

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Winter 2013

Surveyed 26 graduates from the traditional program with 7 responses (26.9%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 2 | 28.6% | employment, full-time |
| 2 | 28.6% | employment, part-time |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively seeking employment |
| 2 | 28.6% | graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 1 | 14.2% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 4 | 57.1% | closely related |
| 1 | 14.3% | somewhat related |
| 2 | 28.6% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 1 | 50.0% | very prepared |
| 1 | 50.0% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 2 | 28.6% | very satisfied |
| 5 | 71.4% | generally satisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Emory University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make the most of opportunities RC offers as a small school. |
| Biology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Look for absolutely any opportunity to gain experience in the field of science, especially through research and shadowing physicians. ~ advice to department: Any opportunity for the science department to upgrade equipment or expand for students who are not pursuing a nursing degree would be great. I often felt outnumbered due to the lack of higher level science courses required for those wishing to go on to medical school, PA school, or pursue a research career. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Language Arts Education | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: The teaching program at RC gives you great connections to the surrounding areas of Rochester. RC's teaching program helped me not only to be academically prepared for my career, but gave me the social and professional skills needed to get a job shortly after graduating. ~ advice to department: I want to thank the teaching department at Rochester College for giving me a fantastic education and satisfactory preparation for my career. The program helped to solidify my desire and passion to teach. It also gave me the goals to make the best impact as a Christian educator in public schools. Thank you for all you have done for the program. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Be open to networking with other people. ~ advice to department: It was a great department and I enjoyed all the teachers who helped me complete the program. |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Oakland University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to department: You all did a great job of preparing me for graduate school. |
| Social Studies Education | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Get involved in as many activities as you can within schools. ~ advice to department: Thank you. |

CEL STUDENTS

Surveyed 109 graduates from the CEL program with 49 responses (44.9%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 33 | 67.4% | employment, full-time |
| 3 | 6.1% | employment, part-time |
| 2 | 4.1% | actively seeking employment |
| 10 | 20.4% | graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 2.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 17 | 46.0% | closely related |
| 9 | 24.3% | somewhat related |
| 11 | 29.7% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 12 | 75.0% | very prepared |
| 4 | 25.0% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 33 | 67.4% | very satisfied |
| 14 | 28.6% | generally satisfied |
| 1 | 2.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 1 | 2.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

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| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Rochester College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Pray, take time to study, and be prepared. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: indifferent (neither satisfied or unsatisfied) |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice for department: I really felt it was an excellent program. |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Capella University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I loved my time at Rochester College but given the struggle of getting a job in my field of study, given the chance, I would choose a different major. ~ advice to department: Thank you for all you did. You should consider creating a master's program. |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Ecumenical Theological Seminary) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Persevere, your educational endeavors at Rochester College are not in vain. Your education from Rochester College will prepare you not only for life in the real world, but also for any other institution of learning you choose. ~ advice to department: The professors at Rochester College care and want to see you succeed. They will help you if you want to help yourself. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: The accelerated programs are a lot of work. Spend a lot of time studying and really try to remember and comprehend what you are learning. It will go by very quickly and you want to make sure you are absorbing/understanding all the info and not just cramming and only remembering info for tests. ~ advice to department: I feel this program should have incorporated more hands-on practice and/or faux-counseling group activities. This was where I felt I gained the most from my time with Rochester. Reading info from a book versus actually using techniques are very different. |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Yorkville University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Rochester is a small but mighty school. The profs care and the class sizes are small so you can get the full attention you deserve. ~ advice to department: Please develop a master's program. |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Spring Arbor University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: You can do it! Good luck! ~ advice to department: Thank you! |

