

**2006 FOUR-YEAR ALUMNI SURVEY
UNIVERSITY SUMMARY REPORT**

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ABOUT THE 2006 ONE-YEAR & FOUR-YEAR ALUMNI SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

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There were four different content areas on the Alumni Surveys: demographic information, their selection of Kansas State University, employment experiences, and if they are currently attending graduate/professional school.

This report is a summary of responses from the 2006 Alumni Survey.

TABLE 1
Demographic Information

	N	Percentage
Gender		
Male	210	44.9
Female	258	55.1
Are you a U.S. citizen?		
Yes	465	99.4
No	3	0.6
Ethnicity/Race		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	0.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	0.6
Black, Non-Hispanic	8	1.7
Hispanic./Spanish/Latin American	10	2.1
Mexican/Mexican American	2	0.4
White/Non-Hispanic	426	91.0
Multiracial	6	1.3
Other	11	2.4
No Response	2	0.4
Age		
Under 26	7	1.5
27-28	243	52.4
29-30	152	32.8
30-35	35	7.5
35 +	27	5.8
Present Residence		
Kansas	270	57.7
Missouri	27	5.8
Texas	31	6.6
Other	140	29.9

TABLE 2
Alumni Who Transferred Credits

Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university?	N	Percentage
Yes	334	71.4
No	134	28.6
Total	468	100.0

TABLE 3
Type of Institution Transferred From & Number of Credits Transferred

Indicate the type of transfer institution and the number of semester credit hours applied to your K-State program	1-20	21-30	31-40	41-60	61 +
A two year college	170	30	13	20	27
Another Kansas 4 year public university	42	5	8	2	5
An out-of-state 4 year public university	18	4	4	1	2
A private 4 year college or university	11	5	3	3	2
Other	13	1	0	2	16

TABLE 4
Satisfaction with K-State

If you could start over, would you still choose to:	N	Percentage
Attend K-State?		
Definitely No	1	0.3
Probably No	11	2.8
Uncertain	18	4.6
Probably Yes	81	20.8
Definitely Yes	278	71.5
Does Not Apply	0	0.0
Graduate with same first major?		
Definitely No	24	6.2
Probably No	58	14.9
Uncertain	56	14.4
Probably Yes	92	23.7
Definitely Yes	155	39.8
Does Not Apply	4	1.0
Graduate with same second major?		
Definitely No	6	1.5
Probably No	9	2.3
Uncertain	21	5.4
Probably Yes	26	6.7
Definitely Yes	25	6.4
Does Not Apply	302	77.6

TABLE 5
Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	N	Percentage
Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field		
None	3	0.8
Little	16	4.1
Somewhat	144	37.0
Very Much	226	58.1
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career		
None	3	0.8
Little	42	10.8
Somewhat	157	40.4
Very Much	187	48.1

TABLE 5 (cont.)
Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	N	Percentage
Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams		
None	7	1.8
Little	36	9.3
Somewhat	158	40.6
Very Much	188	48.3
Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person		
None	3	0.8
Little	33	8.5
Somewhat	151	38.8
Very Much	202	51.9
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible		
None	3	0.8
Little	17	4.4
Somewhat	120	30.8
Very Much	249	64.0
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)		
None	5	1.3
Little	36	9.3
Somewhat	146	37.5
Very Much	202	51.9
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member		
None	23	5.9
Little	82	21.1
Somewhat	163	41.9
Very Much	121	31.1
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems		
None	14	3.6
Little	115	29.6
Somewhat	162	41.6
Very Much	98	25.2
Thinking critically, problem-solving		
None	5	1.3
Little	20	5.1
Somewhat	160	41.1
Very Much	204	52.4

TABLE 5 (cont.)
Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	N	Percentage
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life		
None	14	3.6
Little	51	13.1
Somewhat	172	44.2
Very Much	152	39.1
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties		
None	17	4.4
Little	32	8.2
Somewhat	107	27.5
Very Much	233	59.9
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues		
None	30	7.7
Little	81	20.8
Somewhat	168	43.2
Very Much	110	28.3
Increasing your intellectual curiosity		
None	5	1.3
Little	30	7.7
Somewhat	164	42.2
Very Much	190	48.8
Caring for your mental/physical health		
None	26	6.7
Little	98	25.2
Somewhat	178	45.8
Very Much	87	22.4
Organizing time effectively		
None	6	1.5
Little	51	13.1
Somewhat	174	44.7
Very Much	158	40.6
Increasing a commitment to public service		
None	33	8.5
Little	99	25.4
Somewhat	157	40.4
Very Much	100	25.7

