

#### **CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

### A SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO A 2018 SURVEY OF UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI WHO GRADUATED **DURING THE 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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#### I. INTRODUCTION AND LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

During the spring quarter of 2018 Central Washington University (CWU) surveyed 1,901 alums who graduated during the 2017 academic year.

- The survey was administered online via email
- It only included alums who graduated with undergraduate degrees
- A pre-survey announcement was sent to 50% of the alums as a test to see if it helped response rates
- Initial invitation emails were sent on April 10, 2018
- Two reminder emails were sent on April 18 and April 26
- A copy of the invitation email is included in Appendix 1
- A word mock-up of the survey is included in Appendix 2
- The survey was relatively short. CWU has quite a bit of information about the alums, e.g., race, ethnicity, DTA agreements, etc. Those variables were included as "embedded values" in Qualtrics to shorten the survey

One hundred and ten graduates answered the survey out of 1,901 seniors for a response rate of 5.8%. The response rate was disappointing. In the future, it may help response rates if all contacts come from alums' home departments.

#### Limitations

The following summary results are from a small sample and should not be assumed to represent the population of all 2016/2017 alumni with undergraduate degrees. In addition, the demographics of this survey are different from the class of 2016/2017, i.e., this survey has a higher proportion of females and it is less racially and ethnically diverse than the class of 2016/2017.

#### **II. SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

#### Positive results include:

- 75% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that CWU helped them "7b. become productive and enlightened citizens."
- 78% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that "8a. I am very satisfied with my education from Central Washington University."
- 79% of alums agreed or strongly agreed that "8b. The curriculum provided useful perspectives on critical issues facing my profession."
- Alums who were first generation students had very similar responses to alums from families with college graduates. The difference in annual salary was very small.
- The differences between alums who were eligible for Pell grants as undergraduates vs. alums who were not eligible was interesting. There were differences but in several cases "Pell eligible alums" responses were more positive. One of the most surprising differences was that 21% of Pell eligible alums were continuing their education vs. only 2% of alums who were not eligible for Pell grants. Therefore it wasn't surprising that the average earnings of Pell eligible alums was approximately \$32,000 vs. \$43,000 for alums who were not Pell eligible.

• There were no significant differences between alums who were first generation students and other students. The main differences were: (1) the reasons why first generation alums selected CWU, and (2) alums who were first generation students are likely to participate in different CWU events.

#### **Negative results include:**

- Only 61% of alums strongly agreed or agreed that CWU helped then become a responsible citizen. This is quite a bit lower than previous surveys. Maybe the reason is that this survey was only administered to alums one year out of college. CWU should track this carefully.
- The average salary for alums who answered this survey was \$37,000. The U.S. DOE College Scorecard lists the median earnings of CWU alums ten years after graduating as \$44,900. It makes sense that earnings would be higher five years after graduating compared to just one year after graduation. In addition, the U.S. DOE College Scorecard queried earnings from IRS database so they have a much larger database.
- When these alums were seniors they gave two relatively low average responses on NSSE's "Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity" topical module questions. Those questions were included in this alumni survey and alums still gave low responses to the question asking them if they "Explored their own backgrounds through projects, assignments, or programs."
- Males gave significantly lower responses to the questions asking them if they "recognized their own cultural norms and biases" (see page 13).
- Females score significantly different from males on several questions. The difference in annual earnings was larger than expected. Females average earnings were \$31,000 annually, males were \$46,000 annually. Males earned 48% more than females. This large difference maybe an anomaly due to the small sample size.

#### **III. ALL RESPONSES**

#### 1. Which of the following best describes your current primary status.

Question	# of Responses	% Responses
Employed for pay full time	65	59%
Employed for pay part time	13	12%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0	0%
Serving in the military	2	2%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	14	13%
Planning to continue education but not yet	1	1%
Seeking employment	5	5%
Not seeking employment or further	0	0%
Other (please describe)	10	10%
Total Responses	110	100%

#### Responses to "Other:"

**Business Owner** 

Employed full time and planning continuing education

**FEMA Reservist** 

Graduate student

Professional softball overseas

Self-Employed Full time

Unemployed; finishing flight training (Instrument, Commercial, CFI)

Work in family business

Working as a substitute while trying to get a job within the area of study.

Working part time and planning on continuing education in the fall

#### 2. If you are working would you please tell us your job title and the organization you work for?

If you are a graduate student, would you please tell us where are enrolled and what degree you are pursuing?

See Appendix 1

#### 3. Where do you live (nearest city and state)?

### 4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

(medians are highlighted with a dark background)

		Very	Somewhat	Not	Not at all	Did not
	Critical	important	important	important	important	answer
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	55%	40%	5%	0%	0%	1%
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	53%	34%	12%	1%	0%	1%
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening	66%	26%	5%	1%	0%	1%
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations	36%	33%	24%	5%	2%	1%
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information	50%	29%	17%	3%	0%	1%

# **5.** How strongly do you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies? (medians are highlighted with a dark background)

	Strongly		Somewhat		Stongly	Did not
	agree	Agree	agree	Dosagree	dosagree	answer
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	34%	42%	20%	4%	1%	0%
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	35%	38%	22%	4%	1%	0%
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening	28%	37%	27%	6%	1%	0%
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations	25%	39%	25%	10%	1%	1%
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information	36%	31%	29%	2%	1%	1%

### 6. How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following?

(medians are highlighted with a dark background)

	Very	Quite		Very	Did not
	Much	a bit	Some	Little	answer
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases	22%	36%	26%	15%	1%
Explore your own background through projects,	14%	30%	30%	25%	1%
assignments, or programs	14/0	3070	3	2370	170

# 7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or disagree that your education from CWU helped you...? Medians are highlighted with a dark background.

			Neither			
	Strongly		agree nor		Strongly	Did not
	Agree	Agree	dosagree	Disagree	disagree	answer
a. become a responsible citizen.	24%	37%	33%	5%	1%	1%
b. become a productive and enlightened (informed, good learner, insightful) individual.	36%	39%	21%	4%	0%	0%
c. respect diversity of background, experience and belief, and value the different perspectives that this diversity brings.	34%	41%	19%	5%	1%	0%
d. master the basic principles of logical, mathematical, and scientific reasoning.	21%	48%	23%	8%	0%	0%
e. achieve fluency in reading, writing, oral communication, and information technology.	26%	53%	15%	5%	0%	0%
f. appreciate the breadth and depth of scientific and human knowledge.	28%	41%	24%	6%	1%	0%
g. develop a sense of the inter-connectedness of knowledge.	27%	43%	23%	5%	2%	0%
h. integrate knowledge from diverse fields of study in order to solve real world problems.	25%	41%	23%	11%	1%	0%
i. become aware of the manifold ways that knowledge evolves.	17%	47%	24%	10%	2%	0%
j. develop a disposition to ask incisive and insightful questions.	27%	45%	20%	7%	1%	0%

# **8.** Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU. Medians are highlighted with a dark background.

Neither Strongly Strongly Did not agree nor dosagree Agree Agree Disagree disagree answer a. I am very satisfied with my education from Central 44% 34% 15% 5% 3% 0% Washington University. b. The curriculum provided useful perspectives on critical 39% 40% 13% 5% 3% 0% issues facing my profession.

