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Life after CSB/SJU

In September, the CSB/SJU Institutional Research Office released the findings from the Graduate Survey (Post-College Status of 2006-2007 CSB/SJU Graduates). The CSB/SJU Career Services Office contacted alumnae/i from the class of 2007 within twelve months of graduation and asked them questions about their post-college employment, education or volunteer service. Graduates indicating that they were satisfactorily situated were not re-contacted during the year. Graduates indicating that they were still seeking employment were offered further assistance from Career Services' staff. The data from the Graduate Survey was then analyzed and compiled by the Office of Institutional Planning and Research in conjunction with the Office of Career Services.

In total, 421 of 438 College of Saint Benedict alumnae graduating between August 2006 and May 2007 responded to the graduate survey, a 96% response rate. At Saint John's University, 413 of 439 Saint John's University alumni graduating between August 2006 and May 2007 responded to the graduate survey, a 94% response rate.

Graduates Employed Full-time

An overwhelming majority of the 2007 graduates reported that they were employed full-time. Fully three-quarters of all CSB/SJU graduates indicated full-time employment (74% at CSB and 77% at SJU). The percentage of Saint Benedict students choosing full-time employment has been on the decline for the past five years, largely because of a steady increase in the number of women opting for graduate school. The number of Saint John's students opting for graduate school has been stable over the same period. Only 1% of CSB/SJU students indicated that they were still seeking employment, compared to 17% of all 20-to24 year-olds nationally with a baccalaureate degree.

Nearly forty percent of Saint Benedict students found employment in the private sector followed by health care (21%) and education (18%). Top employers for CSB graduates included St. Cloud Hospital (13), Target (10) and General Mills (7). At Saint John's, 52% were employed in the private sector, followed by education (13%) and non-profit/social sector (12%). At SJU, top employers included Target (14), Aerotek (8), United Health Group and Wells Fargo (5).

CSB Graduates

- 74% employed full-time.
- 22% continuing education.
- 7% in volunteer service.

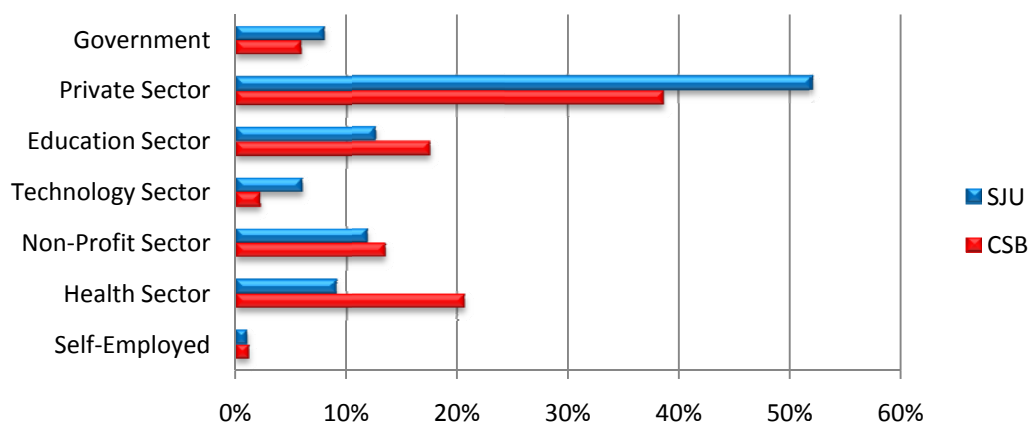
SJU Graduates

- 77% employed full-time.
- 19% continuing education.
- 6% in volunteer service.