TABLE 5 (cont.)
Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	N	Percentage
Developing satisfying leisure time activities		
None	21	5.4
Little	90	23.1
Somewhat	171	44.0
Very Much	107	27.5
Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view		
None	11	2.8
Little	46	11.8
Somewhat	214	55.0
Very Much	118	30.3
Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds		
None	20	5.1
Little	69	17.7
Somewhat	164	42.2
Very Much	136	35.0
Locating and evaluating information sources		
None	10	2.6
Little	49	12.6
Somewhat	185	47.6
Very Much	145	37.3

TABLE 6
(What should be the) Most Emphasized Objectives in Undergraduate Programs

Of the 20 objectives listed in Table 8, please identify the (top three) associated with the objectives that you believe should be most emphasized in K-State undergraduate programs.	N	Percentage
Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field	101	26.0
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career	102	26.2
Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams	33	8.5
Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person	12	3.1
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	16	4.1
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)	16	4.1
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member	5	1.3
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems	12	3.1

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(What should be the) Most Emphasized Objectives in Undergraduate Programs

Of the 20 objectives listed in Table 8, please identify the (top three) associated with the objectives that you believe should be most emphasized in K-State undergraduate programs.	N	Percentage
Thinking critically, problem-solving	40	10.3
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life	7	1.8
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties	9	2.3
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues	7	1.8
Increasing your intellectual curiosity	5	1.3
Caring for your mental/physical health	3	0.8
Organizing time effectively	8	2.1
Increasing a commitment to public service	2	0.5
Developing satisfying leisure time activities	0	0.0
Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view	1	0.3
Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds	11	2.8
Locating and evaluating information sources	3	0.8

TABLE 7
More or Less Emphasis

Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same or more) emphasis should have been placed on:	N	Percentage
Written communications skills		
Less	5	1.3
Same	264	67.9
More	120	30.8
Oral communications skills		
Less	5	1.3
Same	191	49.1
More	193	49.6
Mathematical skills		
Less	19	4.9
Same	311	79.9
More	59	15.2
Computer skills		
Less	3	0.8
Same	186	47.8
More	200	51.4

TABLE 7 (cont.)
More or Less Emphasis

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	N	Percentage
Problem-solving skills		
Less	2	0.5
Same	227	58.4
More	160	41.1
Learning to think and reason		
Less	1	0.3
Same	220	56.6
More	168	43.2
Understanding and relating to people		
Less	5	1.3
Same	242	62.2
More	142	36.5
Background in natural sciences (e.g. chemistry, biology, physics)		
Less	58	14.9
Same	290	74.6
More	41	10.5
Background in social sciences (e.g. economics, sociology, psychology)		
Less	24	6.2
Same	284	73.0
More	81	20.8
Background in humanities and fine arts (e.g. art, music, history)		
Less	68	17.5
Same	262	67.4
More	59	15.2
Theory courses related to my major		
Less	40	10.3
Same	265	68.1
More	84	21.6
Application courses related to my major(s)		
Less	5	1.3
Same	178	45.8
More	206	53.0

TABLE 8
Preparation for Graduate School

How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate education?	N	Percentage
Inadequate	2	1.3
Fair	19	12.7
Good	66	44.0
Excellent	63	42.0

TABLE 9
Non-degree Educational Programs

Have you been involved in non-degree education programs?	N	Percentage
Professional development/updating		
No	206	45.5
Yes, One or Two	143	31.6
Yes, More than Two	104	23.0
Personal interest		
No	305	67.3
Yes, One or Two	120	26.5
Yes, More than Two	28	6.2
Learning new job skills		
No	251	55.4
Yes, One or Two	126	27.8
Yes, More than Two	76	16.8
Others		
No	390	86.1
Yes, One or Two	42	9.3
Yes, More than Two	21	4.6

TABLE 10
Advanced Degree

Have you received an advanced degree since graduating from KSU?	N	Percentage
No, I have not attended/graduated professional school	233	60.8
No, but I'm currently in graduate school	63	16.4
Yes	87	22.7

TABLE 11
Supplemental Learning Post K-State

Have you participated in special learning opportunities in order to compensate for something that should have been provided in your KSU undergraduate program?	N	Percentage
No	297	84.6
Yes	54	15.4