# 9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply.

			Data Bars
	Responses	- % -	0 to 1
Campus size	43	39%	
Student/faculty ratio	50	45%	
Location of campus	67	61%	
Cost	76	69%	
Legacy (tradition, other family members attended)	11	10%	
Program	59	54%	
Friends attended	21	19%	
Academic reputation	20	18%	
Likelihood of obtaining a job after you graduate	14	13%	
Other (please describe)	14	13%	

#### Other:

Classes scheduled times
Flexibility of online programs
I loved the campus it is beautiful!
It just felt right
Less Liberal than other universities
Made the cheer team
Online
Online capabilities.
Online programs
Opportunity to compete athletically at the collegiate level
Professor John Harbaugh
Softball scholarship
To play rugby
You accepted me.

# 10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

			1	1
		Not	Did not	Likely
	Likely	likely	answer	Data Bars
a. Mentor CWU students	55%	44%	1%	
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduates	59%	41%	0%	
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events	26%	73%	1%	
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter	30%	70%	0%	
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine	19%	81%	0%	
f. Promote CWU to others	83%	15%	2%	
g. Network with other Alumni	56%	44%	0%	
h. Visit the CWU website	64%	36%	0%	
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory	23%	77%	0%	
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards, committees,	33%	66%	1%	
advisory boards, etc.	33/0	00%	1/0	
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs	23%	77%	0%	
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni and University	30%	70%	0%	
events	30%	70%	0%	
m. Visit CWU Alumni LinkedIn and Facebook pages	51%	49%	0%	

# 11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

		Not	Did not	Likely
	Likely	likely	answer	Data Bars
a. Networking	40%	60%	0%	
b. Young Alumni	25%	75%	1%	
c. Homecoming Weekend	18%	81%	1%	
d. Social Events	29%	71%	0%	
e. Professional Development	43%	56%	1%	
f. Academic Specific Programs	38%	61%	1%	
g. Fundraising Events	11%	89%	0%	
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities	31%	69%	0%	
i. Family/Children Oriented Events	21%	79%	0%	
j. Regional Network Events	29%	71%	0%	
k. Educational Lectures	39%	61%	0%	
I. Athletic Events	28%	72%	0%	
m. Performing Arts Programs	28%	71%	1%	

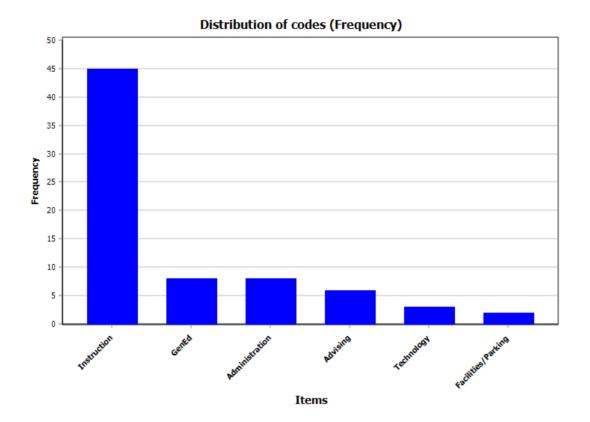
### 12. What are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?

The estimated average earnings of undergraduate alums who graduated in 2017 is approximately \$37,000 annually.

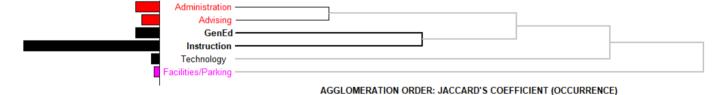
		Data Bars	
	% of 110	0 to 100%	
less than \$20,000 annuall	22%		
\$20,000 to \$39,999	43%		
\$40,000 to \$59,999	16%		
\$60,000 to \$79,999	12%		
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4%		
\$100,000 or over	2%		
Did not answer	2%		

### 13. How could CWU have improved your learning experience?

Note: each text response was assigned one or more "codes." These charts summarize the codes.



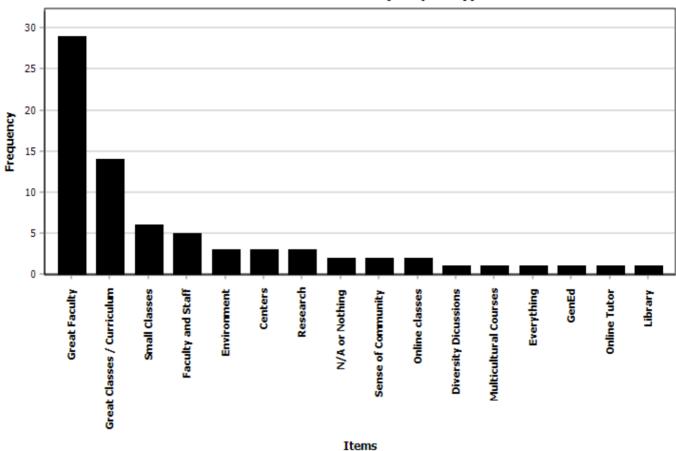
#### **Dendogram or Hierarchical Clustering of Responses**



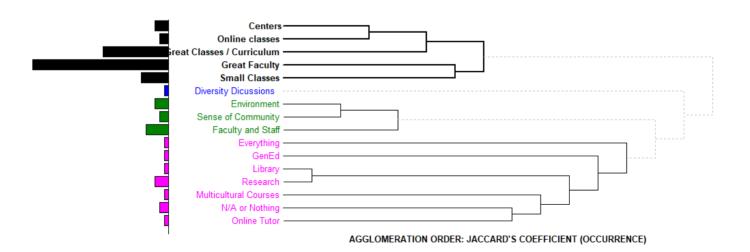
#### 14. What did CWU do best to help improve your learning?

Note: each text response was assigned one or more "codes." These charts summarize the codes.





#### **Dendogram or Hierarchical Clustering of Responses**



#### IV. UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY RESPONSES BY SEX

Note: All p-value calculations in this section are two-tailed t-tests assuming unequal variances. The null hypothesis is that male and female averages are the same. P-values that are significant at 0.10 are bolded.

This survey sample had 68 responses by females and 42 responses by males.