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| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Yorkville University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: The faculty was incredibly caring and willing to go above and beyond to ensure the success of their students. My grad school is completely online and I miss the atmosphere of caring, easy-to-approach faculty at Rochester. I enjoyed my time at Rochester! |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Spring Arbor) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: You won't regret it! advice to department: Thank you! |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Do your work and pay attention to everything. advice to department: Put more time into your satellite classes and treat us like your main campus. Unsatisfied with job search part of the degree plan. |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Oakland University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: My program through Rochester College was a great path to continue my education at Oakland University. The classes match up perfectly and have given me a leg up. ~ advice to department: Thank you all for the support along the way! |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Michigan State University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Do your research before going for psychology. ~ advice to department: Eugene Cole was a great instructor. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Michigan State) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Great program! |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Work hard on your GPA because schools really look hard at that. ~ advice to department: I appreciate all of your help. |
| Early Childhood | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Grand Canyon University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused on your educational journey and put God first and he will direct you. Never give up. ~ advice to department: The staff was very encouraging and prayer was very encouraging. I loved all my professors! |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: It was very useful and I felt very prepared. ~ advice to department: You all did a great job and were very personable. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused and continue until complete. ~ advice to department: I would like to thank everyone for their support and a special thanks to the tutoring department. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Be sure to make the most of your time at RC. It has a special environment that I have not found anywhere else. Everyone is so kind and supportive. Do your best work. It will pay off! If you have to take math, try to get Bryan Crump. He has an amazing gift for teaching math. ~ advice to department: I wish I hadn't been too emotional to speak at the graduation breakfast. I would liked to have acknowledged Elton Albright for all of his support and advice over the years. I would like to acknowledge Bryan Crum, Andrea Miller, and Nancy (? last name, she taught ethics) for being outstanding teachers. They have a special gift for teaching. God Bless! |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure that you double check the classes you are scheduled to take so that you are taking the right classes and will graduate on time. ~ advice to department: Please make sure that we have the tools that we need and are taking all the classes that we need to get the degree that we are trying to attain. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Hang in there. You can do it. ~ advice to department: Everyone was wonderful. I had a positive experience. This program gave me a lot of confidence and helped me with public speaking. |
| Early Childhood | graduate school preparation: very prepared (University of Michigan Flint) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Utilize all your resources at Rochester, especially the library. Become very familiar with research and APA formatting. ~ advice to department: I would comment that much of the Rochester coursework I completed was material already covered at Mott. I would take a closer look at the Mott Community College early childhood education curriculum and alter courses so they are not so similar. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Keep going at it. ~ advice to department: I enjoyed my time. It was pleasant. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Remember that once you earn your degree, no one can take that from you. There is no feeling like walking across that stage to accept your diploma that you worked so hard to earn. Apply yourself and take school seriously. Find something you love to do. ~ advice to department: I would just like to thank them again for all the support they provided to me in my time at Rochester College. |

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| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice for students: Take it seriously. Work hard. ~ advice for department: It was awesome. Teachers knew what they were talking about. Nice school |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Look to see where the growth in careers is going and plan your degree to be a practical tool to becoming employed in a growing field. ~ advice to department: Dr. Joe was instrumental in helping me understand accounting and financial reporting statements. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I really enjoyed my experience at Rochester College. I would recommend taking advantage of all the opportunities the college provides. ~ advice to department: I think the CEL Business faculty are outstanding and work hard to prepare their students to be successful. I appreciate everything they have done for me and value all they have shared through their guidance and experiences. I have had nothing but positive experiences and would highly recommend the program to anyone. |
| Management | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Walsh College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: If the professor does not give real world opinions the student will be surprised when they are confronted with that subject or topic in the real world of business. ~ advice to department: Sometimes they can give the real world answer to a question instead of a book answer. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally unsatisfied ~ advice to department: I feel the marketing side of the program is weak. Daily I am faced with many tasks that I have so far had to teach myself. I believe much of the difficulties I face could have been avoided. The program focuses a lot on topics my generation intuitively knows. We never learned about SEO or how to brand companies that people don't care about. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: As hard as it may be, while in school, search for internships. Get the experience in while you are also getting an education. They will work hand-in-hand together while also preparing you with the experience employers are looking for when you job search after graduation. ~ advice to department: Overall I am very happy with the education I received. I originally had no intent of obtaining a bachelor's degree when first entering college. The ability to have it coincide with my Macomb program was amazing and made achieving my bachelor's degree seem so much more feasible and easy. I think RC's students receive a well-rounded education. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Work hard and enjoy your program. ~ advice to department: The program was designed well to fit my schedule. |
| Mass Communication | graduate school preparation: generally prepared ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take advantage of learning all about Jesus Christ. It will help you in the long run. ~ advice to department: I enjoyed my time at Rochester in my field. I learned so much working with my professors who were mostly employed in the area they taught. I would love to be a teacher here in the future. Please let me know if something comes up that fits my degree. |
| Mass Communication | graduate school preparation: very prepared (University of Saint Francis) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: RC prepares you for the tough, but exciting road ahead. ~ advice to department: If it wasn't for Rochester College and the academic standards they set, I wouldn't be where I am today. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to department: Thank you for my degree. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Just show up and don't give up. It's important to have a job as well. ~ advice to department: Everything went well. Positive environment. Everyone was very helpful. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Just stick with it. ~ advice to department: I had very good professors that wanted to be there and were also very engaged. |
| Organizational Leadersh | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Central Michigan University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I knew what I wanted to accomplish and spoke with Scott Cagnet who drew up an academic plan and helped me accomplish my goals. I was able to get my Bachelor of Science degree, 48 credits, in 12 months time. First God and then the staff and teachers helped me through it all. ~ advice to department: Job well done. I can't tell you how grateful I am for the teachers. They were encouraging and willing to help me learn and accomplish my goals. I love this school and the teachers. I still talk with Vivian Turner from time to time. She was one of my favorite teachers. She tutors my daughter from time to time. I recommend RC to everyone. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: generally satisfied |

