

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

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

- Surveys were sent electronically to alumni who graduated in December 2004, May 2005, and August 2005 for the one-year survey and in December 2001, May 2002, and August 2002 for the four-year survey for whom e-mail addresses were provided by the Alumni Association.
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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
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	178	38.0
Female	290	62.0
<b>Are you a U.S. citizen?</b>		
Yes	462	98.7
No	6	1.3
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	0.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	0.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	5	1.1
Hispanic,/Spanish/Latin American	3	0.6
Mexican/Mexican American	3	0.6
White/Non-Hispanic	436	93.2
Multiracial	7	1.5
Other	1	0.2
No Response	10	2.1
<b>Age</b>		
Under 24	75	16.6
24	182	40.3
25	122	27.0
26-30	62	13.7
31 +	11	2.4

**TABLE 2**  
**Alumni's Major(s)**

<b>What was your undergraduate major?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
College of Agriculture	39	8.3
College of Architecture	45	9.6
College of Arts & Sciences	141	30.0
College of Business	73	15.5
College of Education	41	8.7
College of Engineering	56	11.9
College of Human Ecology	65	13.8
College of Technology & Aviation	10	2.1
Total	470	100.0
<b>What was your second major (if applicable)?</b>		
College of Agriculture	2	3.8
College of Architecture	1	1.9
College of Arts & Sciences	22	41.5
College of Business	8	15.1
College of Education	4	7.6
College of Engineering	5	9.4
College of Human Ecology	7	13.2
College of Technology & Aviation	4	7.6
Total	53	100.0

**TABLE 3**  
**Alumni Who Transferred Credits**

<b>Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	340	72.6
No	128	27.4
Total	468	100.0

**TABLE 4**  
**Type of Institution Transferred From & Number of Credits Transferred**

	<b>1-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>41-60</b>	<b>61 +</b>
A two year college	174	33	10	15	15
Another Kansas 4 year public university	37	6	2	1	2
An out-of-state 4 year public university	16	2	3	8	6
A private 4 year college or university	17	7	3	2	3
Other	27	5	3	0	1

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**TABLE 5**  
**Satisfaction with K-State**

<b>If you could start over, would you still choose to:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Attend K-State?		
Definitely No	4	0.9
Probably No	4	0.9
Uncertain	16	3.5
Probably Yes	88	19.1
Definitely Yes	348	75.5
Does Not Apply	1	0.2
Graduate with same first major?		
Definitely No	15	3.3
Probably No	61	13.2
Uncertain	54	11.7
Probably Yes	105	22.8
Definitely Yes	221	47.9
Does Not Apply	5	1.1
Graduate with same second major?		
Definitely No	4	0.9
Probably No	8	1.7
Uncertain	22	4.8
Probably Yes	23	5.0
Definitely Yes	37	8.0
Does Not Apply	367	79.6

**TABLE 6**  
**Choice of Applying to K-State**

<b>When you applied to K-State, it was your:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
First Choice	402	87.2
Second Choice	41	8.9
Third Choice	11	2.4
Not one of top three choices	7	1.5

**TABLE 7**  
**Features of Advising**

<b>After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at K-State:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Access to academic advising</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	18	3.9
Dissatisfied	48	10.4
Neutral	104	22.6
Satisfied	181	39.3
Very Satisfied	110	23.9
<b>Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	18	3.9
Dissatisfied	56	12.1
Neutral	117	25.4
Satisfied	160	34.7
Very Satisfied	110	23.9
<b>Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	48	10.4
Dissatisfied	89	19.3
Neutral	114	24.7
Satisfied	142	30.8
Very Satisfied	68	14.8

**TABLE 8**  
**Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field</b>		
None	0	0.0
Little	19	4.4
Somewhat	149	34.4
Very Much	265	61.2
<b>Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career</b>		
None	2	0.5
Little	44	10.2
Somewhat	161	37.2
Very Much	226	52.2
<b>Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams</b>		
None	3	0.7
Little	42	9.7
Somewhat	176	40.6
Very Much	212	49.0



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<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person		
None	4	0.9
Little	48	11.1
Somewhat	171	39.5
Very Much	210	48.5
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible		
None	6	1.4
Little	34	7.9
Somewhat	137	31.6
Very Much	256	59.1
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)		
None	7	1.6
Little	45	10.4
Somewhat	171	39.5
Very Much	210	48.5
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member		
None	29	6.7
Little	87	20.1
Somewhat	163	37.6
Very Much	154	35.6
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems		
None	29	6.7
Little	100	23.1
Somewhat	174	40.2
Very Much	130	30.0
Thinking critically, problem-solving		
None	0	0.0
Little	36	8.3
Somewhat	183	42.3
Very Much	214	49.4
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life		
None	14	3.2
Little	60	13.9
Somewhat	193	44.6
Very Much	166	38.3