#### 1. Which of the following best describes your current primary status.

Question	Female	Male	Difference
Employed for pay full time	60%	57%	3%
Employed for pay part time	15%	7%	8%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0%	0%	0%
Serving in the military	1%	2%	-1%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	10%	17%	-6%
Planning to continue education but not yet			
enrolled	1%	0%	1%
Seeking employment	4%	5%	0%
Not seeking employment or further education	0%	0%	0%
Other (please describe)	7%	12%	-5%
Total Responses	68	42	

# 4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

	Female	Male		Female	Male	Difference
	average	average	P-value *	median	median	in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.48	4.55	0.55	5.0	5.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.36	4.45	0.50	5.0	5.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	4.64	4.52	0.38	5.0	5.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	3.78	4.31	0.00	4.0	4.5	-0.5
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	4.16	4.45	0.07	4.0	5.0	-1.0

### 5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies.

	Female average	Male average	P-value	Female median	Male median	Difference in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.00	4.10	0.58	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.00	4.10	0.60	4.0	4.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	3.76	4.00	0.21	4.0	4.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	3.63	4.00	0.05	4.0	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	3.93	4.14	0.21	4.0	4.0	0.0

**6.** How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following? (This question had a four-point scale, from "Very much = 4," "Quite a bit = 3," "Some = 2." to "Very little = 1"). This question is from the National Survey of Student Engagement Topical Module called "Inclusiveness and Engagement with Cultural Diversity."

	Female	Male		Female	Male	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases (1)	2.81	2.41	0.03	3.0	3.0	0.0
Explore your own background through projects, assignments, or programs (2)	2.37	2.24	0.52	2.0	2.0	0.0

# 7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or disagree that your education from CWU helped you...?

	Female	Male		Female	Male	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. become a responsible citizen.	3.93	3.57	0.06	4.0	3.0	1.0
b. become a productive and						
enlightened (informed, good	4.15	3.98	0.32	4.0	4.0	0.0
learner, insightful) individual.						
c. respect diversity of background,						
experience and belief, and value	4.12	3.83	0.12	4.0	4.0	0.0
the different perspectives that this	4.12	3.63	0.12	4.0	4.0	0.0
diversity brings.						
d. master the basic principles of						
logical, mathematical, and	3.81	3.83	0.88	4.0	4.0	0.0
scientific reasoning.						
e. achieve fluency in reading,						
writing, oral communication, and	4.01	3.98	0.81	4.0	4.0	0.0
information technology.						
f. appreciate the breadth and						
depth of scientific and human	3.81	4.02	0.22	4.0	4.0	0.0
knowledge						
g. develop a sense of the inter-	3.87	3.90	0.84	4.0	4.0	0.0
connectedness of knowledge.	3.07	3.30	0.04	4.0	4.0	0.0
h. integrate knowledge from						
diverse fields of study in order to	3.76	3.79	0.92	4.0	4.0	0.0
solve real world problems.						
i. become aware of the manifold	3.71	3.64	0.75	4.0	4.0	0.0
ways that knowledge evolves.	5.71	5.04	0.75	7.0	7.0	0.0
j. develop a disposition to ask	3.87	3.95	0.65	4.0	4.0	0.0
incisive and insightful questions.	3.07	3.33	0.05	7.0	7.0	0.0

### 8. Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU.

	Female	Male		Female	Male	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. I am very satisfied with my						
education from Central	4.15	4.02	0.55	4.0	4.0	0.0
Washington University.						
b. The curriculum provided						
useful perspectives on critical	4.15	3.95	0.34	4.0	4.0	0.0
issues facing my profession.						

### 9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply.

				Data Bars
	Female	Male	Difference	-0.2 to +0.2
Campus size	41%	36%	5%	
Student/faculty ratio	46%	45%	0%	
Location of campus	56%	69%	-13%	
Cost	75%	60%	15%	
Legacy/Tradition	10%	10%	1%	
Program	54%	52%	2%	
Friends attended	12%	31%	-19%	
Academic reputation	15%	24%	-9%	
Help get job	7%	21%	-14%	
Other	15%	10%	5%	

### 10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

	Fer	nale	M	ale	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Mentor CWU students	54%	44%	57%	43%	-3%	
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduates	24%	76%	31%	67%	-7%	_ = _ =
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events	29%	71%	31%	69%	-2%	
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter	19%	81%	19%	81%	0%	
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine	84%	15%	81%	17%	3%	
f. Promote CWU to others	54%	46%	60%	40%	-5%	
g. Network with other Alumni	69%	31%	55%	45%	14%	
h. Visit the CWU website	25%	75%	19%	81%	6%	
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory	31%	69%	36%	62%	-5%	_
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards, committees, advisory	28%	72%	14%	86%	14%	
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs	31%	69%	29%	71%	2%	
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni and University events	56%	44%	43%	57%	13%	

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of females and males.

# 11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

	Fen	nale	Ma	ale	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Networking	38%	62%	43%	57%	-5%	
b. Young Alumni	22%	76%	29%	71%	-7%	
c. Homecoming Weekend	25%	74%	7%	93%	18%	
d. Social Events	32%	68%	24%	76%	9%	
e. Professional Development	46%	53%	38%	62%	7%	
f. Academic Specific Programs	44%	54%	29%	71%	16%	
g. Fundraising Events	12%	88%	10%	90%	2%	
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities	26%	74%	38%	62%	-12%	
i. Family/Children Oriented Events	25%	75%	14%	86%	11%	
j. Regional Network Events	25%	75%	36%	64%	-11%	
k. Educational Lectures	50%	50%	21%	79%	29%	
I. Athletic Events	35%	65%	17%	83%	19%	
m. Performing Arts Programs	34%	66%	19%	79%	15%	

# 12. What are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?

Estimated Earnings	\$ 31,000	\$ 46,000		
Total	100%	100%		
Did not answer	3%	0%	3%	
\$100,000 or more	1%	2%	-1%	
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1%	7%	-6%	
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3%	26%	-23%	
\$40,000 to \$59,999	16%	17%	0%	
\$20,000 to \$39,999	51%	29%	23%	
Less than \$20,000	24%	19%	4%	
	n=68	n=42	Difference	-0.5 to 0.5
	Female	Male		Data Bars

#### V. UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY RESPONSES BY FIRST GENERATION STATUS

Fifty-two respondents were first generation students, 58 responses were from "multi-generation" students.

Note: All p-value calculations in this section are two-tailed t-tests assuming unequal variances. The null hypothesis is that male and female averages are the same. P-values that are significant at 0.10 are bolded.