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Spring 2014

Surveyed 67 graduates from the traditional program with 34 responses (50.7%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 18 | 53.0% | employment, full-time |
| 8 | 23.6% | employment, part-time |
| 1 | 2.9% | actively seeking employment |
| 4 | 11.8% | graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 2.9% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 2.9% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 1 | 2.9% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 16 | 53.4% | closely related |
| 4 | 13.3% | somewhat related |
| 10 | 33.3% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 2 | 50.0% | very prepared |
| 1 | 25.0% | generally prepared |
| 1 | 25.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 19 | 55.9% | very satisfied |
| 14 | 41.2% | generally satisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 1 | 2.9% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Ecumenical Theological Seminary) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Do not shy away from extra curricular activities. ~ advice to department: I feel I was well prepared for these classes, but I could have been subjected to a little more exegesis study and writing. Overall, I am very pleased to have been your student. |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Abilene Christian University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: To any student studying in the biblical studies degree, pursue God's wisdom for his glory and not your own. Without him you can never know him, study him, or witness to others about him. In order to succeed in this degree you cannot solely rely on your personal interpretation of scripture. You must listen for his still small voice to guide you. ~ advice to department: Thank you! I know some of you are getting ready to retire, so please make sure your replacements have the same passion for God and the potential to teach in patience and love as you all have taught myself and my fellow scholars. God bless! |
| English | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: Dr. VanRheenen and Dr. Nichols were my favorite teachers. |
| English | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Trust God's leading for the future. Your job/career may look very different from what you anticipate. Don't stress it. God knows exactly what He is doing in your life. ~ advice to department: Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping me to excel in college, for investing in me, and for caring about me and my writing. You are all the best and I am so thankful for your part in my education. |
| English | graduate school preparation: very prepared (University of Michigan) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
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| English Education | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: I know it seems like you're going through the worst of it, and I know you're broke. Lots of people have been where you've been, and some of them have come out on top. Make that some increase to all. Work hard. ~ advice to department: There needs to be more hands-on class experience for the education program; more programs available for real classroom time, even shadowing a previous student from Rochester College. We are a dying bread, and this is because there isn't enough support for what we do. |
| Health Science | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Save your money! ~ advice to department: Mrs. VanRheenen and Michael Muhitch both helped out as great friends. |
| Health Science | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Find what you love and stick to it! ~ advice to department: I would like to thank Vivian Turner. |
| Humanities | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Although I enjoy my job, I am not currently employed in an area related to my major; however, what I learned at RC still shapes my perspective, interests, and passions in everyday life. For those who love what they're learning but aren't sure what it looks like in the real world, that's okay. Education is about more than a job. ~ advice to department: I want to say thank you for opening me up to so many new thoughts, ideas, and perspectives that have given me a wider view of the world around me. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure you start completing your hours for PA school if you want to apply for the program as soon as you graduate. Most schools prefer between 500-1000 hours of direct hands-on patient care. Also make sure what counts as hours for the program/school you wish to apply for. Some schools do not count hours for certain jobs/positions. ~ advice to department: Thank you so much for preparing me and I hope to share the good news of getting into a program within the next few years. |
| Language Arts Education | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I am pleased as I teach professionally how prepared and confident I am since achieving my teaching degree from Rochester College. The teaching program experiences included an excellent team of teachers and the one-on-one support that helped me stay focused and excited about the teaching profession. I know I will continue to be a success. ~ advice to department: The academics at Rochester College are outstanding and I have gained a great deal of knowledge and experience to further my teaching career. I enjoyed being part of a wonderful Christian college that made me feel like they truly cared about my success. Great job! |
| Language Arts Education | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Breathe. You'll get through it. It certainly isn't always easy, but in the end it'll be worth it. ~ advice to department: I don't think it can ever prepare you enough for what teaching is really like. There is so much more to teaching than ever discussed, but I am stronger than I ever thought I was because of Rochester College. |
| Management | graduate school preparation: inadequately prepared (University of Detroit Mercy) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very unsatisfied ~ advice to department: I would have liked to have received more support from the school whether it be finding a helpful internship or job hunting support. Being such a small school those things should come with a huge amount of tuition. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Let your faith be bigger than your fear and be the communication professional you wish to see in the world. ~ advice to department: The department was great. I do wish, however, we would have done more graphic design, Photoshop, and copy editing classes. |
| Math Education | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take observations seriously. They are extremely helpful. ~ advice to department: The education department is amazing. I loved being in the program. |
| Music | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take no opportunity for granted and take advantage of every opportunity to be involved. The more experience you receive, the more confident you will be. Follow God's calling and always seek to serve him first and you will find purpose and joy. ~ advice to department: I cannot begin to thank you enough for the patience, grace, and love you have all showed me over the last five years. I have grown more into the person God created me to be and I thank you for letting God use you in that way. I pray God's continued blessing and grace on Rochester College and especially the music department. |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Begin applying for jobs early. Hospitals take a while to process applications and I am still getting calls just now about applications I submitted two-plus months ago. |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Always try and received referrals from some of your professors when interviewing for jobs. Use your resources and contacts from Rochester College that are available to you. ~ advice to department: The nursing program is an excellent program and I feel the program truly prepared me for the nursing field. It is a young program with excellent leadership from the professors. I believe this program will grow to be one of the top programs in the Detroit metro area! |

