2010 Four-Year Alumni Survey

Survey Description
Thank you for sharing your ideas with us and becoming part of building a better university. Your thoughtful responses will help the University to improve the educational experience for future students and will affirm the work of those who provide excellent services. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Opening Instructions
Your identity will remain anonymous in any reports that are produced from this survey. Your responses will be combined with those of other graduates in your major and your college to create summary reports that will be used by faculty and administrators to improve Kansas State University.

For completing this survey, you will be eligible to win one of several prizes donated by Varney’s Student Union Bookstore. At the end of the survey, click the link to give us some additional information and your name will be entered. Your identity will still remain anonymous; we will not be able to match your entry for the drawing with any of your survey responses. Thanks again for your participation.

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Question 1 **required**
What was your undergraduate major?

Question 2 **required**
Did you graduate with an undergraduate certificate or minor(s)?
   - Yes
   - No

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Fill out this page only if you answered:

   - Yes on question 2. Did you graduate with an undergraduate certificate or minor(s) on page 1.

Question 3 **required**
Did your certificate or minor(s) give you an advantage when applying for a job?
   - Yes
   - No

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Question 4 **required**
Gender
   - Male
Question 5 **required**
Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Yes
- No

Question 6 **required**
Ethnicity/Race
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic/Spanish/Latin American
- Mexican/Mexican American
- White/Non-Hispanic
- Multiracial
- Other
- I prefer not to respond

Question 7 **required**
What is your age?
- under 26
- 26
- 27
- 28-32
- over 32

Question 8 **required**
Present residence: 

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Question 9 **required**
Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university?
- Yes
- No

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Fill out this page only if you answered:
- Yes on question 9. Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university? on page 4.

Question 10
Indicate the type of transfer institution and the number of semester credit hours applied to your K-State Program.
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Question 11 **required**

Have you been involved in non-degree education programs?

1 - No  |  2 - Yes, One or Two  |  3 - Yes, More than Two

11.1 Professional development/updating

11.2 Personal interest

11.3 Learning new job skills

11.4 Others

Question 12 **required**

Have you received an advanced degree since graduating from K-State?

- Yes
- No, but I'm currently in graduate school.
- No, I have not attended graduate or professional school.

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Fill out this page only if you answered:

- No, but I'm currently... OR Yes on question 12. Have you received an advanced degree on page 6.

Question 13 **required**

Please list the Institution, Field of Study, and Year Completed (if applicable).

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Question 14

How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate/professional education?

- Inadequate
- Fair
Question 15 **required**
If you could start over, would you still choose to attend K-State?
- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes

Question 16 **required**
If you could start over, would you still choose to graduate with the same first major?
- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes

Question 17 **required**
If you could start over, would you still choose to graduate with the same second major?
- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes
- Does Not Apply

Question 18
If you answered 'probably no', 'definitely no', or 'uncertain' to attending K-State ('if you could start over again...') please answer the following question.

If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might have been better and why.

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Question 19
If you answered 'probably no', 'definitely no', or 'uncertain' to graduating with the same major(s) ('if you could start over again...') please answer the following question.
If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might have been better and why.

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**Question 20 **required **

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?

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<td><strong>20.4</strong> Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person</td>
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<td><strong>20.6</strong> Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)</td>
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<td><strong>20.7</strong> Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member</td>
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<td><strong>20.13</strong> Increasing your intellectual curiosity</td>
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<td><strong>20.18</strong> Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view</td>
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<td><strong>20.19</strong> Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds</td>
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Question 21 **required**
Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same, or more) emphasis should have been placed on:

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Question 22 **required**
Have you been employed since your graduation from K-State?
- Yes
- No

Fill out this page only if you answered:
- Yes on question 22. Have you been employed since you... on page 11.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click 'next' if you have not been employed since your graduation from K-State.

Question 23 **required**
What was your starting annual salary in your first position?
- Less than $20,000
- $20,000 to $29,999
- $30,000 to $39,999
Question 24 **required**

What is your current annual salary?
- Less than $20,000
- $20,000 to $29,999
- $30,000 to $39,999
- $40,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 to $59,999
- $60,000 to $69,999
- $70,000 to $79,999
- $80,000 to $89,999
- $90,000 to $99,999
- $100,000 or more

Question 25

How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?

