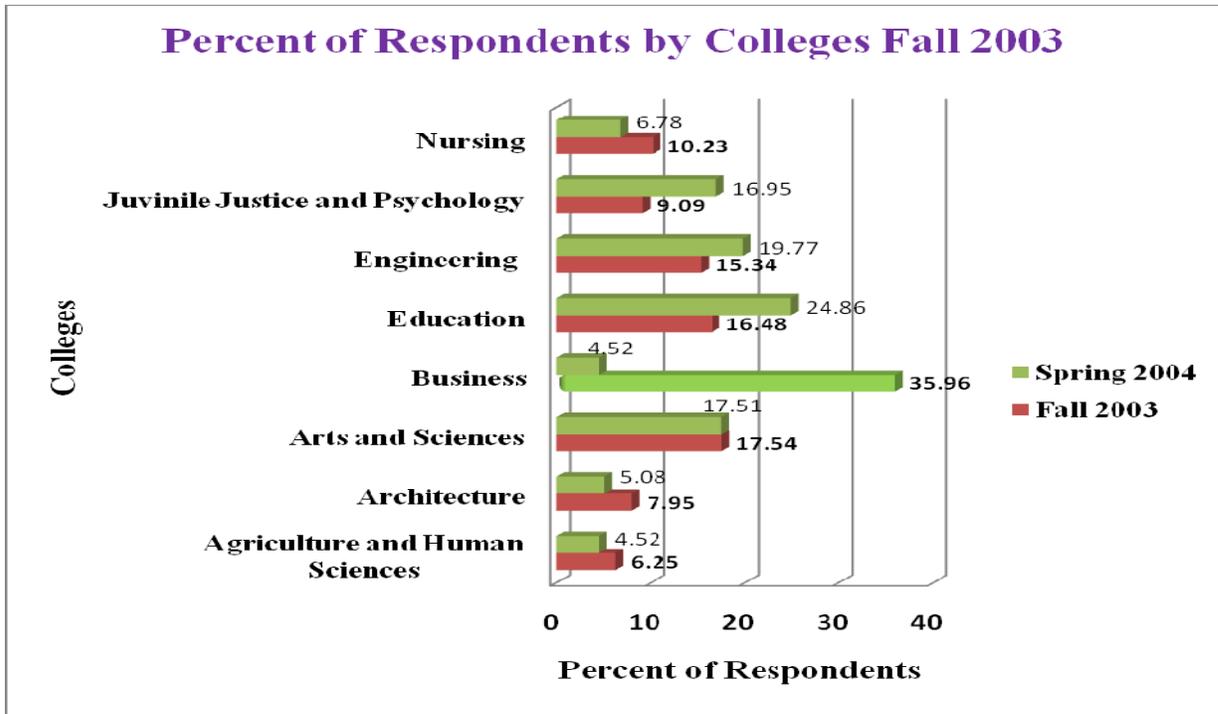


Figure 1

Figure 1 displays the response CPS conducted during the fall semester of 2003 and the spring of 2004. The largest response to the survey during the fall semester of 2003 was obtained from the college of Business 35.96 %, while for the Spring semester of 2004 the College of Education had 24.86 % responding to the survey. The total number of graduates for the fall semester was 176 and for spring semester the total graduates were 208.

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Survey Findings

Are you now employed full-time or have you accepted a full-time job (includes Military Service) upon graduation?