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| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
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| Nursing | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Stick with it. |
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| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Social Work | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Pay attention in class and ask questions. Also, utilize your professors. They are able to answer many questions about your future careers. Lastly, networking is very important, so get out there and meet people within your future career field. ~ advice to department: Thank you so much for helping me prepare for my career. |
| Social Work | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure you have your classes approved and do your internship in the summer. ~ advice to department: More teachers need to be hands-on with degree plans like Mrs. Reddick. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Do as many internships as you can. ~ advice to department: Thank you Mrs. Turner. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Get involved and create a network of people who work in your field of study. ~ advice to department: Thank you for all the hard work and commitment to help us be productive members of society. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: Thank you very much to all the professors that pushed me and always believed I would excel no matter the circumstance. |
| Youth & Family Ministry | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Youth & Family Ministry | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Make the most of all the relationships you develop at the school. I still have close ties with many people I went there with and some of the professors, and I don't doubt these will still serve me well in years to come. ~ advice to department: Thank you for challenging me to think about and pursue God much more seriously and critically. It has changed my life irreversibly, and my relationship with Him has never been stronger. I have learned much about living life with God from my time at Rochester. |
| Youth & Family Ministry | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: For your internship, study under and actual youth minister. Don't take a job as the only youth minister and count it as your internship. The lack of experience and lack of a solid youth-related mentor will be detrimental to your performance. ~ advice to department: Bring back Seminar in Ministry instead of contemporary issues in hermeneutics. I would much rather have learned how to write lessons, weddings, funerals, and the like instead of studying yet more obtuse theory that won't help on the job. The lack of practical application in the degree program was very detrimental in the job field. |

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| 7 | 28.0% | graduate or professional school |
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If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience? | | |
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| Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major. | | |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Candler School of Theology at Emory University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: The Biblical Studies program at Rochester College prepared me very well for a graduate level program. Because I worked very hard in the RC program and sought to retain as much from my courses as possible I am doing very well in the M.Div. program. I scored extremely high on all of my midterms and am someone my classmates look to for help. ~ advice to department: I would like to say a very enthusiastic THANK YOU to the faculty of the Biblical Studies program. I was inspired to continue in academia by all of you, and I am doing very well in the rigorous and prestigious program at Chandler School of Theology. It is definitely challenging and different, but you all prepared me so well. Midterms went very well! | |
| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Step out in faith regarding your calling and be patient with yourself and in the power of God working in your life. ~ advice to department: I feel confident in my ability to serve God and others because of the education I received at Rochester College. | |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Liberty University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Study hard and keep moving forward. ~ advice to department: Offer pastoral counseling. | |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Spring Arbor) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Make professional connections. It takes hard work to obtain a degree, but finding a job is about who you know, followed by what you know and are trained in. ~ advice to department: There should be a whole class on finding jobs, what kind of jobs are available, or what kind of jobs are obtainable with what degree. I am still looking and I am having trouble knowing what kind of jobs I can get with my degree. | |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Loyola University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Be prepared to really learn. ~ advice to department: Thankful the instructors had such compassion. | |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Grand Canyon University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Make study time and work time for assignments a priority. The more you put into your education the more you will get out of it. ~ advice to department: I appreciated being pushed out of my comfort zone. The professors were supportive, encouraging, and engaging. Thank you. | |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Don't let your professors cut the class time short. ~ advice to department: I was disappointed in the adjunct teachers (the majority of the classes had adjunct teachers). They were unprepared and didn't have enough relevant material to fill the 4 hour class period. We were send home early most classes. I told my counselor ... no help. I dropped the issue because it would have been a waste to stay in class without learning. | |
| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Oakland University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Enjoy your time at Rochester College and take advantage of the extra help the professors provide. The experience there is like no other. Academically, you will be totally prepared for graduate work or a career. ~ advice to department: I so enjoyed my entire experience at Rochester College. In fact, I miss the intimate and caring environment that Rochester offers. My academic and personal experience is something I will always remember. All my professors and teachers rocked. They set their students up for success. | |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: indifferent ~ advice to students: Be diligent about reviewing the classes you need by keeping in touch with your advisor. If you feel a class is not meeting your needs or does not address the subject adequately do not hesitate to speak to someone. After all it is your money. ~ advice to department: When teaching CEL classes you sometimes forget that 99.9% of us are working adults and trying to cram a whole textbook into 8 weeks does not make for a great learning experience. Pick out which parts of the text the class will benefit from the most. After all, retaining the important material is better than not being able to retain any. | |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Pretty great school. ~ advice to department: Very understanding. | |