#### 1. Which of the following best describes your current primary status.

	First Gen	Multi Gen	
	52 replies	58 replies	Difference
Employed for pay full time	63%	55%	8%
Employed for pay part time	12%	12%	-1%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0%	0%	0%
Serving in the military	0%	3%	-3%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	10%	16%	-6%
Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled	0%	2%	-2%
Seeking employment	6%	3%	2%
Not seeking employment or further education	0%	0%	0%
Other (please describe)	10%	9%	1%
Total Responses	100%	100%	

The answer scales for question #4 on the next page are:

- Critical = 5
- Very important = 4
- Somewhat important = 3
- Not very important = 2
- Not at all important = 1

### 4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen		1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.51	4.50	0.93	5.0	5.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.37	4.41	0.77	5.0	5.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	4.65	4.55	0.44	5.0	5.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	4.06	3.91	0.44	4.0	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	4.25	4.29	0.81	4.0	5.0	-1.0

# **5.** How strongly do you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies? The question scales for #5 are: Strongly agree = 5, Agree = 4, Somewhat agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly disagree = 1.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen average	Multi-gen average	P-value	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen median	Multi-gen median	Difference in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.04	4.03	0.98	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.13	3.95	0.28	4.0	4.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	3.85	3.86	0.93	4.0	4.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	3.65	3.88	0.22	4.0	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	4.00	4.02	0.92	4.0	4.0	0.0

# **6.** How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following? This question had a four-point scale, from Very much = 4, Quite a bit =3, Some = 2, Very little = 1

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen		1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases (1)	2.67	2.65	0.90	3.0	3.0	0.0
Explore your own background through projects, assignments, or programs (2)	2.23	2.40	0.37	2.0	2.0	0.0

# 7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or disagree that your education from CWU helped you...?

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen		1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. become a responsible citizen.	3.86	3.72	0.42	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. become a productive and						
enlightened (informed, good	4.08	4.09	0.95	4.0	4.0	0.0
learner, insightful) individual.						
c. respect diversity of background,						
experience and belief, and value	4.04	3.98	0.75	4.0	4.0	0.0
the different perspectives that this	4.04	3.38	0.75	4.0	4.0	0.0
diversity brings.						
d. master the basic principles of						
logical, mathematical, and	3.79	3.84	0.73	4.0	4.0	0.0
scientific reasoning.						
e. achieve fluency in reading,						
writing, oral communication, and	4.04	3.97	0.63	4.0	4.0	0.0
information technology.						
f. appreciate the breadth and						
depth of scientific and human	3.98	3.81	0.33	4.0	4.0	0.0
knowledge						
g. develop a sense of the inter-	3.94	3.83	0.52	4.0	4.0	0.0
connectedness of knowledge.	3.34	5.65	0.32	4.0	4.0	0.0
h. integrate knowledge from						
diverse fields of study in order to	3.83	3.72	0.58	4.0	4.0	0.0
solve real world problems.						
i. become aware of the manifold	3.67	3.69	0.93	4.0	4.0	0.0
ways that knowledge evolves.	3.07	3.03	0.33	4.0	4.0	0.0
j. develop a disposition to ask	3.90	3.90	0.97	4.0	4.0	0.0
incisive and insightful questions.	3.30	3.30	0.57	4.0	4.0	0.0

### 8. Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen		1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Multi-gen	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. I am very satisfied with my						
education from Central	4.04	4.16	0.55	4.0	4.0	0.0
Washington University.						
b. The curriculum provided						
useful perspectives on critical	4.08	4.07	0.97	4.0	4.0	0.0
issues facing my profession.						

### 9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply.

				Data Bars
	1st Gen	≥ 2 Gens	Difference	-0.25 to +0.25
Campus size	44%	34%	10%	
Student/faculty ratio	44%	47%	-2%	
Location of campus	58%	64%	-6%	
Cost	65%	72%	-7%	
Legacy/Tradition	6%	14%	-8%	
Program	52%	55%	-3%	
Friends attended	27%	12%	15%	
Academic reputation	15%	21%	-5%	
Help get job	15%	10%	5%	
Other	15%	10%	5%	

# 10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

	First Ge	neration	Multi-Ge	eneration	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Mentor CWU students	58%	40%	53%	47%	4%	
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduates	25%	73%	28%	72%	-3%	_ _ _
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events	29%	71%	31%	69%	-2%	
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter	21%	79%	17%	83%	4%	
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine	83%	15%	83%	16%	0%	
f. Promote CWU to others	56%	44%	57%	43%	-1%	
g. Network with other Alumni	67%	33%	60%	40%	7%	
h. Visit the CWU website	21%	79%	24%	76%	-3%	
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory	37%	62%	29%	71%	7%	  -  -
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards, committees, advisory	27%	73%	19%	81%	8%	_ _ _
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs	29%	71%	31%	69%	-2%	
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni and University events	50%	50%	52%	48%	-2%	

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of females and males. See Edward Tufte, "Beautiful Evidence," 46-63.

# 11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

	First Ge	neration	Multi-Ge	neration	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Networking	38%	62%	41%	59%	-3%	_ = = =
b. Young Alumni	27%	73%	22%	76%	5%	_ = _ =
c. Homecoming Weekend	25%	75%	12%	86%	13%	
d. Social Events	33%	67%	26%	74%	7%	
e. Professional Development	42%	58%	43%	55%	-1%	
f. Academic Specific Programs	37%	63%	40%	59%	-3%	_ = = =
g. Fundraising Events	13%	87%	9%	91%	5%	
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities	29%	71%	33%	67%	-4%	_ = _ =
i. Family/Children Oriented Events	29%	71%	14%	86%	15%	
j. Regional Network Events	33%	67%	26%	74%	7%	_=_=
k. Educational Lectures	44%	56%	34%	66%	10%	
I. Athletic Events	33%	67%	24%	76%	9%	_=_=
m. Performing Arts Programs	25%	51%	33%	102%	-8%	

# 12. What are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?

	1st Gen	≥2 Gen		Data Bars
	n=52	n=58	Difference	-0.5 to 0.5
less than \$20,000 annually	21%	22%	-1%	
\$20,000 to \$39,999	44%	41%	3%	
\$40,000 to \$59,999	21%	12%	9%	
\$60,000 to \$79,999	12%	12%	-1%	
\$80,000 to \$99,999	0%	7%	-7%	
\$100,000 or over	2%	2%	0%	
Did not answer	0%	3%	-3%	
Total	100%	100%		_
Estimated Annual Earnings	\$ 36,000	\$ 37,000		

# VI. UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY RESPONSES BY STDENTS WITH DIRECT TRANSFER AGREEMENT (DTA) vs. ALL OTHER STUDENTS

Forty-nine respondents were from students with Direct Transfer Agreements, 61 responses were from "Non-DTA" students, i.e., first time students or students who transferred into CWU without Direct Transfer Agreements (DTA).

Note: All p-value calculations in this section are two-tailed t-tests assuming unequal variances. The null hypothesis is that male and female averages are the same. P-values that are significant at 0.10 are bolded.