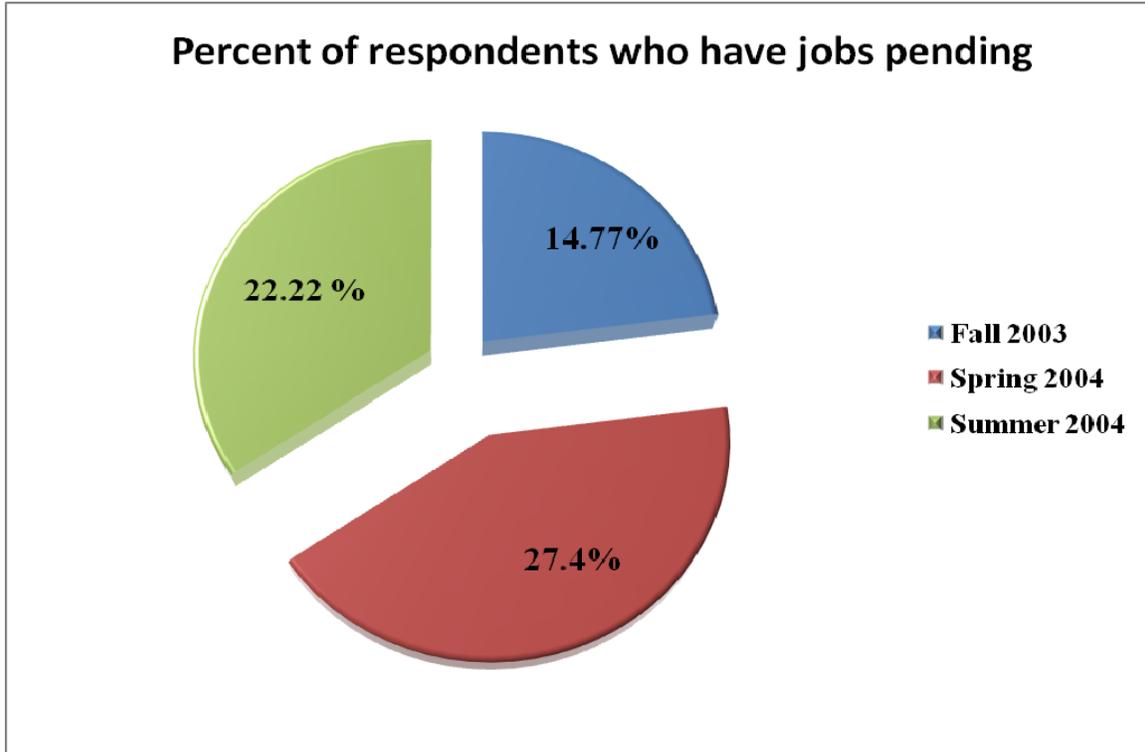


Figure 2

Of the 176 graduates for the fall of 2003, 14.77 % indicated that they have a job pending, while 27.4 % of the spring semester graduates indicated that they have jobs pending, only 22.22 % of summer graduates indicated that they have a job pending. The percentage of graduates who were employed at the time of graduation could not be obtained from the survey.

The employer name and location is presented in table 1 below. Most of the respondents who indicated that they had jobs pending indicated that these jobs were mostly within the state of Texas and around the Houston area, very few of these pending jobs were outside of the state.

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Table 1: Employment Detail Report		
EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER LOCATION	STATE
College of Business		
KPMG LLP	Dallas	TX
T-Mobile	Houston	TX
Weyerhaeuser	Sealy	TX
Wal-Mart	Katy	TX
University Village	Prairie View	TX
US Navy	USS Trenton-Norfolk	VA
Citi Group	Houston	TX
Walgreens	Cypress Area	TX
Camden Property Trust		
Maytag Corporation	Newton	IA
National Tire & Battery	Houston	TX
EB Games	Houston	TX
College of Art and Science		
Sugarland Med Clinic	Sugarland	TX
Hamida Healthcare	Houston	TX
NCI Building Systems	Houston	TX
Harris County Health Dept	Houston	TX
Tomagoa Medical Clinic	Tomball	TX
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	Houston	TX
Dr. Ramachondra Malya	Houston	TX
College of Nursing		
MD Anderson	Houston	TX
Ben Taub Hospital	Houston	TX
MD Anderson	Houston	TX
MD Anderson	Houston	TX
Methodist Hospital	Houston	TX
St. Luke's Episcopal Houston	Houston	TX
Costco Wholesale	Houston	TX
St. Joseph Hospital		
Girling Health Care	Houston	TX
Christus St. Joseph Hospital	Houston	TX
Methodist Hospital	Houston	TX
Methodist Hospital	Houston	TX
College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology		
Texas Youth Commission	Corsicana	TX
College of Architecture		
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIV.	Wilberforce	OH
College of Engineering		
Marketing Assoc.	Cleveland	OH
Alief ISD	Houston	TX
Texas Department of Human Services	Beaumont	TX