1 - Not Related  |  2 - Somewhat Related  |  3 - Directly Related

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25.1 Major 1
25.2 Major 2 (If you did not have a second major, leave your answer blank)

Question 26

If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason? (If you indicated that your job is closely related to your major, skip this question)
- I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major
- My major had no direct connection with specific employment opportunities
- I confined my job search to a specific city or region
- My job search was limited due to a need to match my career interests with someone else's
- I developed new career interests after leaving college
- The jobs in my field did not pay well
- The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement
- I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field
- Other:

Question 27 **required**

In what type of organization did you find full time employment?
- Agriculture
- Animal care
- Architecture
- Aviation
- Child care
- Communications
Question 28 **required**

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:

1 - Very Dissatisfied | 2 - Dissatisfied | 3 - Neutral
4 - Satisfied | 5 - Very Satisfied

28.1 Salary/benefits
28.2 Location
28.3 Opportunity to use your qualifications
28.4 Opportunity to advance
28.5 Prestige/recognition
28.6 Interest/challenge of work
28.7 Working conditions
28.8 Opportunity to learn

Question 29 **required**

Does your job require: (mark all that apply)

- Computer skills
- Conducting Research
- Extensive training
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Question 30 **required**
What percentage of your gross income goes to charitable organizations (including religious groups)?
- None
- 1-5%
- 6-10%
- Over 10%

Question 31 **required**
How often do you vote in local, state or national elections?
- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Usually
- Always

Question 32
Have you contributed time or money to support a political candidate or issue?
- No
- Yes, once or twice
- Yes, three or more times

Question 33 **required**
To what degree did your undergraduate experiences contribute to your interest and motivation to become involved in community activities?
- Not at all
- Slightly
- Quite a bit
- Very Much

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Question 34 **required**
In the past twelve months, how often have you participated in the following activities?

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<th>2 - 1-2 time(s)</th>
<th>3 - 3-5 times</th>
<th>4 - 6-10 times</th>
<th>5 - 10 or more times</th>
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<td>Attended plays/dramas</td>
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34.2 Attended concerts/recitals
34.3 Attended athletic events
34.4 Visited museums, galleries, zoos
34.5 Attended lectures
34.6 Performed: music, drama, art
34.7 Traveled to new places
34.8 Gone to the movies

Question 35
Referring back to the previous question, please mark activities that are rarely or never available in your community. (mark all that apply)

☐ Attended plays/dramas
☐ Attended concerts/recitals
☐ Attended athletic events
☐ Visited museums, galleries, zoos
☐ Attended lectures
☐ Performed: music, drama, art
☐ Traveled to new places
☐ Gone to the movies

Question 36 **required**
How often do you participate in the following activities for leisure?

1 - Never  |  2 - Seldom  |  3 - Occasionally  |  4 - Often

36.1 Reading for general information
36.2 Reading for pleasure
36.3 Watching public television
36.4 Watching other television
36.5 Participating in a study or discussion group
36.6 Creative hobbies (arts, woodworking, pottery, etc.)
36.7 Sports/fitness activities
36.8 Using library resources
36.9 Participation in family activities
36.10 Outdoor recreation (gardening, camping, lawn care, etc.)
36.11 Watching movies
36.12 Using the Internet
36.13 Computer and video games

Question 37 **required**
To what degree did your K-State undergraduate experiences contribute to your current leisure interests?

☐ Not at all
☐ Slightly
☐ Quite a bit
Please use the following items to comment, in more detail, on your college experiences at K-State.

**Question 38**

Do you have ideas about changes in K-State's educational programs that you think would strengthen their value in career preparation? If so, please identify them briefly.

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**Question 39**

Please describe ways in which the university has affected your personal and/or professional life.

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**Question 40**

Given your understanding of what it means to be an educated adult, please suggest educational activities or points of view that you think the University should emphasize.
Question 41
Have you participated in special learning opportunities in order to compensate for something that should have been provided in your K-State undergraduate program?

- No
- Yes, describe below

Further comments about your response:

Question 42
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
- Yes (Please identify each group and the number of years)

Further comments about your response:

Question 43
Have you been a member of a community service group (e.g., Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club)?

- No
- Yes (Please identify each group and the number of years)

Further comments about your response:

Question 44
Have you been appointed to serve (without pay or with only token pay) on a city, county, state, or federal committee or commision?

- No
- Yes (Please identify and give the number of years)
Question 45
Have you been elected to any city, county, state, or federal office(s)?
- No
- Yes (Please identify office(s) and the number of years)

Further comments about your response:

Question 46
Have you participated in special learning activities related to any of the activities listed above?
- No
- Yes (please describe)

Further comments about your response:

Question 47 **required**
Would you recommend K-State to a potential student?
- Yes
- No

Closing Message
Thank you for completing the survey. If you would like to enter a drawing to win one of many FABULOUS PRIZES, click here to enter your contact information. The contact information you enter will not be traceable to any of your survey responses.

- End of Survey -

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