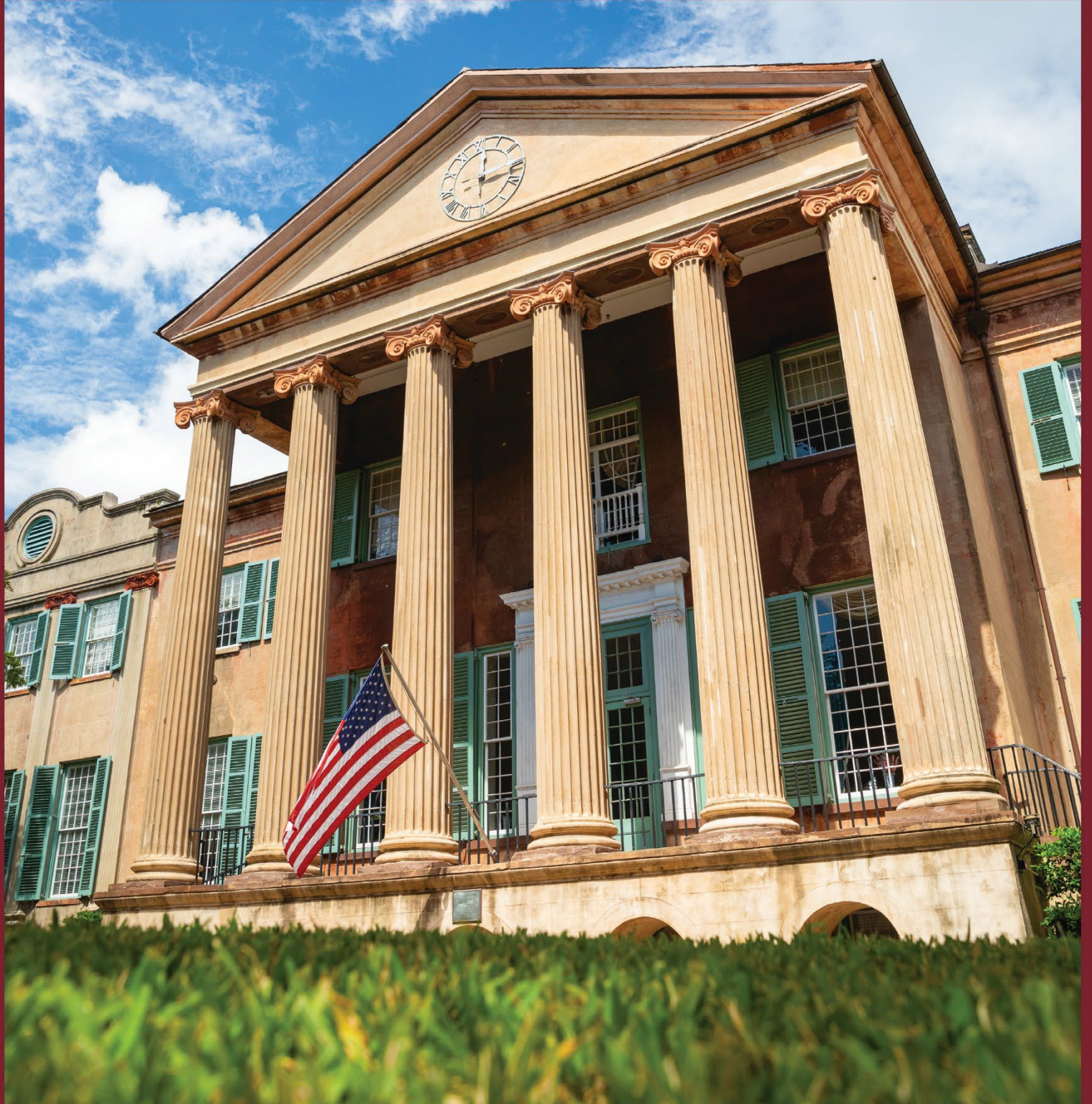




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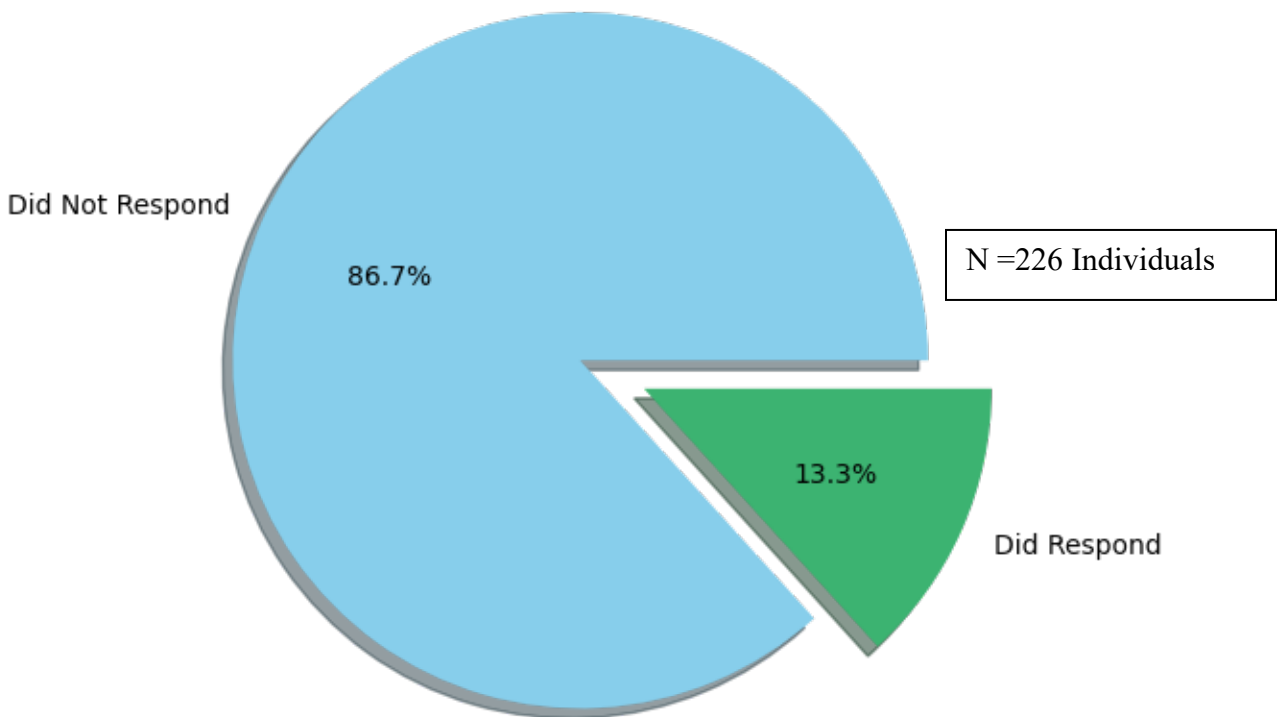


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Response Rate

This survey was disseminated to 226 individuals who graduated with a Master's Degree as members of the Class of 2020-2021. Out of these 226 graduates, 30 responded to the survey, giving the survey a Response Rate of 13.3%. Figure 1 (below) illustrates the Response Rate of this survey.

Figure 1: Response Rate



Part A. Graduate Education at the College of Charleston

Please select the program where you received your Master's degree from the College of Charleston.

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Accountancy, M.S.	1	30	3.33%
2	Business Administration, M.B.A.	4	30	13.33%
3	Child Life, M.S.	1	30	3.33%
4	Communication, M.A.	0	30	0.00%
5	Community Planning, Policy, and Design, M.A.	2	30	6.67%
6	Computer and Information Sciences, M.S.	1	30	3.33%
7	Creative Writing, M.F.A.	0	30	0.00%
8	Data Science and Analytics, M.S.	1	30	3.33%
9	Early Childhood Education, M.A.T.	2	30	6.67%
10	Elementary Education, M.A.T.	1	30	3.33%
11	English, M.A.	0	30	0.00%
12	Environmental Studies, M.S.	7	30	23.33%
13	Environmental Studies and Public Administration (M.S./M.P.A. Concurrent Program)	1	30	3.33%
14	Historic Preservation, M.S.	1	30	3.33%
15	History, M.A.	4	30	13.33%
16	Languages, M.Ed.	0	30	0.00%
17	Marine Biology, M.S.	0	30	0.00%
18	Mathematical Sciences, M.S.	2	30	6.67%
19	Middle Grades Education, M.A.T.	0	30	0.00%
20	Performing Arts, M.A.T.	0	30	0.00%
21	Public Administration, M.P.A.	1	30	3.33%
22	Science and Math for Teachers, M.Ed.	0	30	0.00%
23	Special Education, M.A.T.	0	30	0.00%
24	Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy, M.Ed.	1	30	3.33%
25	Other	0	30	0.00%