TABLE 12
Salary

Salary	First Position		Current Position	
	<i>N</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Less than \$19,999	38	9.9	28	7.4
\$20,000-\$29,999	146	38.1	40	10.6
\$30,000-\$39,999	99	25.8	97	25.6
\$40,000-\$49,000	62	16.2	77	20.3
\$50,000-\$59,000	27	7.0	50	13.2
\$60,000-\$69,000	6	1.6	42	11.1
\$70,000-\$79,000	3	0.8	21	5.5
\$80,000-\$99,000	0	0.0	13	3.4
\$100,000 or more	2	0.5	11	2.9

TABLE 13
Location of Employment

Location of employment	First Position		Current Position	
	<i>N</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Kansas	162	49.9	157	47.4
Missouri	32	9.8	36	10.9
Texas	19	5.8	26	7.9
Other	112	34.5	106	33.8

TABLE 14
Job Relationship to Major

How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?	N	Percentage
Major 1		
Not Related	75	19.5
Somewhat Related	93	24.2
Directly Related	216	56.3
Major 2		
Not Related	26	41.3
Somewhat Related	21	33.3
Directly Related	16	25.4

TABLE 15
Job Not Related to Major

If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason?	N	Percentage
I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major	24	14.4
My major had no direct connection with specific employment opportunities	18	10.8
I confined my job search to a specific city or region	20	12.0
My job search was limited due to a need to match my career interest with someone else's	2	1.2
I developed new career interests after leaving college	49	29.3
The jobs in my field did not pay well	13	7.8
The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement	5	3.0
I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field	36	21.6
Others	0	0.0

TABLE 16
Satisfaction with Present Position

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:	N	Percentage
Salary/benefits		
Very Dissatisfied	17	4.4
Dissatisfied	58	14.9
Neutral	91	23.5
Satisfied	144	37.1
Very Satisfied	78	20.1
Location		
Very Dissatisfied	9	2.3
Dissatisfied	26	6.7
Neutral	64	16.5
Satisfied	136	35.1
Very Satisfied	153	39.4
Opportunity to use your qualifications		
Very Dissatisfied	10	2.6
Dissatisfied	27	7.0
Neutral	73	18.8
Satisfied	152	39.2
Very Satisfied	126	32.5
Opportunity to advance		
Very Dissatisfied	11	2.8
Dissatisfied	57	14.7
Neutral	86	22.2
Satisfied	131	33.8
Very Satisfied	103	26.5
Prestige/recognition		
Very Dissatisfied	14	3.6
Dissatisfied	52	13.4
Neutral	117	30.2
Satisfied	128	33.0
Very Satisfied	77	19.8
Interest/challenge of work		
Very Dissatisfied	11	2.8
Dissatisfied	30	7.7
Neutral	57	14.7
Satisfied	155	39.9
Very Satisfied	135	34.8
Working conditions		
Very Dissatisfied	4	1.0
Dissatisfied	23	5.9
Neutral	79	20.4
Satisfied	152	39.2
Very Satisfied	130	33.5

TABLE 16 (cont.)
Satisfaction with Present Position

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:	N	Percentage
Opportunity to learn		
Very Dissatisfied	7	1.8
Dissatisfied	18	4.6
Neutral	65	16.8
Satisfied	150	38.7
Very Satisfied	148	38.1

TABLE 17
Community Involvement

	N	Percentage
What percentage of your gross income goes to charitable organizations (including religious groups)?		
Little or None	104	26.9
1-5%	205	53.0
6-10%	50	12.9
Over 10%	28	7.2
How often do you vote in local, state or national elections?		
Never	19	4.9
Rarely	25	6.5
Occasionally	56	14.5
Usually	150	38.8
Always	137	35.4
Have you contributed time or money to support a political candidate or issue?		
No	308	79.6
Yes, once or twice	57	14.7
Yes, three or more times	22	5.7
To what degree did your undergraduate experiences contribute to your interest and motivation to become?		
Not at all	92	23.8
Slightly	175	45.2
Quite a bit	99	25.6
Very Much	21	5.4

**TABLE 17 (cont.)
Community Involvement**

	N	Percentage
To what degree did your KSU undergraduate experiences contribute to your current leisure interests?		
Not at all	84	21.9
Slightly	178	46.5
Quite a bit	107	27.9
Very Much	14	3.7
Have you been a member of a volunteer group devoted to serving members of the community (e.g., scouts, League of Women Voters, hospice, 4-H, religious organizations, hospital volunteer, volunteer coach?)		
No	186	52.8
Yes	166	47.2
Have you been a member of a community service group?		
No	303	87.3
Yes	44	12.7
Have you been appointed to serve on a city, county, state, or federal committee or commission?		
No	335	96.3
Yes	13	3.7
Have you been elected to any city, county, state, or federal office(s)?		
No	346	99.7
Yes	1	0.3
Have you participated in special learning activities related to any of the activities listed above?		
No	324	93.9
Yes	21	6.1

