

# Institutional Research Newsletter



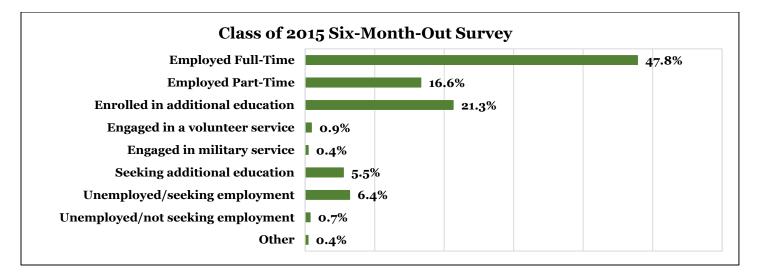
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#### How Did the Class of 2015 Do After Graduation?

In collaboration with the Polling Center and the Institutional Research Office, Stockton's Career Center conducted its second "destination survey" to determine employment status and graduate outcomes from the undergraduate class of 2015. Of the approximately 1,800 students who were contacted six months after graduation, 40% responded to the survey. Data results showed that 87% reported either being employed, continuing their education, serving in the military, or participating in other volunteer programs. In addition, 70% reported that their post-graduation occupation was related or very related to their program of study. Nearly three quarters (74%) of the respondents stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their employment positions. Below is a snapshot of students' statuses of employment or other post-graduation activities.

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### **NSSE/FSSE Surveys Close**

Stockton's participation in two national student engagement surveys, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), closed at the end of Spring 2016. For NSSE, Stockton had the highest response rate from freshmen and seniors in more than 10 years! The overall response rate of 39% surpassed the 34% rate from the last NSSE survey administration two years ago. 34% of our freshmen responded to the survey, while 42% of seniors participated. For FSSE, 46% of Stockton's full-time faculty participated in the FSSE survey, compared with 49% from the 2014 survey. The final NSSE and FSSE results will be released in August 2016 and will indicate how Stockton compares against other similar institutions, both regionally and nationally. This information will inform Stockton about student learning outcomes and identify possible areas of improvement.



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### **TAG Recipients Graduation Rate at Stockton**

The New Jersey Higher Education
Student Assistance Authority (HESAA),
recently released a statewide report on the
graduation rate for Tuition Assistance Grant
(TAG) recipients. Stockton's Office of
Financial Aid conducted a quick analysis of
New Jersey's senior public institutions, which
for the first time, were required to report to
HESAA on this outcome measure. TAG
recipients at Stockton who entered during

| TAG Graduation Rate (AY2007-'08) |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Institution                      | 4-Year | 6-Year |
|                                  | Rate   | Rate   |
| Kean                             | 29%    | 58%    |
| Montclair                        | 46%    | 70%    |
| NJ City                          | 12%    | 37%    |
| Ramapo                           | 50%    | 79%    |
| Rowan                            | 50%    | 67%    |
| Stockton                         | 53%    | 73%    |
| TCNJ                             | 55%    | 77%    |
| William P Univ.                  | 26%    | 56%    |

AY2007-2008 as either full-time freshmen or transfers graduated in four years at a rate of 53%. This figure is higher than most other New Jersey senior public

institutions and only slightly behind TCNJ (55%). Stockton's six-year graduation rate for the same cohort was 73%, compared with two other institutions with higher rates (TCNJ at 77% and Ramapo at 79%). In AY2007-08, Stockton's percentage of TAG recipients was 24%, while the other senior public institutions ranged from 16% to 38%. See more information in the table above.

#### **Transfer Students' Graduation Rates Reported on IPEDS**

A new IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) data collection was required beginning AY2015-2016 to report on graduation rates for transfer students. The report was included on the new IPEDS

| Six-Year Graduation Rates      |     |  |
|--------------------------------|-----|--|
| Fall 2007 Student Cohorts      | %   |  |
| Full-time, first-time freshman | 65% |  |
| Part-time, first-time freshman | 33% |  |
| Full-time transfers            | 75% |  |
| Part-time transfers            | 48% |  |

Outcome Measures survey, which includes both freshmen and

transfers. As shown in the table to the left, 75% of Fall 2007 full-time transfer cohort graduated in six years compared

with 48% for part-time students.

## Stockton by the Numbers...

**10%** —enrollment growth at Stockton from 2009 - 2015, compared with a 0.2% decrease in overall enrollment at the other state peer colleges for the same period.

**15%** —increase in Stockton's full-time faculty in the last five years (from 264 in Fall 2009 to 304 in Fall 2014) —the highest percent change among all other state peer colleges.

**75%** —of Stockton's student enrollment comes from South Jersey (including Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem counties). See map to the right.

 $Source: recent\ available\ data\ from\ NJ\ Higher\ Education\ website$ 

