

# TCNJ Class of 2008 Survey Excerpts

## Post Graduation Activity Summary

Of the 1418 graduates of the Class of 2008, 52% (738) responded. Of those respondents, 705 (96%) of the graduates were employed and/or attending graduate/professional school within one year of graduation. (*Percentages are rounded to the nearest full point.*)

76% of the graduates were employed - 65% are employed in full time positions; 12% are employed in part time positions  
20% of the graduates were unemployed, but attending graduate/professional school.  
4% of the graduates were unemployed and not attending graduate/professional school.

## Internship Participation

513 (70%) of the eligible respondents indicated they had participated in an internship or practicum experience during their undergraduate careers. They interned for an average of 2.43 semesters during their tenures at TCNJ.

## TCNJ Career Preparation

47% of the respondents indicated that they had received career advice from their faculty or department. 87% indicated that they had used Career Services during their tenure. 92% indicated that they had either used Career Services or received career advice from faculty. 81% of the respondents indicated that their career preparation by TCNJ was above average or excellent.

**Top 10 Employers** - The Top Employers (based on number of TCNJ, Class of '08 graduates hired) were:

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| 1. Merrill Lynch (Bank of America) (12) | 3. Johnson & Johnson (5)                     |
| 2. Ernst & Young (6)                    | 7. Bernards Twp School District (4)          |
| 3. AmeriCorps (5)                       | 7. East Windsor Regional School District (4) |
| 3. Hillsborough Twp School District (5) | 7. Montgomery Twp School District (4)        |
| 3. Hospital of the University of PA (5) | 7. PricewaterhouseCoopers (4)                |

## Salary Information

The mean starting salary for graduates of the Class of '08 was **\$44,935** (from salary ranges); reflects a 3% increase in comparison with the Class of '07. Average salaries by School were:

	AMM	BU	CS	ED	EG	NU	SC
Average Salary	\$40,569	\$46,848	\$40,430	\$45,831	\$55,894	\$51,934	\$43,483

Comparing estimated salaries, males earn an average of \$2,167 (5%) per year more than females.

The following academic majors, with more than one graduate reporting, had the highest reported average salaries (number reporting):

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| 1. Computer Eng. (2) \$62,750     | 5. Mechanical Eng. (13) \$57,700 | 9. Eng Science (1) \$55,000      |
| 2. Computer Sci. (6) \$61,333     | 6. Nursing (40) \$57,012         | 10. Music Education (9) \$55,050 |
| 3. Civil Engineering (5) \$59,125 | 7. Electrical Eng. (5) \$55,833  |                                  |
| 4. GeoTech Eng. (1) \$58,000      | 8. Accounting (23) \$55,361      |                                  |

## Graduate School Summary

42% of the Class of '08 indicated that they had applied for admission to graduate/professional school during their senior year. Of those that applied, 31% developed a contingency plan for if they were not successful in seeking admission.

33% of the graduates who responded to the survey were attending graduate/professional school; 20% indicated that though they were unemployed, they were attending graduate/professional school. Through admissions data secured from the Student Loan Clearinghouse and surveys obtained by Career Services we were able to determine that 387 (27%) graduates of the total Class of 2008 attended graduate school within the year after graduation. 58% of graduates indicated they plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. If all of the graduates who are attending or plan to attend complete their graduate/professional school degree, 81% of the Class of 2008 will pursue further study.

The Top Graduate/Professional Schools (based on number of TCNJ, Class of '07 graduates attended) were:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. TCNJ (64)       | 5. U of Penn (8)        | 8. Villanova (5)         |
| 2. UMDNJ (49)      | 7. Montclair (6)        | 12. Kean (4)             |
| 3. Rutgers (33)    | 8. NYU (5)              | 12. Monmouth (4)         |
| 4. Seton Hall (21) | 8. Penn State (5)       | 12. William Paterson (4) |
| 5. Drexel (8)      | 8. Thomas Jefferson (5) |                          |