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<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Developing lasting friendships and personal ties</b>		
None	14	3.2
Little	60	13.9
Somewhat	193	44.6
Very Much	166	38.3
<b>Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues</b>		
None	28	6.5
Little	115	26.6
Somewhat	176	40.6
Very Much	114	26.3
<b>Increasing your intellectual curiosity</b>		
None	3	0.7
Little	32	7.4
Somewhat	192	44.3
Very Much	206	47.6
<b>Caring for your mental/physical health</b>		
None	3	0.7
Little	32	7.4
Somewhat	192	44.3
Very Much	206	47.6
<b>Organizing time effectively</b>		
None	11	2.5
Little	44	10.2
Somewhat	195	45.0
Very Much	183	42.3
<b>Increasing a commitment to public service</b>		
None	34	7.9
Little	117	27.0
Somewhat	160	37.0
Very Much	122	28.2
<b>Developing satisfying leisure time activities</b>		
None	28	6.5
Little	88	20.3
Somewhat	167	38.6
Very Much	150	34.6

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<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view</b>		
None	10	2.3
Little	64	14.8
Somewhat	205	47.3
Very Much	154	35.6
<b>Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds</b>		
None	22	5.1
Little	75	17.3
Somewhat	163	37.6
Very Much	173	40.0
<b>Locating and evaluating information sources</b>		
None	5	1.2
Little	61	14.1
Somewhat	196	45.3
Very Much	171	39.5

**TABLE 9**  
**(What should be the) Most Emphasized Objectives in Undergraduate Programs**

<b>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.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field	98	22.6
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career	123	28.4
Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams	26	6.0
Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person	23	5.3
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	19	4.4
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)	14	3.2
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member	2	0.5
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems	15	3.5
Thinking critically, problem-solving	39	9.0
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life	8	1.8
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties	17	3.9
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues	8	1.8
Increasing your intellectual curiosity	12	2.8
Caring for your mental/physical health	3	0.7
Organizing time effectively	5	1.2
Increasing a commitment to public service	2	0.5
Developing satisfying leisure time activities	1	0.2

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Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view	9	2.1
Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds	7	1.6
Locating and evaluating information sources	2	0.5

**TABLE 10**  
**More or Less Emphasis**

<b>Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same or more) emphasis should have been placed on:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Written communications skills		
Less	8	1.9
Same	286	66.4
More	137	31.8
Oral communications skills		
Less	4	0.9
Same	230	53.4
More	197	45.7
Mathematical skills		
Less	23	5.3
Same	325	75.4
More	83	19.3
Computer skills		
Less	5	1.2
Same	214	49.7
More	212	49.2
Problem-solving skills		
Less	2	0.5
Same	270	62.6
More	159	36.9
Learning to think and reason		
Less	3	0.7
Same	254	58.9
More	174	40.4
Understanding and relating to people		
Less	9	2.1
Same	248	57.5
More	174	40.4

**TABLE 10 (cont.)  
More or Less Emphasis**

<b>Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same or more) emphasis should have been placed on:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Background in natural sciences (e.g. chemistry, biology, physics)		
Less	57	13.2
Same	334	77.5
More	40	9.3
Background in social sciences (e.g. economics, sociology, psychology)		
Less	25	5.8
Same	321	74.5
More	85	19.7
Background in humanities and fine arts (e.g. art, music, history)		
Less	53	12.3
Same	295	68.4
More	83	19.3
Theory courses related to my major		
Less	44	10.2
Same	290	67.3
More	97	22.5
Application courses related to my major(s)		
Less	6	1.4
Same	183	42.5
More	242	56.1

**TABLE 11  
Quality of Life Enhancement**

<b>How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your K-State undergraduate experience?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
None	2	0.5
Little	13	3.0
Somewhat	145	33.6
Very Much	271	62.9

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES

**TABLE 12**  
**Current Activities**

<b>Please fill in the one statement that best describes your current activities</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Not engaged in paid employment	8	1.9
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	81	18.8
Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education	51	11.8
Employed 35 hours per week or more	283	65.7
Self-employed	8	1.9

*(Base for Questions 17-20: Those who are currently not employed)*

**TABLE 13**  
**Primary Reason Not Employed**

<b>Indicate the primary reason you are not employed</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
I have chosen not to be employed	2	25.0
I was laid off by my employer	1	12.5
I quit a job to seek other employment	0	0.0
I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region	0	0.0
My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else	0	0.0
I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation	2	25.0
Having/Expecting a child changed my employment plans	2	25.0
Other	1	12.5