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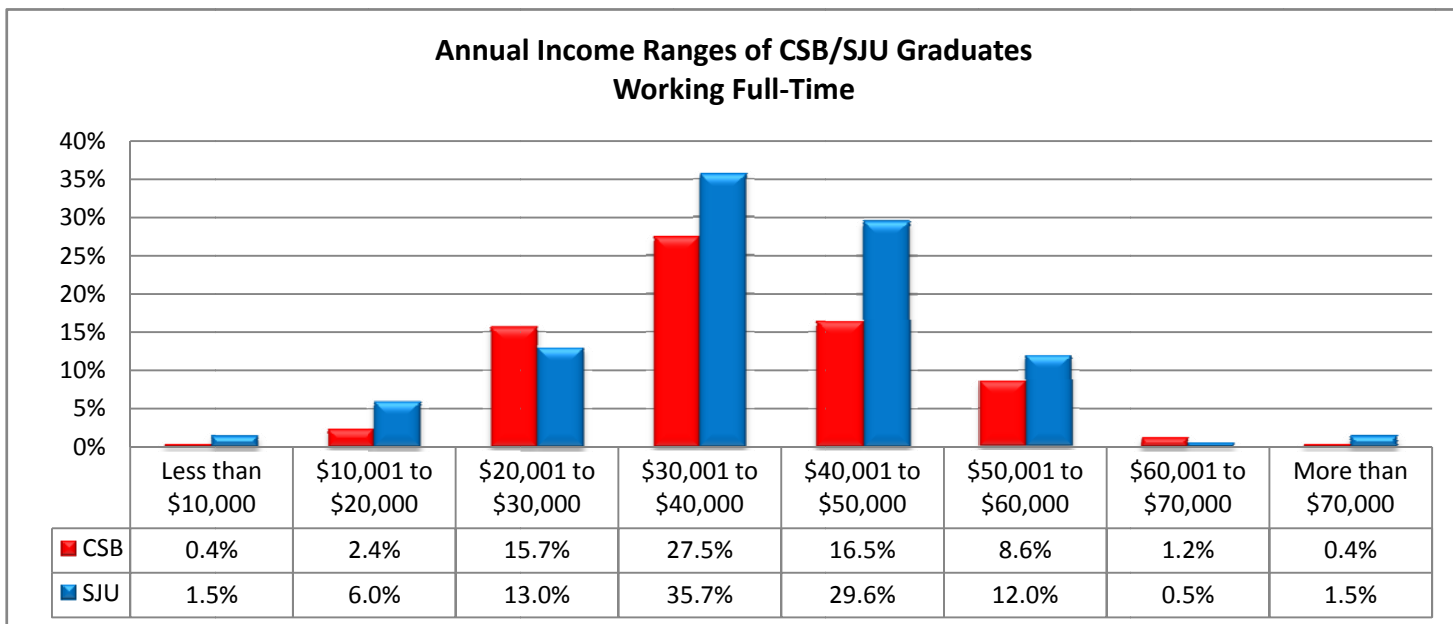


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Annual incomes for recent CSB/SJU graduates varied significantly, typically by occupation. The modal income range for CSB/SJU graduates was \$30,000 to \$40,000 (CSB 27.5%) and (SJU 35.7%). Nationally, 2007 liberal arts graduates' average starting salary offers rose by 1.2% from \$30,628 to approximately \$31,300. Over 95% of CSB students earning more than \$50,000 were employed as the healthcare practitioners. At SJU, most of the graduates reporting incomes over \$50,000 were employed as business professionals and IT specialists (60%).



Continuing Education CSB/SJU

CSB graduates are just as likely as their peers attending other private colleges in the state to continue their education immediately after graduation. Twenty-two percent of 2007 CSB graduates sought advanced degrees one year after graduation, compared to 25% of graduates from all of Minnesota's private colleges. Nearly 40% of recent CSB graduates continuing their education were seeking a Masters Degree. An additional 16% were pursuing doctoral degrees, and 20% were pursuing professional degrees.

The top fields of study reported for women were medicine (10%), pharmacy (8%), and physical therapy (6%). The percentage of CSB graduates continuing education within one year of graduation now matches SJU graduates.

Nineteen percent of 2007 SJU graduates chose to continue their education within one year of graduation. Although they had significantly higher grade point averages than their peers, they are somewhat less likely than their peers to continue education immediately after graduating. SJU students continuing education indicated that they were seeking a professional degree (33%), master's degree (33%) or doctoral degree (8%). Top concentrations of study for SJU students included medicine, law, education and dentistry.

Volunteering CSB/SJU

Seven percent of the 2007 graduating class at CSB were volunteering full-time one year after graduation. The majority of these graduates were working as teachers, counselors, coaches, and nurses. They worked across the nation and around the globe for The Peace Corps, Teach for America and AmeriCorps. Saint John's graduated 6% of the 2007 class to full-time volunteer agencies as well. These men worked as teachers, coordinators, and agricultural workers in places as far reaching as Alaska, Tanzania and China. They were most typically associated with AmeriCorps, MaryKnoll and the St. John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps. Students graduating with a number of different degrees and concentrations at CSB/SJU went on to volunteer. This is not a major surprise as the Corporation for National & Community Service currently ranks Minnesota a credible third (39.7%) in volunteer rates.

For additional information on the Graduate Survey Report (Post-College Status of 2006-2007 CSB/SJU Graduates) please visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/institutionalresearch> and log in to the Reports menu or contact Tago Mharapara at 5254 (tmharapara@csbsju.edu). Past issues of the *Trends* research newsletter are available at <http://www.csbsju.edu/institutionalresearch/trends/>