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| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC - indifferent ~ advice to department - Change the title of my degree. I almost did not obtain employment because Rochester College changed the title of my program from Early Childhood Education to Early Childhood Studies. This change in title made it very difficult for me to find employment in the early childhood field. I would not want other graduates to struggle with this. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take advantage of the ACE lab at Rochester College. The people there are great and they provide tutoring, proofreading for term papers, and printing all for free. ~ advice to department: Thank you for maintaining high standards for coursework. It caused me to raise my own standards which has greatly benefitted me outside the classroom. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to department: There are some truly amazing professors working extremely hard that helped me have a great learning experience. |
| Management | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Walsh College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advise to students: Mainstream business is not always transparent, but to prosper maintain your honesty and integrity and you will go far. ~ advise to department: For the most part, my experience at Rochester College was a positive one. However, although I maintained a perfect 4.0 throughout my entire time at RC, I did not qualify to graduate with honors because I chose to replace a core class with one taken long ago at Macomb. My counselor never told me this and I suggest this be rectified in the future. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Working within a team has become a critical factor in today's employment opportunities. Maintain a high GPA as it will pay dividends in the future. Pay close attention to writing skills, particularly grammar. Even though the instructors seem hard on papers, employers are less tolerant of bad grammar. It will make a difference. ~ advice to department: I've had several instructors who seemed hard on me, particularly those that were tough on grammar and overall writing skills. In retrospect they did me a big favor. I greatly appreciate the many instructors who actively participated, and not just taught a course, in my learning experience both in Christian concepts and course material. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: indifferent |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Work hard. There are always jobs out there. ~ advice to department: Amazing job with CEL program. Very helpful. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Internships are helpful. ~ advice to department: You are really great. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure you are sure when you are ready for a new career that it is exactly what you want. ~ advice to department: All of my professors were very helpful and really helped me succeed. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Keep working at it. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Keep pushing and stay motivated. ~ advice to department: Thank you. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Continue on and finish up. Good attendance is important. ~ advice to department: Be open and not biased toward students. |
| Organizational Leadersh | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice for students: Thank you for the opportunity to experience the great college environment. The fact that you promote Christian education made a difference for me. Subject matter taught along with incorporating prayer and scripture reference promote your mission statement to the highest degree (no pun intended). ~ advice to department: Thanks for your commitment and patience while holding true to Rochester's mission. Thank you. |

Surveyed 115 total graduates with 59 responses (51.3%)

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TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

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Surveyed 24 graduates from the traditional program with 7 responses (29.2%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 6 | 85.7% | employment, full-time |
| 1 | 14.3% | employment, part-time |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively seeking employment |
| 0 | 0.0% | graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 3 | 42.9% | closely related |
| 1 | 14.3% | somewhat related |
| 3 | 42.8% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 0 | 0.0% | very prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 1 | 14.3% | very satisfied |
| 4 | 57.1% | generally satisfied |
| 2 | 28.6% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Accounting | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Communicate with teachers. ~ advice to department: You are doing a good job. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: general satisfied ~ advice to students: You're in a great program with professors that care about you. That's a huge blessing! Also, please please please try and get into an internship. They don't require one for the psychology major that has really made it difficult for me to find a job. I should have taken the initiative myself and found one. ~ advice to department: I love you Dr. MacKinnon! I couldn't have made it this far without you. They're all really awesome. Dr. Matchinski, Dr. Stogner - these people opened my mind, taught me more than I could imagine, and didn't take crap from students - very fair professors. I love them. I wish I could go back and do it all again just to be their student. |
| Social Studies Education | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Do an internship. It will help you receive employment later. ~ advice to department: Expand the history department to make it more intensive for education students. |
| Social Work | experience at RC: indifferent (neither satisfied or unsatisfied) ~ advice to students: Always work hard and stay organized. ~ advice to department: Provide more study sessions. |
| Social Work | experience at RC: indifferent |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: It is a long process. Do not give up. ~ advice to departments: You did a good job. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: very satisfied |