Did you receive a graduate certificate(s) from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	3	26	11.54%
2	No	23	26	88.46%

*Which of the following sources of financial support did you receive in your graduate program at the College of Charleston?**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Fellowship, scholarship	7	27	25.93%
2	Grant	3	27	11.11%
3	Teaching assistantship	5	27	18.52%
4	Research assistantship	5	27	18.52%
5	Internship	1	27	3.70%
6	Loans from any sources	10	27	37.04%
7	Personal savings	9	27	33.33%
8	Parent support	8	27	29.63%
9	Family gift	2	27	7.41%
10	Graduate, assistant position	9	27	33.33%
11	Other**	3	27	11.11%

*Note. *Total percentage is over 100% since respondents could select multiple choices **Other category includes employment assistance and GI bill etc.*

What was the total amount you borrowed from any sources to finance your graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	\$0	14	27	51.85%
2	\$1 - \$10,000	3	27	11.11%
3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	1	27	3.70%
4	\$20,001 - \$30,000	4	27	14.81%
5	\$30,001 - \$40,000	2	27	7.41%
6	\$40,001 - \$50,000	3	27	11.11%
7	Over \$50,000	0	27	0.00%

Part B. Employment Status

What is your current employment status?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)	22	28	78.57%
2	Employed part-time (34 hours or less per week)	1	28	3.57%
3	Unemployed, but seeking employment	1	28	3.57%
4	Unemployed; not seeking employment	0	28	0.00%
5	Currently enrolled as a full-time student	2	28	7.14%
6	Other	2	28	7.14%
7	Currently enrolled as a part-time student	0	28	0.00%

How long did it take you to get your FIRST full-time job after completing your graduate degree at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Had the same job before completing degree	4	22	18.18%
2	Accepted the position upon graduation	10	22	45.45%
3	1 - 3 months	4	22	18.18%
4	4 - 6 months	1	22	4.55%
5	7 - 12 months	2	22	9.09%
6	More than 12 months	1	22	4.55%

How many job(s) are you currently working?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	1	17	21	80.95%
2	2	4	21	19.05%
3	3	0	21	0.00%
4	More than 3	0	21	0.00%

Which of these types of organizations best describes your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Locally or regionally-owned business	7	21	33.33%
2	National or international corporation	5	21	23.81%
3	Local or regional non-profit	1	21	4.76%
4	National or international non-profit	0	21	0.00%
5	Government agency	8	21	38.10%

How long have you been with your current employer?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than 1 month	1	22	4.55%
2	1 - 4 months	4	22	18.18%
3	5 - 8 months	5	22	22.73%
4	9 - 12 months	5	22	22.73%
5	13 - 16 months	2	22	9.09%
6	17 - 20 months	2	22	9.09%
7	21 - 24 months	1	22	4.55%
8	More than 24 months	2	22	9.09%

What is your gross annual income of the principle job you currently hold?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Less than \$20,000	0	22	0.00%
2	\$20,000 - \$29,999	1	22	4.55%
3	\$30,000 - \$39,999	3	22	13.64%
4	\$40,000 - \$49,999	6	22	27.27%
5	\$50,000 - \$59,999	4	22	18.18%
6	\$60,000 - \$69,999	4	22	18.18%
7	\$70,000 - \$79,999	1	22	4.55%
8	\$80,000 or more	3	22	13.64%

To what extent is your work related to the graduate degree you received from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Closely related	14	22	63.64%
2	Somewhat related	6	22	27.27%
3	Not related	2	22	9.09%

Do you feel you are under-employed relative to your graduate degree from the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Yes	4	21	19.05%
2	No	17	21	80.95%

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for your current career?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	5	21	23.81%
2	Very well	5	21	23.81%
3	Moderately well	8	21	38.10%
4	Slightly well	3	21	14.29%
5	Not well at all.	0	21	0.00%

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current or most recent job?

