Fast Facts: 22% of 2017 CI Graduates have secured new employment directly or closely related to their major, the third increase in a row for CI graduates. Over 90% of graduates will be working or plan to work in Ventura County after graduation.

Survey Summary

- Administered to 1,501 graduating students during the commencement registration, March 2017 – May 2017.

Post-Graduation Plans

- The percentage of graduates reporting having secured new employment has increased 2% points from 2016, making this the third straight year where this figure has increased.
- Of those who have secured new employment, 93% reported that their job is related to their major. 68% of those continuing at their current job reported that their job is related to their major.
- Underrepresented minorities, low income students, and first generation students were statistically less likely to secure jobs than their counterparts.
- 38% of Environmental Science and Resource Management graduates secured new employment (minimum 10 graduates), the highest of any majors. Art majors, Communication majors, and Nursing majors also reported new employment rates of 30% or higher.

Where will graduates work?

- The most common sector that CI grads will work, or are looking for work in are the business sector (35%), far outpacing the next two highest sectors, education (18%) and health care (14%).

- 92% of graduates who secured new employment will be working in Ventura County. 99% of graduates remaining at their current job already work in Ventura County.
- 14% of graduates starting new jobs reported learning about their job through CI resources in 2017, lower than 17% in 2016.

Graduate Students

- Graduate students from the School of Education, MS Biotech Program, and the MBA program comprised 6% of respondents.
- 12% of graduate students have secured new jobs for after graduation which is lower than the undergraduate percentage. But a much larger percentage (60%) will be staying on at their current job in a full time position.
- All but two graduate students reported that they will be working at jobs or will be looking for jobs outside of California. Of those respondents, two-thirds are planning to stay in Ventura County.

Career Development Services

- 50% of graduates reported using Career Development Services at least once at their time at CI, up 3% points from 2015.
- Graduates who reported using Career Development Services at least once were statistically more likely to have found new employment (23%) than those graduates that did not (16%).
- Graduates who completed an internship were also more likely to have secured new employment (26%) than those who did not complete an internship (18%).