

# Trends

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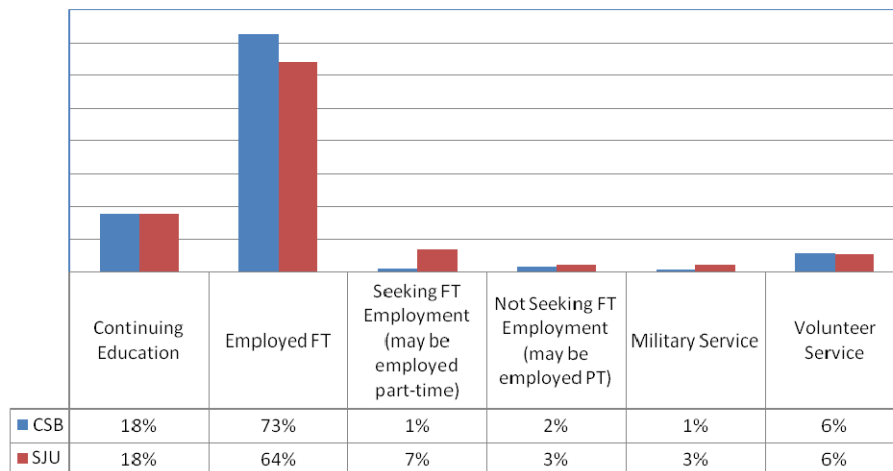
## Graduate Profile

Each year, the Career Services Offices at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University survey recently graduated students about their post-college experiences. The offices made multiple attempts to contact all alumnae/i in the class of 2006 within one year of their graduation. The survey of 821 graduates (a 96% response rate) revealed that 95% of the class of 2006 was employed, continuing education, volunteering full-time or serving in the military. The report below summarizes key findings from the survey.

### Summary

The overwhelming majority of Saint Benedict and Saint John's students enter the labor force immediately after graduation. According to the *National Association of Colleges and Employers' Job Outlook 2006 Spring Update*, the market for graduates last year was more promising than it was for the class of 2005. Surveyed employers said they planned to hire 14% more new college graduates that year – a higher percentage than in prior years.

### Post-Graduation Status of 2006 CSB/SJU Graduates



### Full-time Employment

- Nearly 70% of CSB/SJU graduates enter the workforce within one year of graduation. Our graduates gain full-time employment at a slightly higher rate than their peers at other Minnesota Private Colleges<sup>1</sup> (65%). Target Corporation continues to employ more CSB/SJU graduates than any other company, with a total of 38 graduates (5% of the 2006 class). Other companies rounding out the top four employers of CSB/SJU graduates included Mayo Clinic, St. Cloud Hospital and Wells Fargo.
- The median salary for recent CSB/SJU graduates working full-time is between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year. This was consistent with data from 2005. The largest percentage of women (21%) reported incomes between \$30,001 and \$35,000 annually, while the largest percentage of men (17%) reported incomes between \$40,001 and \$45,000 annually.

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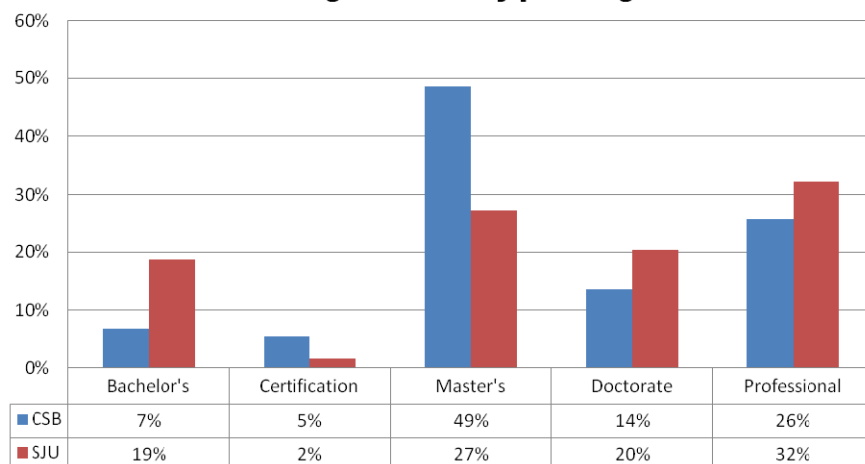


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- Women and men frequently choose different occupational fields, often reflecting their different choices of academic majors. One in five women (compared to 1 in 10 men) indicated that they worked in the healthcare field. Almost two-thirds of men and 42% of women worked in private sector business firms or organizations. Large numbers of men and women also worked in educational settings. The proportion of CSB/SJU graduates pursuing employment in the healthcare and education sector mirrors trends reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which indicates that nurses and secondary school teachers will experience the greatest potential growth over the next decade.
- Most graduates stay in Minnesota. Nearly six in ten CSB/SJU 2006 graduates work in Minnesota. CSB and SJU graduates make choices similar to their colleagues at other private colleges in the state. In 2005, two-thirds of all recent Minnesota private college graduates listed Minnesota as their state of residence. In total, 80% of all CSB/SJU graduates since 2002 chose to live in Minnesota immediately after graduation.

## Continuing Education

### Recent Graduates Continuing their Educations What degrees are they pursuing?



- Eighteen percent of all 2006 graduates continued their education directly after graduation. In previous years, more men than women chose to continue their educations. However, in 2006 an equal percentage of CSB and SJU graduates (17%) chose to pursue additional education. The percentage of CSB/SJU graduates attending graduate school is slightly lower than the average for Minnesota's private colleges, where one-quarter of 2005 graduates pursued additional education directly after graduation.
- Students indicating majors in the Natural Sciences were most likely to go to graduate school. This is reflected in the fields of graduate study pursued: SJU alumni are most frequently studying medicine, law, and dentistry; CSB alumnae are most frequently studying law, education, nursing, pharmacy, and medicine.
- Most students are working toward a Professional or Master's Degree. Fully one in four (25%) graduates continuing their educations are working toward a Professional Degree (JD, MBA, MD, DDS, DVM, PharmD, etc.). Nearly forty percent are pursuing a Master's Degree and 15% are pursuing a Doctorate. One in five alumnae/i continuing their educations attend the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.
- Nearly 10% of women and 20% of men continuing their education were pursuing additional baccalaureate coursework. Of the sixteen reported cases, thirteen students were taking undergraduate courses in the Natural Sciences (most citing civil engineering as their field of study). These graduates also completed their initial baccalaureate degree in the Natural Sciences.

## Volunteering

- More than 5% of all 2006 CSB/SJU graduates chose to volunteer after graduation. The rate of volunteerism between CSB and SJU students is approximately equal. Among those choosing to volunteer after graduation, 43% (20 people) majored in a Humanities discipline.

A full report detailing the post-graduation status of 2006 CSB/SJU graduates will be available in mid-September.

<sup>1</sup> Comparative information was available for 2005 graduates only. Summary statistics for 2006 graduates will be available in October 2007.