#### 1. Which of the following best describes your current primary status?

	DTA	Non-DTA	
	49 replies	61 replies	Difference
Employed for pay full time	51%	66%	-15%
Employed for pay part time	14%	10%	4%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0%	0%	0%
Serving in the military	2%	2%	0%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	10%	15%	-5%
Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled	2%	0%	2%
Seeking employment	6%	3%	3%
Not seeking employment or further education	0%	0%	0%
Other (please describe)	14%	5%	9%
Total Responses	100%	100%	

# 4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

	DTA	Non-DTA		DTA	Non-DTA	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.49	4.52	0.69	5.00	5.0	0.0
b. Written communications -						
purpose, organization,	4.27	4.50	0.07	4.00	5.0	-1.0
development, mechanics						
c. Oral communications – vocal						
delivery, gestures, eye contact,	4.63	4.57	0.48	5.00	5.0	0.0
good listening						
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations	4.04	3.93	0.57	4.00	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information	4.33	4.23	0.68	4.50	5.0	-0.5

### 5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies?

	DTA average	Non-DTA average	P-value	DTA median	Non-DTA median	Difference in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.18	3.92	0.16	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.24	3.87	0.04	4.00	4.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	4.06	3.69	0.06	4.00	4.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	3.92	3.66	0.25	4.00	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	4.25	3.82	0.02	5.00	4.0	1.0

# **6.** How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following? (This question had a four-point scale, from "Very much" to "Very little").

	DTA	Non-DTA		DTA	Non-DTA	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases (1)	2.83	2.52	0.12	3.0	3.0	0.0
Explore your own background through projects, assignments, or programs (2)	2.38	2.28	0.58	2.0	2.0	0.0

# 7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or disagree that your education from CWU helped you...?

	DTA	Non-DTA		DTA	Non-DTA	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. become a responsible citizen.	3.86	3.73	0.64	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. become a productive and						
enlightened (informed, good	4.24	3.95	0.10	4.0	4.0	0.0
learner, insightful) individual.						
c. respect diversity of background,						
experience and belief, and value	4.12	3.92	0.23	4.0	4.0	0.0
the different perspectives that this	4.12	3.92	0.23	4.0	4.0	0.0
diversity brings.						
d. master the basic principles of						
logical, mathematical, and	3.82	3.82	0.78	4.0	4.0	0.0
scientific reasoning.						
e. achieve fluency in reading,						
writing, oral communication, and	4.06	3.95	0.63	4.0	4.0	0.0
information technology.						
f. appreciate the breadth and						
depth of scientific and human	3.90	3.89	0.96	4.0	4.0	0.0
knowledge						
g. develop a sense of the inter-	3.94	3.84	0.46	4.0	4.0	0.0
connectedness of knowledge.	3.34	5.04	0.40	4.0	4.0	0.0
h. integrate knowledge from						
diverse fields of study in order to	3.80	3.75	0.71	4.0	4.0	0.0
solve real world problems.						
i. become aware of the manifold	3.78	3.61	0.38	4.0	4.0	0.0
ways that knowledge evolves.	3.70	3.01	0.36	4.0	4.0	0.0
j. develop a disposition to ask	3.98	3.84	0.42	4.0	4.0	0.0
incisive and insightful questions.	3.30	3.04	0.42	4.0	4.0	0.0

### 8. Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU.

	DTA	Non-DTA		DTA	Non-DTA	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. I am very satisfied with my						
education from Central	4.27	3.97	0.16	4.0	4.0	0.0
Washington University.						
b. The curriculum provided						
useful perspectives on critical	4.27	3.92	0.09	4.0	4.0	0.0
issues facing my profession.						

9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply. Differences of  $\pm$  10% or more are highlighted.

				Data	Bars
	DTA	Non-DTA	Difference	-0.25 to	+0.25
Campus size	31%	46%	-15%		
Student/faculty ratio	47%	44%	3%		
Location of campus	59%	62%	-3%		
Cost	71%	67%	4%		
Legacy/Tradition	12%	8%	4%		
Program	65%	44%	21%		
Friends attended	18%	20%	-1%		
Academic reputation	24%	13%	11%		
Help get job	18%	8%	10%		
Other	12%	13%	-1%		

### 10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

	DTA		Non	-DTA	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Mentor CWU students	59%	41%	52%	46%	7%	
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduates	55%	45%	62%	38%	-7%	<b> </b>
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events	24%	76%	28%	70%	-3%	
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter	31%	69%	30%	70%	1%	
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine	22%	78%	16%	84%	6%	
f. Promote CWU to others	88%	12%	79%	18%	9%	
g. Network with other Alumni	47%	53%	64%	36%	-17%	
h. Visit the CWU website	65%	35%	62%	38%	3%	
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory	24%	76%	21%	79%	3%	
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards, committees, advisory	31%	69%	34%	64%	-4%	
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs	24%	76%	21%	79%	3%	
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni and University events	35%	65%	26%	74%	8%	

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of DTA and Non-DTA students. See Edward Tufte, "Beautiful Evidence," 46-63.

### 11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

	D <sup>-</sup>	ГА	Non-	-DTA	Likely	
	Likely	Not likely	Likely	Not likely	Difference	Sparklines
a. Networking	39%	61%	41%	59%	-2%	
b. Young Alumni	18%	80%	30%	70%	-11%	
c. Homecoming Weekend	10%	88%	25%	75%	-14%	_ <b>I</b> _ <b>I</b>
d. Social Events	29%	71%	30%	70%	-1%	
e. Professional Development	47%	53%	39%	59%	8%	
f. Academic Specific Programs	41%	59%	36%	62%	5%	
g. Fundraising Events	14%	86%	8%	92%	6%	
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities	29%	71%	33%	67%	-4%	
i. Family/Children Oriented Events	29%	71%	15%	85%	14%	
j. Regional Network Events	39%	61%	21%	79%	17%	<b> </b>
k. Educational Lectures	49%	51%	31%	69%	18%	
I. Athletic Events	22%	78%	33%	67%	-10%	
m. Performing Arts Programs	24%	76%	31%	67%	-7%	_ = _ =

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of DTA and Non-DTA students. See Edward Tufte, "Beautiful Evidence," 46-63.

#### 12. What are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?

	DTA	Non-DTA		Data Bars
	n=49	n=61	Difference	-0.25 to 0.25
less than \$20,000 annually	16%	26%	-10%	
\$20,000 to \$39,999	53%	34%	19%	
\$40,000 to \$59,999	14%	18%	-4%	
\$60,000 to \$79,999	10%	13%	-3%	
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2%	5%	-3%	
\$100,000 or over	2%	2%	0%	
Did not answer	2%	2%	0%	
Total	100%	100%		<u>.</u>
<b>Estimated Annual Earnings</b>	\$ 36,000	\$ 37,000		

# VII. UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY RESPONSES BY ALUMS WITH WHO QUALIFIED FOR PELL GRANTS vs. THOSE WHO DIDN'T

Sixty-three respondents were from alums who qualified for Pell grants (Pell) while 47 responses were from alums who were not Pell eligible (Not Pell).