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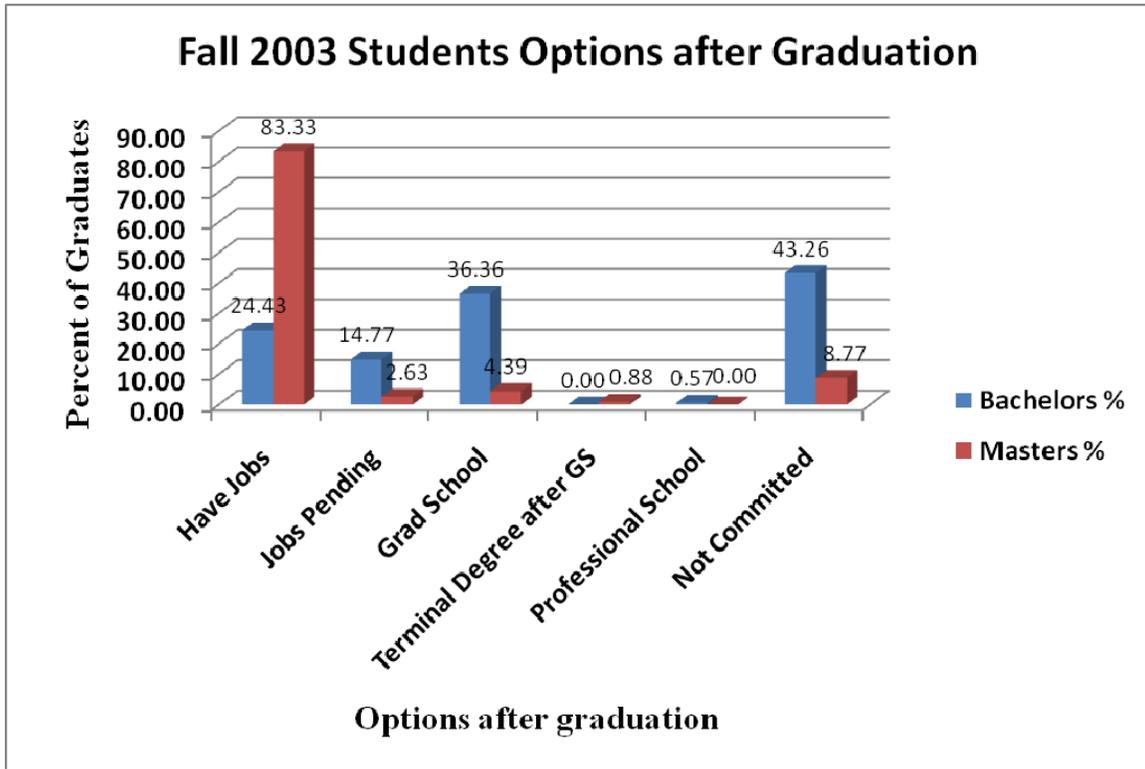


Figure 3a

Figure 3a shows the options of the graduates for the fall semester of 2003 after graduation. A large percentage 24.43 % of the respondents who were receiving their Bachelorette degree indicated that they have a job, while 14.77 % have a job pending. A high percentage of master’s students 83.33 % indicated that they had jobs. Only 36.36 % of respondents obtaining a Bachelors degree indicated that they were going to graduate school, while 0.88% indicated that they were interested in pursuing a terminal degree. Those respondents who were undecided were 43.26%; these students were unsure whether or not they would be going on to further studies.

Figures 3b shows the percentage of students graduating in the spring of 2004 who indicated that they would have a job or have a job pending, will be going to graduate school, professional school and those that have not decided at the time of the survey. Of these students 86 % of the students graduating with a Master’s Degree indicated that they either have a job or have one pending compared to 83.33% for the fall semester of 2003 and 75.32% for the summer semester.

Those students who indicated that they would like to seek further studies 36.36 % of the fall graduates indicated that they would go on to graduate school compared to 32.85 % of the Spring 2004 graduates and 35.19 % (Figure 3c) of the 2004 summer graduates. Only 1.3% (Figure 3d) of the master’s students showed an interest in pursuing a terminal degree.

