

# GRADUATE OUTCOMES SURVEY - AY 2015 - 2016

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

The Graduate Outcomes Report is a summary of the employment and continuing education decisions made by Youngstown State University students who completed their undergraduate and graduate degrees during the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Who took the survey:** The survey was distributed to 2,051 graduates who received degrees in August 2015, December 2015, and May 2016.

**How the data was collected:** The Graduate Outcomes Survey was primarily distributed through email. This occurred four times over a period of one year: beginning one month before graduation and every three months thereafter. Hard copy surveys were also distributed at the April and November Grad Central events. Additional information collected from the Office of Alumni Engagement is incorporated into the report as well as surveys filled out from the psychology capstone class.

**Response Rate:** The YSU total response rate is 26%. Out of 2,051 graduates, there were 538 responses. The individual college's response rates are included in this report.

**Career Outcomes definition:** The total number of respondents who are either working full-time, seeking additional education and accepted, in the military, or as a post-graduate volunteer (for example, Peace Corps).

**Career Outcomes Rate:** The YSU total career outcomes rate is **72%** with the individual college's career outcome rates included in this report. Out of the 538 respondents, 388 had outcomes related to a career.

**Pursuing Additional Education:** 17% of YSU graduates have been accepted into a continuing education program. The individual college's response rates are included in this report.

### Salaries:

#### Undergraduate

Mean: \$35,546

Median \$32,314

#### Graduate

Mean: \$71,232

Median: \$60,250

**Graduates who did not relocate:** 73% of YSU graduates stayed within 30 miles of Youngstown.

### Respondent demographic characteristics closely match that of the overall YSU makeup:

#### Survey Respondents

Female 1047 (56%) Male 821 (44%)

White (78%) Student of Color (22%)

#### All YSU seniors

Female (55%) Male (45%)

White (78%) Student of Color (19%),

Unknown (4%)

**Survey:** A copy of the survey can be found on pages 18-19.