Note: All p-value calculations in this section are two-tailed t-tests assuming unequal variances. The null hypothesis is that the average responses are the same. P-values that are significant at 0.10 or less are bolded.

#### 1. Which of the following best describes your current primary status.

	Pell	Not Pell	
	63 replies	47 replies	Difference
Employed for pay full time	54%	66%	-12%
Employed for pay part time	14%	9%	6%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0%	0%	0%
Serving in the military	0%	4%	-4%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	21%	2%	19%
Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled	0%	2%	-2%
Seeking employment	5%	4%	1%
Not seeking employment or further education	0%	0%	0%
Other (please describe)	6%	13%	-6%
Total Responses	100%	100%	

Note: it seems counter-intuitive that many more students who qualified for Pell Grants were enrolled in a program of continuing education.

# 4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

	Pell	Not Pell	D .1 .	Pell	Not Pell	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.44	4.60	0.15	4.50	5.00	-0.50
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.42	4.36	0.69	5.00	5.00	0.00
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening	4.55	4.66	0.35	5.00	5.00	0.00
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations	4.05	3.89	0.43	4.00	4.00	0.00
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information	4.29	4.26	0.83	5.00	4.00	1.00

# 5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies.

	Pell	Not Pell		Pell	Not Pell	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	4.05	4.02	0.87	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics	4.05	4.02	0.88	4.0	4.0	0.0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	3.90	3.79	0.52	4.0	4.0	0.0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	3.81	3.72	0.65	4.0	4.0	0.0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	4.08	3.91	0.34	4.0	4.0	0.0

# **6.** How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following? (This question had a four-point scale, from "Very much" to "Very little").

	Pell	Not Pell		Pell	Not Pell	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases (1)	2.70	2.61	0.64	3.0	3.0	0.0
Explore your own background through projects, assignments, or programs (2)	2.35	2.28	0.74	2.0	2.0	0.0

# 7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or disagree that your education from CWU helped you...?

	Pell	Not Pell		Pell	Not Pell	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. become a responsible citizen.	3.85	3.70	0.38	4.0	4.0	0.0
b. become a productive and						
enlightened (informed, good	4.10	4.06	0.85	4.0	4.0	0.0
learner, insightful) individual.						
c. respect diversity of background,						
experience and belief, and value	4.06	3.94	0.47	4.0	4.0	0.0
the different perspectives that this	4.00	3.94	0.47	4.0	4.0	0.0
diversity brings.						
d. master the basic principles of						
logical, mathematical, and	3.76	3.89	0.42	4.0	4.0	0.0
scientific reasoning.						
e. achieve fluency in reading,						
writing, oral communication, and	4.06	3.91	0.34	4.0	4.0	0.0
information technology.						
f. appreciate the breadth and						
depth of scientific and human	3.90	3.87	0.85	4.0	4.0	0.0
knowledge						
g. develop a sense of the inter-	3.95	3.79	0.35	4.0	4.0	0.0
connectedness of knowledge.	5.95	5.79	0.55	4.0	4.0	0.0
h. integrate knowledge from						
diverse fields of study in order to	3.83	3.70	0.51	4.0	4.0	0.0
solve real world problems.						
i. become aware of the manifold	3.62	3.77	0.40	4.0	4.0	0.0
ways that knowledge evolves.	5.02	5.//	0.40	4.0	4.0	0.0
j. develop a disposition to ask	3.87	3.94	0.72	4.0	4.0	0.0
incisive and insightful questions.	3.07	3.34	0.72	4.0	4.0	0.0

### 8. Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU.

	Pell	Not Pell		Pell	Not Pell	Difference
	average	average	P-value	median	median	in medians
a. I am very satisfied with my						
education from Central	4.13	4.06	0.75	4.0	4.0	0.0
Washington University.						
b. The curriculum provided						
useful perspectives on critical	4.08	4.06	0.94	4.0	4.0	0.0
issues facing my profession.						

# 9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply. Differences of $\pm$ 10% or more are highlighted.

	Pell	Not Pell		Data Bars
	n=63	n=47	Difference	±0.25
Campus size	44%	32%	13%	
Student/faculty ratio	43%	49%	-6%	
Location of campus	65%	55%	10%	
Cost	68%	70%	-2%	
Legacy (tradition, other family members attended)	6%	15%	-9%	
Program	52%	55%	-3%	
Friends attended	19%	19%	0%	
Academic reputation	19%	17%	2%	
Likelihood of obtaining a job after you graduate	10%	17%	-7%	
Other (please describe)	13%	13%	0%	

# 10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

	Pell		Not Pell		Likely	Sparklines
	Likely	Not Likely	Likely	Not Likely	Difference	0% to 100%
a. Mentor CWU students	57%	41%	53%	47%	4%	
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduate	60%	40%	57%	43%	3%	
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events	32%	68%	19%	79%	13%	
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter	32%	68%	28%	72%	4%	
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine	22%	78%	15%	85%	7%	
f. Promote CWU to others	84%	13%	81%	19%	3%	
g. Network with other Alumni	56%	44%	57%	43%	-2%	
h. Visit the CWU website	68%	32%	57%	43%	11%	
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory	24%	76%	21%	79%	3%	
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards	41%	59%	21%	77%	20%	
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs	22%	78%	23%	77%	-1%	
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni events	35%	65%	23%	77%	12%	
m. Visit CWU Alumni LinkedIn and Facebook pages	52%	48%	49%	51%	3%	

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of DTA and Non-DTA students. See Edward Tufte, "Beautiful Evidence," 46-63.

#### 11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

	Pell Not Pell		Pell	Likely	Sparklines	
	Likely	Not Likely	Likely	Not Likely	Difference	0% to 100%
a. Networking	38%	62%	43%	57%	-4%	
b. Young Alumni	25%	75%	23%	74%	2%	_ = _ =
c. Homecoming Weekend	19%	81%	17%	81%	2%	
d. Social Events	30%	70%	28%	72%	2%	
e. Professional Development	48%	51%	36%	64%	11%	
f. Academic Specific Programs	40%	60%	36%	62%	4%	
g. Fundraising Events	11%	89%	11%	89%	0%	
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities	30%	70%	32%	68%	-2%	
i. Family/Children Oriented Events	29%	71%	11%	89%	18%	
j. Regional Network Events	30%	70%	28%	72%	2%	
k. Educational Lectures	40%	60%	38%	62%	1%	
I. Athletic Events	24%	76%	34%	66%	-10%	
m. Performing Arts Programs	33%	67%	21%	77%	12%	

Note: Sparklines are small bar charts that graph the percent responses of DTA and Non-DTA students. See Edward Tufte, "Beautiful Evidence," 46-63.