CEL STUDENTS

Surveyed 80 graduates from the CEL program with 37 responses (46.3%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 24 | 64.9% | employment, full-time |
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| 6 | 16.2% | employment, part-time |
| 3 | 8.1% | actively seeking employment |
| 2 | 5.4% | graduate or professional school |
| 2 | 5.4% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 18 | 56.3% | closely related |
| 5 | 15.6% | somewhat related |
| 9 | 28.1% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 3 | 33.4% | very prepared |
| 3 | 33.3% | generally prepared |
| 3 | 33.3% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 22 | 59.5% | very satisfied |
| 14 | 37.8% | generally satisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 1 | 2.7% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Lean on yourself to learn how to think. Lean on your professors to stretch those boundaries. Lean on God to take you where he will make you effective. Praise him when you get there! ~ advice to department: Thank you so much for the humble patience I observed in most of you and thank you for your dedication to objective truth and the pursuit of excellence in God's gifting. Thank you for stressing the need in ministry to protect my soul as I have truly found that to be one of the greatest and most applicable lessons I have walked away with. |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Rochester College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Study well and have a good understanding of the material. Network early to find a place to serve after college. ~ advice to department: Thank you for your kindness and understanding. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Study hard and prepare yourself in area of study. ~ advice to department: I wish RC had a graduate program in counseling. I would have stayed right were I was. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: When the time comes to write your research proposal and literature review, keep it simple and about something that really interests or concerns you. Finding 25 pages worth of research material to write about is much easier than it seems. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Instructors are very active and committed to assisting with assignments. ~ advice to department: They should start a graduate program. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused. In less than two years you can have a bachelor's degree. ~ advice to department: Thanks! My experience at RC has been very rewarding. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure to be involved with the field you are picking to make sure you enjoy what you might be getting into after college. Experience is important too. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay on top of studies. ~ advice to department: I am very pleased with everything you taught me. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Study hard. Enjoy learning. Always strive for knowledge. ~ advice to department: I appreciate what they do. I am thankful they are teaching there. |

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| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: The most important thing you'll learn is how to present your work and yourself professionally. After you graduate and apply for a career, people are going to judge your appearance and how you act until you show them who you are and what you can do. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay on your game. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: Program could be a little harder. Could emphasize being professional among colleagues a little better. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Use this time to listen to experiences from other classmates in your field, and to share your experiences from the field. ~ advice to department: I thought the program was well rounded, however, there was some repetition between classes. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
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| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Management | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Central Michigan University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: There is a lot of material covered in a short amount of time. Just because it is in eight weeks does not mean to focus any less on learning the material in depth. You will use more than you realize on the job if going for your graduate degree. ~ advice to department: I enjoyed the small classes and interaction with the professors at Rochester. I have only taken one course at Central so far and I can definitely see why they recommend only taking one eight-week course at a time. The work load is significantly more in the graduate program. The HR management course was a lot of work, but a very hard-earned A. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure you want to get into business. ~ advice to department: I took a lot of accounting and finance that helped. Rochester should force internships and make sure they are good internships. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to department: Better connections with potential employers would be good. It seems like there are no referrals to large companies in the area like any of the big three or other thriving companies whether manufacturing or otherwise. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Start your job search way before graduation. Do not wait until you graduate. Always have a vision of the place you want to be and work towards that. Without a vision you can wander aimlessly. ~ advice to department: Great job providing me with my education in the Christian faith at RC. Just add some graduate programs! |
| Management | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Walsh College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Say your prayers, trust God, study hard and don't quit, no matter how hard it may seem. ~ advice to department: God bless you and thank you for your encouragement and support. Please contact me if RC gets a graduate program in business, finance, or management. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Definitely try to get an internship in your field of study while going to school. It helped all of my marketing classes so much! |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Go above and beyond. ~ advice to department: Make it more challenging. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally unsatisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: To those completing the program I would say remember everything you have learned up to this point has helped prepare you for whatever field you plan to go in. Mind your skills and utilize them and you will succeed. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Always ask questions. ~ advice to department: Rochester College was some of the best education I have ever had. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Organizational Leadership | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Purdue University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Organizational | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: Make it more geared for graduate school. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: generally ~ satisfied advice to students: Pay attention and be involved in classroom discussions! ~ advice to department: None really. I was fortunate to have great teachers! |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Spring Arbor University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: I really enjoyed the professors and classes at RC. |
| Strategic Leadership | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stick to the courses and do your homework. ~ advice to department: Enjoyed my time. |

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| Strategic Leadership | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Cleary University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused. Use any real life experience as a guide and never be afraid to ask professors for help. Also, contact your professors and have a brief conversation with them before the start of each semester. That way you can get to know one another. ~ advice to department: Thank you for a wonderful graduation. |
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Surveyed 104 total graduates with 44 responses (42.3%)