**TABLE 14**  
**Seeking Employment and Seriousness of Unemployment**

	N	Percentage
<b>Have you sought job placement assistance from K-State's Office of Career and Employment Services?</b>		
Yes, it has been helpful	1	12.5
Yes, it has not been helpful	1	12.5
No, I didn't register with the office	4	50.0
No, I registered with the office but didn't seek further assistance	2	25.0
<b>Do you plan to seek paid employment</b>		
Yes, within 12 months	4	50.0
Yes, in 1 to 5 years	1	12.5
Yes, in more than 5 years	1	12.5
No	2	25.0
<b>How would you describe your current status of not being employed?</b>		
Serious problem	2	25.0
Minor problem	1	12.5
No problem, my choice	5	62.5

*(Base for Questions 27-42: Those who are currently employed)*

**Table 15**  
**First Job after Graduation**

	N	Percentage
<b>Is this your first job after graduation?</b>		
Yes	212	62.4
No	128	37.6
<b>How did you learn of this job?</b>		
Job lead from professor or advisor	25	7.3
Job lead from relative or friend	55	16.0
Job lead from college internship	35	10.2
Government employment listing	4	1.2
Employment agency	9	2.6
Job listing on the internet	75	21.8
Newspaper	23	6.7
Worked previously for employer	45	13.1
Applied for job without knowledge of opening	23	6.7
K-State's Career and Employment Services	50	14.5

**TABLE 16**  
**Job Relationship to Major**

<b>How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Major 1		
Not Related	48	14.2
Somewhat Related	71	21.0
Directly Related	219	64.8
Major 2		
Not Related	17	37.0
Somewhat Related	16	34.8
Directly Related	13	28.3

**TABLE 17**  
**Job not Related to Major**

<b>If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason? (Multiple responses. Base: Among those whose job is not related or only somewhat related to major).</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major	25	16.2
My major had no direct connection with specific employment opportunities	27	17.5
I confined my job search to a specific city or region	30	19.5
My job search was limited due to a need to match my career interests with someone else's	6	3.9
I developed new career interests after leaving college	22	14.3
The jobs in my field did not pay well	14	9.1
The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement	4	2.6
I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field	26	16.9

**TABLE 18**  
**Job Search**

<b>When did you initiate your job search for a career position?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
More than one year prior to graduation	54	15.9
Nine months to one year prior to graduation	42	12.4
Six to eight months prior to graduation	91	26.8
Three to five months prior to graduation	74	21.8
One to two months prior to graduation	26	7.6
At graduation time	21	6.2
One month after graduation	13	3.8
More than one month after graduation	19	5.6



**TABLE 18 (cont.)  
Job Search**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?</b>		
Had job at graduation	147	43.2
Less than 1 month	47	13.8
1 to 3 months	72	21.2
4 to 6 months	32	9.4
7 or more months	42	12.4
<b>How difficult was it for you to find employment?</b>		
Very difficult	20	5.9
Fairly Difficult	83	24.4
Somewhat Easy	147	43.2
Very Easy	90	26.5
<b>Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?</b>		
0-1	85	25.0
2-5	183	53.8
6-9	49	14.4
10-14	16	4.7
15-19	3	0.9
20+	4	1.2
<b>How close is your job to the type of job you desired prior to graduation?</b>		
Very Close	147	43.2
Fairly Close	103	30.3
Not Very Close	50	14.7
Far Apart	27	7.9
Had no clear expectations	13	3.8

**TABLE 19  
Preparation for Job**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>How do you feel that K-State prepared you for your present job?</b>		
Inadequately	18	5.3
Fairly Well	104	30.6
Well	148	43.5
Excellently	70	20.6
<b>Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel that your K-State academic preparation gave you an:</b>		
Advantage	217	63.8
Disadvantage	1	0.3
Neither	122	35.9

**TABLE 20**  
**Current Employment**

	N	Percentage
<b>What is your current annual salary, before taxes?</b>		
Less than \$19,999	24	7.4
\$20,000-\$29,999	46	14.1
\$30,000-\$39,999	130	39.9
\$40,000-\$49,000	63	19.3
\$50,000-\$59,000	51	15.6
\$60,000-\$69,000	7	2.1
\$70,000-\$79,000	1	0.3
\$80,000-\$99,000	4	1.2
\$100,000 or more	0	0.0
<b>Which statement best describes your current job?</b>		
Employment with definite long-term potential	179	52.6
Employment with possible long-term potential	106	31.2
Employment primarily to earn money with little or no other satisfaction or disadvantages	24	7.1
Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable	25	7.4
Temporary position that will last only for a limited time	6	1.8