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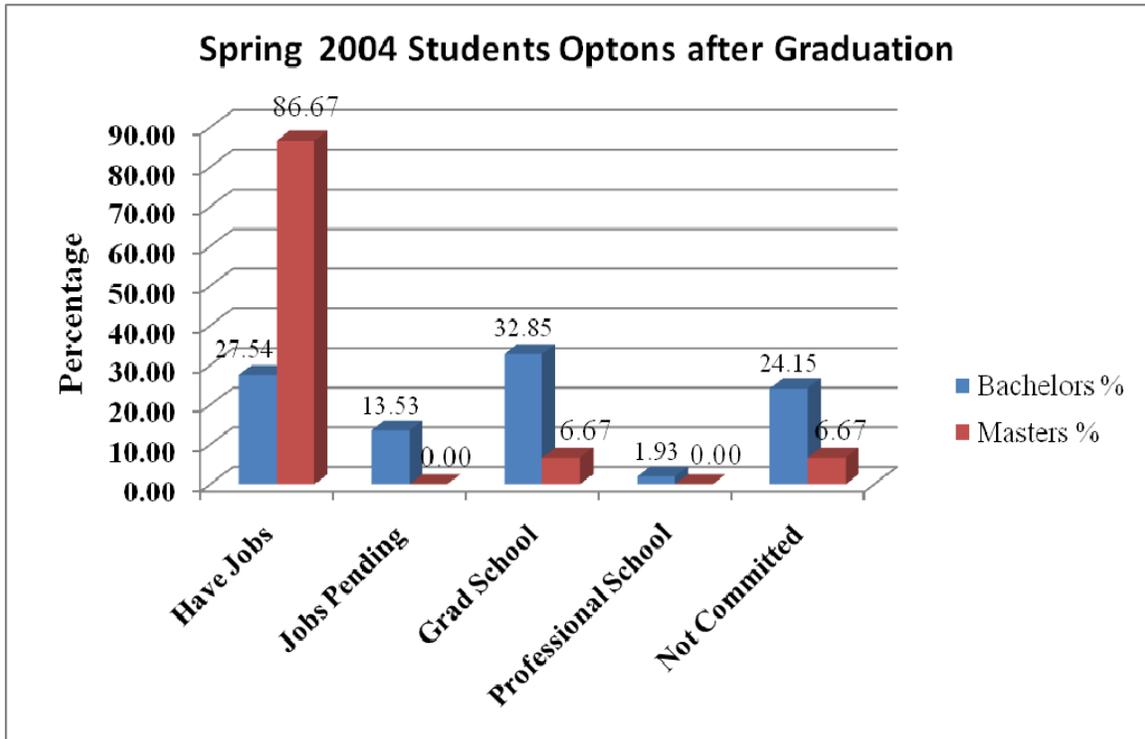


Figure 3b

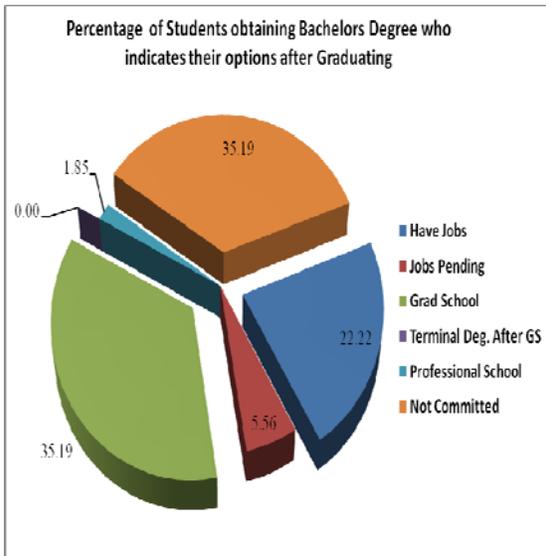


Figure 3c

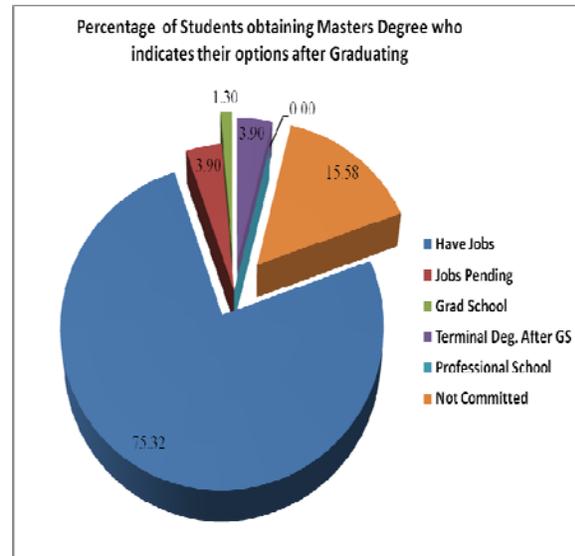


Figure 3d

Salary

Figure 4 shows the average salary indicated by the respondents for the fall semester of 2003. The highest salary base on the survey was \$49,500; this was indicated by the college of Engineering graduates. The second highest salary was \$49,000 this was from the College of Nursing. The lowest average salaries (\$28,000 and \$29,000) **reported was**

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from the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences and the College of Arts and Science respectively.