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

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Surveyed 69 graduates from the traditional program with 35 responses (50.7%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 21 | 60.0% | employment, full-time |
| 6 | 17.1% | employment, part-time |
| 5 | 14.3% | actively seeking employment |
| 2 | 5.8% | graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 2.8% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 18 | 69.2% | closely related |
| 2 | 7.7% | somewhat related |
| 6 | 23.1% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 1 | 25.0% | very prepared |
| 2 | 50.0% | generally prepared |
| 1 | 25.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 19 | 54.2% | very satisfied |
| 13 | 37.1% | generally satisfied |
| 1 | 2.9% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 1 | 2.9% | generally unsatisfied |
| 1 | 2.9% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Accounting | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Wayne State University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: For accounting students specifically, I would recommend building relationships with your professors to take time to understand the steps toward reaching certain career goals and what opportunities are out there. Also be sure at least once a year with your advisor to update your resume and cover letter. Go for any kind of internship asap. ~ advice to department: Incorporate more group assignments and presentations into the curriculum so students can be better prepared for the senior capstone project. Spend some time discussing how to create financial performance indicators (i.e. EBIT and EBITDA and how to understand and present them. I really appreciated all of you. Thank you! |
| Accounting | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Just keep pushing and follow God's will for you. |
| Accounting | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Biology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Take charge of your semester and your degree. |
| Business Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Business Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I would recommend they participate in internships and social clubs. My employer did not care about my grades as much as they cared about my leadership and experience. I think more required internships would be great. Use the alumni base to set them up. ~ advice to department: My advice for the academic department would be to challenge the students more. Also the one thing I wish I knew more about coming out of college was how to communicate better in business. This is 50% of my job and I took one class on it at RC and maybe a third of that class was useful. |
| Business Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Do an internship that will push you to put forth full effort so you are prepared. ~ advice to department: I felt very prepared and confident when entering the marketplace. |

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| Christian Ministry | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Do not procrastinate. ~ advice to department: I was wonderfully prepared and extremely thankful. |
| Health Science | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Start the graduate school process early. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (U of M Flint) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Just keep swimming. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied ~ advice to students: Don't just get the grade. Understand the material. ~ advice to department: For the English department - thank you for encouraging me while you challenged me. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Study hard. |
| Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: While at Rochester try to get involved in as much campus life activity as you can. Those relationships will last forever and will even help with the post grad life. While in school, take advantage of and seek out internships if it is not mandatory in the field you are studying. It will make a huge difference. ~ advice to department: I absolutely loved the classes I took. I never thought I would be a business major but I do not regret taking that option. The professors challenged us and helped out when we didn't understand something. They made my experience what it was and added special memories to my experience at Rochester. They are all passionate and care about us. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Try to apply for multiple internships. The extra experience can be very valuable in helping you get your foot in the door. Be open minded. My main focus was writing but I have found opportunities available in other areas such as photography. If I had not branched out I would find myself feeling unprepared for these great opportunities. ~ advice to department: Making business communication a requirement could be valuable. A lot of the skills in that course (writing and editing emails, how to format letters, formatting your resume) are very valuable tools to have. In addition, I feel having a resource in the ACE Lab to help students with their media related writing could prove very valuable. |
| Math Education | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Math Education | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: If you truly have the desire to be a teacher, stick with it! My student teaching put everything into perspective for me and gave me that real life experience. Also, if you had a great field practicum and the teacher offers to have you do your student teaching with them, take it! Being familiar with my mentor teacher was a tremendous help. ~ advice for department: The field of education is always changing, but the Department of Education helped keep me up to date. I know it is essentially out of our control, but I do think it would be very beneficial for the education students if the program didn't change so often. Also, I truly benefited from how personable and willing to help the department was. |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very unsatisfied ~ advice to students: I suggest they study for the NCLEX on their own. The Rochester school is great but the nursing program needs to be restructured. ~ advice to department: This program does not prepare students for the NCLEX exam as there are many students that have failed the NCLEX from the first and second graduating class. |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Nursing | experience at RC: generally unsatisfied ~ advice to department: Based upon the amount of students who failed state boards, you should better prepare for the testing. |
| Nursing | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Don't forget to eat, sleep, and laugh once in awhile through this rigorous program. I promise it's all worth it. ~ advice to department: Best experience of my life. |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Eastern Michigan University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: I am very thankful for the professors I had in my program of study at Rochester College. I felt extremely well prepared for graduate school. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused and enjoy the process. Keep a smile on your face and find time to smile even when you have a 20-page paper due. Also make sure to advantage the assistance the professors give you outside of class and be honest because they will work with you. ~ advice to department: Every professor was highly knowledgeable and pushed you to your potential. I loved everything about this department and would highly recommend them to any person that wants to go into psychology. |
| Social Work | experience at RC: generally satisfied |