#	Question	Extremely satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Extremely dissatisfied	Total
1	Intellectual challenge	47.62%	42.86%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%	21
2	Career growth/opportunities	47.62%	23.81%	19.05%	4.76%	4.76%	21
3	Independence	57.14%	33.33%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%	21
4	Contribution to field/society	57.14%	38.10%	4.76%	0.00%	0.00%	21
5	Salary	9.52%	42.86%	19.05%	19.05%	9.52%	21
6	Geographic location	57.14%	33.33%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%	21
7	Flexibility	57.14%	28.57%	9.52%	4.76%	0.00%	21
8	Work/life balance	47.62%	23.81%	9.52%	19.05%	0.00%	21
9	Overall	38.10%	52.38%	9.52%	0.00%	0.00%	21

Part C. Continuing Education*What level of degree(s) are you currently pursuing?*

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Bachelor's degree	0	2	0.00%
2	Master's degree	0	2	0.00%
3	Doctorate degree	2	2	100.00%
4	Other*	0	2	0.00%

Note. *Other category does not have any data.

How well did the graduate program at the College of Charleston prepare you for the doctoral degree you are currently pursuing?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely well	0	2	0.00%
2	Very well	2	2	100.00%
3	Moderately well	0	2	0.00%
4	Slightly well	0	2	0.00%
5	Not well at all.	0	2	0.00%

Part D. Quality of Graduate Education

*My faculty mentor/advisor:**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Served as an advocate for me while I was a graduate student at the College of Charleston	18	27	66.67%
2	Served as an advocate for me since I have graduated (post-graduation)	9	27	33.33%
3	Was supportive of the career path I chose	13	27	48.15%
4	None of these apply	6	27	22.22%
5	Other**	1	27	3.70%

*Note. *Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than one choice **Other category includes providing an opportunites to students.*

Looking back to your graduate program at the College of Charleston, how did your training from the College help you develop the following skills and abilities?

#	Question	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
1	Analyzing or synthesizing data	37.04%	25.93%	29.63%	7.41%	0.00%	27
2	Designing and executing research	30.77%	34.62%	15.38%	19.23%	0.00%	26
3	Presenting orally	33.33%	33.33%	18.52%	14.81%	0.00%	27
4	Managing people	7.69%	23.08%	30.77%	23.08%	15.38%	26
5	Thinking critically/problem solving	14.81%	40.74%	44.44%	0.00%	0.00%	27
6	Working in a team	22.22%	40.74%	33.33%	0.00%	3.70%	27
7	Working in a local or regional community	15.38%	26.92%	34.62%	11.54%	11.54%	26
8	Working within interdisciplinary groups	11.54%	42.31%	23.08%	15.38%	7.69%	26
9	Working with people from diverse backgrounds	15.38%	34.62%	30.77%	11.54%	7.69%	26
10	Mentoring/advising students	3.85%	34.62%	15.38%	26.92%	19.23%	26
11	Teaching or training groups of people	15.38%	30.77%	15.38%	19.23%	19.23%	26
12	Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	29.63%	29.63%	11.11%	29.63%	0.00%	27

Overall, how satisfied are you with your graduate education experience at the College of Charleston?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Extremely satisfied	11	27	40.74%
2	Somewhat satisfied	15	27	55.56%
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	27	0.00%
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	27	3.70%
5	Extremely dissatisfied. Please specify	0	27	0.00%

If you were to do it again, would you:

#	Question	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Might or might not	Probably not	Definitely not	Total
1	Select the same field of study at the College of Charleston?	48.15%	33.33%	7.41%	3.70%	7.41%	27
2	Select the College of Charleston?	37.04%	25.93%	29.63%	3.70%	3.70%	27
3	Choose to pursue a graduate degree?	66.67%	22.22%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	27