### 12. What are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?

	Pell	Not Pell		Data Bars
	n=63	n=47	Difference	-0.25 to 0.25
less than \$20,000 annually	32%	9%	23%	
\$20,000 to \$39,999	40%	47%	-7%	
\$40,000 to \$59,999	13%	21%	-9%	
\$60,000 to \$79,999	13%	11%	2%	
\$80,000 to \$99,999	0%	9%	-9%	
\$100,000 or over	2%	2%	-1%	
Did not answer	2%	2%	-1%	
Total	100%	100%		
Estimated Annual Earnings	\$ 32,000	\$ 43,000		

Note: The difference in earnings may be due to the large difference in the number who are "Enrolled in a program of continuing education." It was 21% for alums who qualified for Pell Grants vs. 2% for alums who did not qualify for Pell Grants. See question 1 in this section.

#### **APPENDIX 1**

# 2. If you are working would you please tell us your job title and the organization you work for? If you are a graduate student, would you please tell us where are enrolled and what degree you are pursuing?

Customer service representative at Costco. Com 5th grade teacher, Cascade Christian Schools Active Duty Army, Second Lieutenant, Battalion Chemical Officer Administration/Receptionist for Novitex/Exela at Microsoft Administrative assistant Advising Assistant, College of Business, Central Washington University Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce Aircraft Maintenance Officer in the United States Air Force (rank= Second Lieutenant) American Medical Response, Emergency Medical Tech. Assistant Controller, North Cascade Building Materials, Inc. Assistant Language Teacher, from the JET Program but employed by the Kobe City Board of Education. Business Development Specialist Associate at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Insurance Brokers of CA Care Coordinator at Comprehensive Life Resources. Case Manager: MHMR Mental Health Mental Retardation Central Washington University ITAM Master's program specializing in Administrative Management Central Washington University, Athletic Administration Central Washington University, MS Engineering Technology Systems Charleston School of Law, pursuing J.D. Chemical Dependency professional Merit Resources Services Choir teacher at Ridgeline Middle School in Yelm Washington Choir teacher at Ridgeline Middle School in Yelm Washington Claims Adjuster at Liberty Mutual insurance Commercial Janitor at Fresh Start Cleaning Court Education Specialist, State of WA Administrative Office of the Courts CSSII, Central Washington University Customer Sales and Service Representative Consolidated Communications **Delivery Assitant** Department of Navy, HR Specialist Enrolled as a graduate student at University of Washington pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science and working full time as a receptionist for a state institution. Executive Assistant Eastside Vocational Services Fiscal Technician III for Kittitas County Treasurer's Office.

Flight paramedic for MedStar transport

am a safety, health, and environmental engineer for Howard S Wright Construction in Seattle

l am a specialty food and beverage coordinator for the Walt Disney Company at Disney's Animal Kingdom

I am a substitute teacher for Vancouver school district and work part time at Olive Garden as a hostess.

I am an academic advisor & retention specialist for CAMP at Heritage University.

I am an Intern at Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility

I am currently a Licensed Relationship Banker with Chase Bank.

I am currently a Physical Education and health teacher in Yelm Comminity Schools.

I am currently working as a cook for a Italian restaurant while I am working on getting a teachers certification. I also am volunteering coaching youth sports (golf, soccer, and basketball.)

I am enrolled a team PNWU-COM and pursuing my medical degree.

I am enrolled as a graduate student with CWU Biology (MS Thesis track)

I am enrolled at Seattle University pursing a masters in public administration. I work part time at a fast food restaurant as a cashier, and also at the Community and Family Services foundation as a case aide.

I am enrolled at USC in the MSW program with military social work track.

I am enrolled here at Central Washington University in a graduate program for Information Technology Administrative Management

I am pursuing a Masters in Sociology at Arizona State University

I am working for Columbia Basin health Association as a Case manager for OB moms, and as a Parent educator for babys ages 0 to 5 years old.

I had a link to where I work, but I forgot to include it.

I work as a diet assistant at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett.

I work for a temp agency and my current position is an accounts payable position

I work for Hubbard Radio

I work help as well as learn the family businesses, therefore, I am more like co-owner, and the business are in construction and finance institutions that newly we opened.

Im a page and Senior Branch Assistant Sub at the Pierce County Lubrary System

I'm currently enrolled in Lindenwood University's MFA program.

Information Assurance Engineer at Lockheed Martin

Intake and outreach specialist for Entrust Community Services

Inventory Control Specialist at Costco Wholesale.

LE Dispatch

Legal Office Assistant at the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Marketing Associate in the health and supplements industry.

Marketing Manager for Drain-Pro Inc.

Medical Scribe, Kittitas Valley Healthcare

Member service at the YMCA

Mental health tech at Multicare

Military Adviser for City University

Museum Assistant at the Kittitas County Historical Museum

My job title is a Behavior Specialist and I worked for Communtiy Care in West Seattle.

N/A still seeking employment

Nanny Associate of Nursing WVC

Northwest Medical Physics Center

**Applied Physics Technologist** 

Office Supervisor/Administrative Assistant/Dispatcher/Trainer for Scenic Bound Tours, Inc.

On-Site wellness coach coordinator at Boeing (contracted through WebMD)

Ordering Specialist, FEMA Reserves

Owner - Working for myself, helping businesses get organized and started in the right direction.

produce clerk Fred Meyer

**Product Support** 

Program Leader, Social Security Administration

Project Engineer at Oak Hills Construction

Project Engineer, Engineered Structures Inc.

**Purchasing Agent** 

Pursuing a Master's of Science in Law and Justice at Central Washington University.

Pursuing an MS of Forestry and a graduate certificate in statistics at Northern Arizona University.

Research Technician for University of Oklahoma Stephenson Cancer Center

**Retail Associate** 

Safety Engineer. Mortenson Construction

Software Developer at DocuSign

Software engineer Arris

Substitute teacher at North Thurston School District, and cook at Smitty's In & Out.

Sunnyside School District Special Education Teacher

Swim Instructor at ProSports Club, Bellevue. Will be enrolled in the Mental Health Counseling program at CWU Fall Quarter

Tax Accountant, SweeneyConrad PS

Teacher - Yakima school district

Teacher at north bend elementary school

Teacher within Wapato School District Wapato, Washington.

I am the founder and CEO of Meda Nova.

I will be reviving my Masters degree from Western Governors University at the end of April. My degree will be a Master of Science in Management and Leadership.

Universal Banker at U.S. Bank.

University of Oklahoma Master of Music in Trumpet Performance

**Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor** 

Warehouse Clerk soon to move into supervisor position for Johnston Supply.