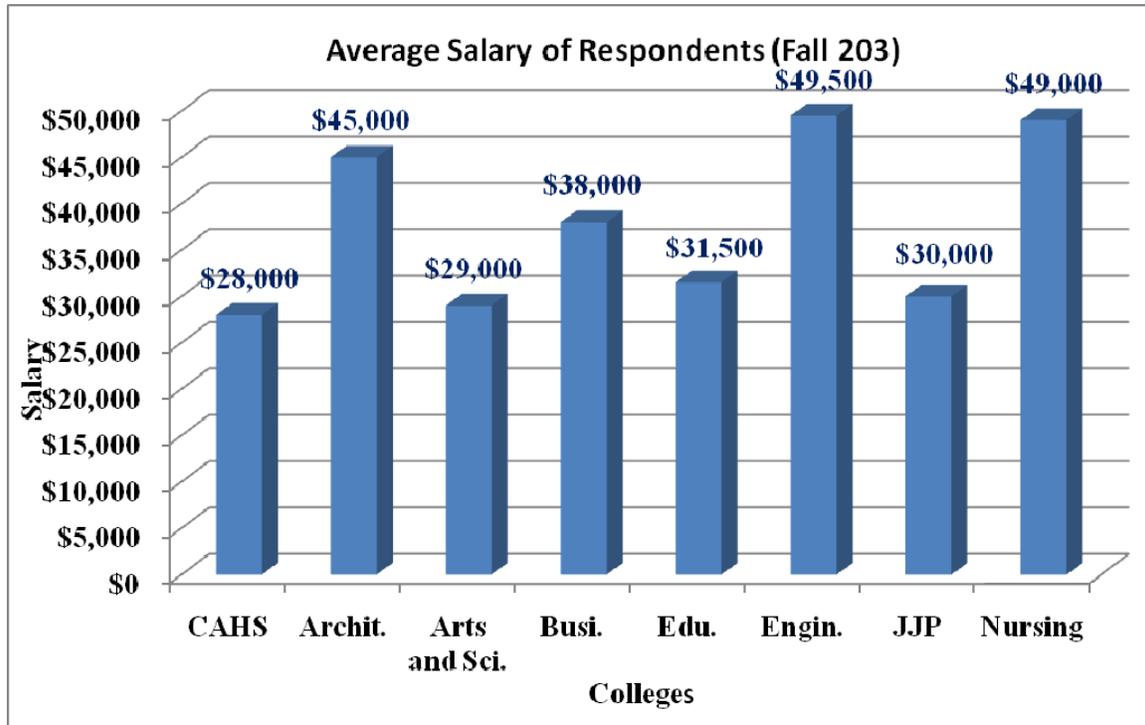


Figure 4

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The vast majority of Masters Graduates still find positions by developing their own employment leads. Eighty three percent of all respondents reported that their position was obtained by either networking or applying directly to an organization. This result emphasizes the importance of one of the main services of the Career Services Network - to help students become more effective in networking and pursuing non-advertised job leads.

There are also some interesting patterns in our graduates who are continuing their education. Of all graduates who reported that they are attending graduate school full-time from the Class of 2003, 36.36% (Fall) 32.85% (Spring) of the undergraduate indicated that they would pursuit further studies, there was no indication if these students would continue their education at Prairie View A&M University of if they were changing majors. However for those students graduating with a master's degree in the fall of 2003 only 4.39 % showed an interest in further studies, while 6.67% of the spring masers graduates were interested in further studies. These numbers are higher than those obtained during summer graduation.

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We greatly appreciate the help we have received from our colleagues in compiling this year's placement data. We also welcome comments and suggestions from the Prairie View A&M University community regarding future improvements to our survey process or reporting format. Please feel free to contact us directly with your questions or thoughts. Thank You!