Part E. Career Preparation

Thinking back to when you graduated from the College of Charleston with a master's degree, how important were each of the following factors in helping you land your first job?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Perceived quality of my academic work	23.81%	38.10%	33.33%	4.76%	21
2	My academic standing (GPA)	23.81%	14.29%	33.33%	28.57%	21
3	Research I did during my graduate education (conference presentations, journal articles, etc.)	33.33%	38.10%	9.52%	19.05%	21
4	Academic reputation of my advisor	9.52%	14.29%	9.52%	66.67%	21
5	Connections made at academic or professional conferences	23.81%	9.52%	9.52%	57.14%	21
6	Connections formed through community partnerships/engagement	33.33%	0.00%	14.29%	52.38%	21
7	Connections with other College of Charleston alumni	23.81%	4.76%	14.29%	57.14%	21
8	Social connections (family or friends)	4.76%	14.29%	23.81%	57.14%	21
9	Reputation of my graduate program	19.5%	14.20%	38.10%	28.57%	21
10	Reputation of the College of Charleston	19.05%	23.81%	28.57%	28.57%	21
11	Other*	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	3

Note: Other category includes research opportunities, work outside of the College etc.

In your opinion, how important are the following elements of graduate education for students entering jobs in your field?

#	Question	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total
1	Experience gained through an internship or practicum	52.38%	33.33%	4.76%	9.52%	21
2	Practice of academic or professional writing skills	42.86%	42.86%	9.52%	4.76%	21
3	Presentation of work at a professional conference	33.33%	19.05%	33.33%	14.29%	21
4	Practice of research methods in your field	38.10%	28.57%	23.81%	9.52%	21
5	Research participation under your advisor's guidance	19.05%	23.81%	47.62%	9.52%	21
6	Practice of formal analytic technique in your field	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	20
7	Opportunity to interact across disciplines	50.00%	25.00%	15.00%	10.00%	20
8	Opportunity to participate in partnerships with the local or regional community	40.00%	35.00%	10.00%	15.00%	20
9	Experience as a teaching assistant	0.00%	30.00%	35.00%	35.00%	20
10	Experience as a research assistant	5.00%	15.00%	30.00%	50.00%	20

How many internships/practicums/clinical practices did you complete in your graduate school at the College of Charleston?

#	Question	0	1	2	3	4	More than 4	Total
1	Internship	54.55%	36.36%	4.55%	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	22
2	Practicum	90.91%	4.55%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	22
3	Clinical practices	90.91%	4.55%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	22
4	Teaching assistantship (semester(s))	77.27%	4.55%	13.64%	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	22
5	Research assistantship (semester(s))	85.36%	0.00%	9.09%	4.55%	0.00%	0.00%	22

Part F. Utilizing Institutional Resources

*Select the following job search method(s) you utilized to secure your current job?**

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	College of Charleston Career Center (Handshake, Career Fair, on-campus interviews)	8	19	42.11%
2	Directly applied to an online posting via company website or other job search	6	19	31.58%
3	Contacted the employer directly	6	19	31.58%
4	Family and/or friend referral	4	19	21.05%
5	College of Charleston alumni and/or employee of the College assisted to secure an interview/job	4	19	21.05%
6	Other*	1	19	5.26%

*Note. *Total is larger than 100% since respondents could select more than one choice**Other category includes Teacher fair, job emails from professors etc.*

Did you use any of the following College of Charleston Career Center services?

#	Answer	Count	Total	%
1	Career/major consultation or meeting with staff	2	19	10.53%
2	On-campus student employment	2	19	10.53%
3	Internship assistance	0	19	0.00%
4	Handshake	6	19	31.58%
5	Career Center website	4	19	21.05%
6	Attended Career Fair	3	19	15.79%
7	Attended program or workshop	3	19	15.79%
8	On-campus interview	0	19	0.00%
9	Mock interview	1	19	5.26%
10	Grad school preparation	2	19	10.53%

How often have you done the following since graduating from the College of Charleston?

#	Question	Always	Very often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total
1	Attend a racial/cultural awareness workshop	9.09%	4.55%	13.64%	0.00%	72.73%	22
2	Perform community service	9.09%	0.00%	45.45%	18.18%	27.27%	22
3	Demonstrate for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	13.64%	81.82%	22
4	Vote in a government election at the local, state, or national level	47.62%	19.05%	19.05%	4.76%	9.52%	21
5	Attend a leadership training/workshop	18.18%	9.09%	22.73%	4.55%	45.45%	22
6	Work for a local, state, or national political campaign	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	22
7	Contribute money to a local, state, or national campaign	0.00%	0.00%	13.64%	4.55%	81.82%	22
8	Take on a leadership role in your community	13.64%	4.55%	22.73%	13.64%	45.45%	22