**TABLE 21**  
**Satisfaction with Present Position**

<b>Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:</b>	N	Percentage
<b>Salary/Benefits</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	12	3.5
Dissatisfied	49	14.4
Neutral	63	18.5
Satisfied	142	41.8
Very Satisfied	74	21.8
<b>Location</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	8	2.4
Dissatisfied	30	8.8
Neutral	46	13.5
Satisfied	134	39.4
Very Satisfied	122	35.9
<b>Opportunity to use your qualifications</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	12	3.5
Dissatisfied	32	9.4
Neutral	57	16.8
Satisfied	137	40.3
Very Satisfied	102	30.0

**TABLE 21 (cont.)**  
**Satisfaction with Present Position**

<b>Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Opportunity to advance		
Very Dissatisfied	12	3.5
Dissatisfied	39	11.5
Neutral	93	27.4
Satisfied	107	31.5
Very Satisfied	89	26.2
Prestige/Recognition		
Very Dissatisfied	16	4.7
Dissatisfied	49	14.4
Neutral	98	28.8
Satisfied	114	33.5
Very Satisfied	63	18.5
Interest/Challenge of work		
Very Dissatisfied	12	3.5
Dissatisfied	34	10.0
Neutral	59	17.4
Satisfied	132	38.8
Very Satisfied	103	30.3
Working conditions		
Very Dissatisfied	8	2.4
Dissatisfied	30	8.8
Neutral	47	13.8
Satisfied	146	42.9
Very Satisfied	109	32.1
Opportunity to learn		
Very Dissatisfied	8	2.4
Dissatisfied	21	6.2
Neutral	43	12.6
Satisfied	122	35.9
Very Satisfied	146	42.9

**TABLE 22**  
**Requirements for Position**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Is your position challenging?</b>		
Yes	286	84.1
No	54	15.9
<b>Is a B.A./B.S. degree required for your current job?</b>		
Yes	251	73.8
No, but helpful	71	20.9
No, irrelevant	18	5.3

**TABLE 23**  
**Current Job Location**

<b>Current job location:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Arizona	7	2.3
Arkansas	1	0.3
California	5	1.7
Colorado	10	3.3
Florida	5	1.7
Georgia	3	1.0
Illinois	6	2.0
Indiana	1	0.3
Iowa	2	0.7
Kansas	178	58.9
Kentucky	1	0.3
Louisiana	1	0.3
Maryland	1	0.3
Massachusetts	1	0.3
Minnesota	2	0.7
Missouri	27	8.9
Montana	2	0.7
Nebraska	5	1.7
Nevada	1	0.3
North Carolina	2	0.7
Ohio	1	0.3
Oklahoma	1	0.3
Outside U.S.	1	1.0
Pennsylvania	3	1.0
Rhode Island	1	0.3
Tennessee	1	0.3
Texas	24	7.9
Virginia	2	0.7
Washington	1	0.3
Washington, D.C.	3	1.0
Wisconsin	2	0.7
Wyoming	1	0.3

**CURRENTLY ATTENDING GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL**

*(Base for Questions 21-26: Those who are currently attending graduate/professional school)*

**TABLE 24  
Degree Seeking**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>What degree are you currently seeking?</b>		
M.A./M.S.	75	56.8
M.B.A.	7	5.3
M.D.	3	2.3
Ph.D.	7	5.3
D.V.M.	3	2.3
Other	37	28.0
<b>What is the highest degree you are planning to complete?</b>		
M.A./M.S.	49	37.1
M.B.A.	5	3.8
M.D.	4	3.0
Ph.D.	35	26.5
Ed.D	6	4.5
D.V.M.	3	2.3
Other	30	22.7

**TABLE 25  
Relationship to Graduate Major**

<b>How closely was your undergraduate major related to your graduate major?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Major 1</b>		
Not Related	12	9.3
Somewhat Related	43	33.3
Directly Related	74	57.4
<b>Major 2</b>		
Not Related	7	28.0
Somewhat Related	9	36.0
Directly Related	9	36.0

**TABLE 26**  
**First Choice for Graduate School**

<b>Was this graduate/professional program your first choice?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	98	74.2
No, I was accepted but couldn't afford to attend my first choice	9	6.8
No, I did not apply to first choice	5	3.8
No, I was not accepted by first choice	9	6.8
No, I did not attend because I need to match my plans with someone else	5	3.8
Others	6	4.5

**TABLE 27**  
**Financial Assistance**

<b>What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (Respondents were asked to “check all that apply”)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Departmental graduate assistance	43	21.1
Institutional fellowship/scholarship	26	12.7
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	13	6.4
Full-time employment	30	14.7
Part-time employment	25	12.3
Loan(s)	67	32.8

**TABLE 28**  
**Preparation for Graduate School**

<b>How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate/professional education?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Inadequate	5	3.8
Fair	21	15.9
Good	57	43.2
Excellent	49	37.1