

## 1998-99 GRADUATE SURVEY

### *Highlights of the Class of 1999*

The *Annual Graduate Status Report--Class of 1999* is based on a survey of students completing graduation requirements from August 1998 to June 1999. It is intended to facilitate the career decisions of currently enrolled and prospective students, and to provide general information about recent graduates to employers, members of the OIT community and other interested publics.

Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information included in the report. Each graduate was sent a one-page survey with a postage-paid return envelope, as well as a postcard reminder. Telephone follow-up was attempted for each student who did not respond. A response rate of 83% was achieved, a fairly representative sample by any standard. Nevertheless, caution is urged in interpreting the information. Some of the information was provided by secondary sources. Likewise, some statistics (salary averages, for example) are based on rather small samples.

Highlights of the class of 1999 follow:

- ◆ 96% Success Rate (employed, continuing education, or inactive/not seeking employment)
  - ◆ 97% of employed grads were in career-related positions
  - ◆ Average Annual Salary: All Grads - \$37,250
  - ◆ Strong demand for graduates led to dramatic salary increases in:
    - Surveying - median salary \$36,000 (+19%)
    - Software - median salary \$46,000 (+18%)
    - Laser Optical Eng. Tech - median salary \$45,500 (+15%)
    - Civil Engineering. - median salary \$39,372 (+15%)
- by degree type:
- Health - \$39,460
  - Engineering - \$39,372
  - Engineering Technology - \$38,000
  - Applied Science - \$28,000
  - Management - \$30,000

**OIT GRADUATES AT A GLANCE**  
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	<i>Career-Related Employment</i>	<i>Other Employment</i>	<i>Continuing Education</i>	<i>Inactive</i>	<i>Seeking Employment</i>	<i>Success Rate*</i>
Master's Degree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	<b>N/A</b>
Bachelor's Degrees	91%	2%	3%	1%	5%	<b>95%</b>
Associate's Degrees	38%	4%	53%	4%	1%	<b>99%</b>
ALL GRADUATES	77%	3%	16%	2%	4%	<b>96%</b>

\* The combined percentage of graduates who are employed, continuing their education, or inactive (not seeking employment).

- ◆ Top six employers of '99 grads: Jeld-Wen Corp., Washington Department of Transportation, Diagnostic Health Services, Maxim Integrated Products, Oregon Institute of Technology, Praegitzer/Tyco.
- ◆ Industries employing OIT grads (and percent of grads employed in those industries):
  - Service (primarily health care, engineering education, business) - 57%
  - Manufacturing (primarily electrical/electronic equipment, industrial machinery, transportation equipment, wood products) - 26%
  - Government - 10%
  - Transportation/Public Utilities - 2%
  - Finance – Insurance – Real Estate - 1%
- ◆ Employers range in size from large manufacturing firms, hospitals, and federal agencies to small and medium size businesses, consulting firms, and health care practices.
- ◆ Top states employing OIT grads: Oregon (52%), Washington (13%), California (13%), Texas (4%), Idaho (4%).
- ◆ OIT grads found their jobs through Networking (25%), Campus Recruiting (21%), Classified Ads (17%), Co-op/Externship (15%), Direct Contact (12%), Employment Agencies (5%), and Other (4%).

SOURCE: OIT Career Services (excerpt from *Annual Graduate Status Report - Class of 1999*)