WGU. Masters of Science in Accounting

WISe Care Coordinator-Behavioral Health Services Masters of Social Work - Eastern Washington University

## APPENDIX 2 – Where do you live?

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Renton, WA	2
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Seattle Washington	1
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Sunnyside, WA	1
Tacoma WA	1
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Tumwater, WA	1
Union gap, Washington	1
Vancouver, WA	1
Waco Texas	1
Washington DC	1
Wenatchee WA	1
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Austria	1
Woodinville Washington	1
Yakima WA	8
Yelm, WA	2
Grand Total	108

## **APPENDIX 3**

MOCK-UP OF THE 2016/2017 ALUMNI SURVEY



Hello,

I am writing today to invite your feedback as a graduate of Central Washington University. Your feedback will help inform our ongoing efforts to improve the student experience of all students at CWU. Please take a few minutes to provide some important information about your current activities in addition to your educational experience at Central. Your feedback will be completely confidential and aid in understanding how students benefit from their experience at CWU.

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	nes L. Gaudino President, Central Washington University modation e-mail: DS@cwu.edu.	CWU is an AA/EEO/Title IX For
1. Whic	ch of the following BEST describes your current PRIMARY status?	
•	Employed for pay full time (on average 30 hours or more per wee	
0	Employed for pay part time (on average fewer than 30 hours per	
0	Participating in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps	) (3)
0	Serving in the military (4)	
O	Enrolled in a program of continuing education (5)	
0	Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled (6)	
O	Seeking employment (7)	
O	Not seeking employment or further education (8)	
O	Other (please describe) (9)	
	u are working would you please tell us your job title and the organ re a graduate student, would you please tell us where are enrolled	•
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4. How important are each of the following competencies to your career?

4. How important are e	Critical (5)	Very important (4)	Somewhat important (3)	Not important (2)	Not at all important (1)
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc.	0	0	O	0	0
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics (2)	0	0	O	0	0
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	0	0	O	0	0
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	0	0	O	0	0
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	O	0	O	O	O

5. How strongly to you agree or disagree that CWU prepared you for each of these competencies?

3. How strongly to you agree of	Strongly agree (5)	Agree (4)	Somewhat agree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)
a. Thinking critically - check your and others' assumptions; consider multiple perspectives from various sources, etc. (1)	0	0	•	•	•
b. Written communications – purpose, organization, development, mechanics (2)	•	•	0	•	•
c. Oral communications – vocal delivery, gestures, eye contact, good listening (3)	0	O	0	0	•
d. Quantitative reasoning - apply quantitative tools and computer skills to solve problems; comprehend symbolic representations (4)	0	•	•	•	•
e. Information literacy - critically evaluate data sources as you gather relevant information (5)	0	0	0	0	0

6. How much did your coursework at CWU emphasize the following?

	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)
Recognize your own cultural norms and biases (1)	O	0	0	0
Explore your own background through projects, assignments, or programs (2)	O	O	0	O

7. These next few questions relate to CWU's Mission and General Education goals. How strongly do you agree or

disagree that your education from CWU helped you...?

uisagree triat your education	Strongly agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)
a. become a responsible citizen. (1)	O	0	O	(2)	O
b. become a productive and enlightened (informed, good learner, insightful) individual. (3)	•	•	•	•	•
c. respect diversity of background, experience and belief, and value the different perspectives that this diversity brings. (4)	0	0	•	0	O
d. master the basic principles of logical, mathematical, and scientific reasoning. (13)	•	•	•	0	•
e. achieve fluency in reading, writing, oral communication, and information technology. (12)	•	•	•	•	•
f. appreciate the breadth and depth of scientific and human knowledge. (5)	0	0	O	0	•
g. develop a sense of the inter-connectedness of knowledge. (6)	0	•	•	0	•
h. integrate knowledge from diverse fields of study in order to solve real world problems. (8)	•	•	•	0	•
i. become aware of the manifold ways that knowledge evolves. (9)	0	•	•	0	•
j. develop a disposition to ask incisive and insightful questions. (11)	•	•	•	O	•

<sup>8.</sup> Please select the response that best describes your opinion about your education at CWU.

	Strongly agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)
a. I am very satisfied with my education from Central Washington University. (1)	0	O	O	0	O
b. The curriculum provided useful perspectives on critical issues facing my profession. (2)	•	0	0	O	•

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9. Why did you choose to attend CWU for your undergraduate degree? Please select all that apply.
Campus size (1)
Student/faculty ratio (2)
Location of campus (3)
Cost (4)
Legacy (tradition, other family members attended) (5)
Program (6)
Friends attended (7)
Academic reputation (8)
Likelihood of obtaining a job after you graduate (9)
Other (please describe) (10)

10. How likely are you as an alum to do the following?

10. How likely are you as an aran to do the following.	Likely (2)	Not likely (1)
a. Mentor CWU students (Q10_a)	O	O
b. Identify job opportunities for fellow CWU graduates (Q10_b)	O	•
c. Attend local Alumni Association Events (Q10_c)	O	O
d. Read the monthly Alumni E-Newsletter (Q10_d)	O	0
e. Read the Central Connections Magazine (Q10_e)	0	0
f. Promote CWU to others (Q10_f)	0	0
g. Network with other Alumni (Q10_g)	0	0
h. Visit the CWU website (Q10_h)	0	0
i. Use a printed or online alumni directory (Q10_i)	0	0
j. Provide leadership by serving on boards, committees, advisory boards, etc. (Q10_j)	O	•
k. Give to Scholarships or Programs (Q10_k)	O	O
I. Attend or volunteer for general Alumni and University events (Q10_I)	O	•
m. Visit CWU Alumni LinkedIn and Facebook pages (Q10_m)	0	•

11. How likely are you as an alum to attend the following events?

	Likely (2)	Not likely (1)
a. Networking (Q11_a)	O	•
b. Young Alumni (Q11_b)	O	•
c. Homecoming Weekend (Q11_c)	O	•
d. Social Events (Q11_d)	O	•
e. Professional Development (Q11_e)	O	•
f. Academic Specific Programs (Q11_f)	O	•
g. Fundraising Events (Q11_g)	O	•
h. Alumni Travel Opportunities (Q11_h)	O	0
i. Family/Children Oriented Events (Q11_i)	O	•
j. Regional Network Events (Q11_j)	O	0
k. Educational Lectures (Q11_k)	0	•
I. Athletic Events (Q11_L)	0	•
m. Performing Arts Programs (Q11_m)	0	•

12. W	hat are your approximate, yearly, pre-tax, earnings?
C	less than \$20,000 annually (1)
C	\$20,000 to \$39,999 (2)
C	\$40,000 to \$59,999 (3)
C	\$60,000 to \$79,999 (4)
C	\$80,000 to \$99,999 (5)
C	\$100,000 or over (6)
13. H	ow could CWU have improved your learning experience?
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L4. \	What did CWU do best to help improve your learning?	