TABLE 18
Public Participation

In the past twelve months, how often have you participated in the following activities?	N	Percentage
Attended plays/dramas		
None	150	39.2
1-2 times	169	44.1
3-5 times	42	11.0
6-10 times	17	4.4
10 or more times	5	1.3
Attended concerts/recitals		
None	109	28.5
1-2 times	155	40.5
3-5 times	78	20.4
6-10 times	20	5.2
10 or more times	21	5.5
Attended athletic events		
None	34	8.9
1-2 times	65	17.0
3-5 times	66	17.2
6-10 times	71	18.5
10 or more times	147	38.4
Visited museums, galleries, zoos		
None	57	14.9
1-2 times	159	41.5
3-5 times	108	28.2
6-10 times	43	11.2
10 or more times	16	4.2
Attended lectures		
None	162	42.3
1-2 times	108	28.2
3-5 times	63	16.4
6-10 times	23	6.0
10 or more times	27	7.0
Performed: music, drama, art		
None	300	78.3
1-2 times	39	10.2
3-5 times	21	5.5
6-10 times	7	1.8
10 or more times	16	4.2
Traveled to new places		
None	27	7.0
1-2 times	122	31.9
3-5 times	126	32.9
6-10 times	50	13.1
10 or more times	58	15.1

**TABLE 18 (cont.)
Public Participation**

In the past twelve months, how often have you participated in the following activities?	N	Percentage
Gone to the movies		
None	19	5.0
1-2 times	82	21.4
3-5 times	107	27.9
6-10 times	69	18.0
10 or more times	106	27.7

**TABLE 19
Public Participation Not Available**

Referring back to the previous question, please mark activities that are rarely or never available in your community	N	Percentage
Plays/dramas	50	16.6
Concerts/recitals	36	12.0
Athletic events	7	2.3
Museums, galleries, zoos	47	15.6
Lectures	72	23.9
Music, drama, art	47	15.6
Opportunities to travel to new places	32	10.6
Movies	10	3.3

**TABLE 20
Leisure Activities**

How often do you participate in the following activities for leisure	N	Percentage
Reading for general information		
Never	1	0.3
Seldom	46	12.0
Occasionally	148	38.6
Often	188	49.1
Reading for pleasure		
Never	11	2.9
Seldom	88	23.0
Occasionally	120	31.3
Often	164	42.8

**TABLE 20 (cont.)
Leisure Activities**

How often do you participate in the following activities for leisure	N	Percentage
Watching public television		
Never	50	13.1
Seldom	141	36.8
Occasionally	100	26.1
Often	92	24.0
Watching other television		
Never	9	2.3
Seldom	48	12.5
Occasionally	120	31.3
Often	206	53.8
Participating in a study or group discussion		
Never	122	31.9
Seldom	151	39.4
Occasionally	55	14.4
Often	55	14.4
Creative hobbies (arts, woodworking, pottery, etc.)		
Never	88	23.0
Seldom	125	32.6
Occasionally	102	26.6
Often	68	17.8
Sports/fitness activities		
Never	14	3.7
Seldom	62	16.2
Occasionally	125	32.6
Often	182	47.5
Using library resources		
Never	89	23.2
Seldom	150	39.2
Occasionally	93	24.3
Often	51	13.3
Participation in family activities		
Never	10	2.6
Seldom	43	11.2
Occasionally	98	25.6
Often	232	60.6
Outdoor recreation (gardening, camping, lawn care, etc.)		
Never	26	6.8
Seldom	67	17.5
Occasionally	136	35.5
Often	154	40.2

TABLE 20 (cont.)
Leisure Activities

How often do you participate in the following activities for leisure	N	Percentage
Watching movies		
Never	7	1.8
Seldom	70	18.3
Occasionally	149	38.9
Often	157	41.0
Using the Internet		
Never	0	0.0
Seldom	6	1.6
Occasionally	38	9.9
Often	339	88.5
Computer and video games		
Never	151	39.4
Seldom	133	34.7
Occasionally	55	14.4
Often	44	11.5