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| Social Work | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: You do not have a state license for social work. Make sure you are aware of this. ~ advice to department: I do not like it that students are not state certified. You need to make sure students get certified. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Sports management has helped me get into the Palace and I'm hoping to get a full-time job within the next couple months. ~ advice to department: Mr. Hudson was an awesome academic advisor and great teacher. |
| Sports Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take the advice your professors give you. They are only teaching you what you need to know. Also, try to find an internship. It can open many doors. |
| Tech & Prof Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Youth & Family Ministry | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Take breaks as needed. |

CEL STUDENTS

Surveyed 40 graduates from the CEL program with 20 responses (50.0%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 13 | 65.0% | employment, full-time |
| 3 | 15.0% | employment, part-time |
| 1 | 5.0% | actively seeking employment |
| 1 | 5.0% | graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 5.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 1 | 5.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 7 | 43.8% | closely related |
| 4 | 25.0% | somewhat related |
| 5 | 31.2% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 2 | 100.0% | very prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 11 | 55.0% | very satisfied |
| 9 | 45.0% | generally satisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Counseling Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Liberty University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: You are in this field of study because you love children, you know their potential, and are excited to put your skills and passion into practice. Let's face it. Everyone is searching for more than a job. We want a career that aligns with our interests and passions which will bring us daily fulfillment. This is a lasting impact career choice. ~ advice to department: I would like all my professors to know they are appreciated. From the relationships they build with their students, to the willingness to teach in a variety of ways. By engaging us with their motivation and passion, this in turn will come full circle as we express this outwardly in all we do. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Concentrate on different programs you can get into. Keep your options open. ~ advice to department: I enjoyed the program. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: I liked the setting. Take advantage of the one-on-one opportunities with the teachers. ~ advice to students: It is a great school. I enjoyed my time. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied |

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| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to department: The instructors did a great job with real life experience. I did not like discussion forums. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Do an internship as quickly as possible. They are important. ~ advice to department: I liked the fact that teachers were hands-on and gave one-on-one attention. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay on top of your work, especially in online classes. |
| Organizational Leadership | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Do the work and read thoroughly and you will be successful. ~ advice to department: Thank you. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: If graduate school is in your future, get advice on how to apply and when. ~ advice to department: All my teachers were very interesting and skilled. They contributed to my learning experience. Thank you for providing me with a great education. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Get to know your professors because they offer the best assistance. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: The program can be difficult sometimes but it is worth the effort because it becomes a lifetime achievement. ~ advice to department: Thank you to all my teachers in the CEL Macomb campus! |
| Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Start the graduate school process sooner than later. ~ advice to department: I wish you had a work experience opportunity for us to be more prepared. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Keep communicating with teachers even if it is online. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Strategic Leadership | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Strategic Leadership | experience at RC: very satisfied |

Surveyed 109 total graduates with 55 responses (50.5%)

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Winter 2015

Surveyed 30 graduates from the traditional program with 8 responses (26.7%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 4 | 50.0% | employment, full-time |
| 2 | 25.0% | employment, part-time |
| 1 | 12.5% | actively seeking employment |
| 0 | 0.0% | graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 1 | 12.5% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 5 | 71.4% | closely related |
| 2 | 28.6% | somewhat related |
| 0 | 0.0% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 1 | 100.0% | very prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 3 | 37.5% | very satisfied |
| 3 | 37.5% | generally satisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 1 | 12.5% | generally unsatisfied |
| 1 | 12.5% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Accounting | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Walsh College) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Get some sort of internship or experience in your field before you graduate, even if it is unpaid. It deepens your learning experience and helps you understand what is going on in the classroom so much more! ~ advice to department: Between my education and my experience at AWP Accounting, I was very prepared to start working in public accounting and start my master's program. To date, I have completed a tax internship at Croskey Lanni, PC. They have invited me back for an audit internship that starts in two weeks. I tested out the first two master's classes. |
| Business Management | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: If you don't find your perfect job right out of the gate, don't be discouraged. Pay your dues until the opportunity presents itself. ~ advice to department: Keep doing what you're doing. I received a lot of knowledge for my job and career. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Focus on studies. Other things can wait. ~ advice to department: The teaching at RC was outstanding, giving us what we need to know. |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Choose a specific degree in a field. It is hard to get a job with the general degree. |
| Language Arts Education | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Be prepared for long hours and tricky parents. It's a rewarding job but also a hard one. It's good to visit a classroom and know what you're getting in to before committing. If you love it, then have fun. It's a job! |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very unsatisfied |
| Math Education | experience at RC: generally unsatisfied |
| Math Education | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Make sure you know what you want to do with your degree and do an internship to get a feel for what your job will actually be like. Don't take classes and study just to get a grade. Use the information you learn to help yourself out in your job. ~ advice to department: Make sure the classes are applied to real life job scenarios as often as possible. Make sure students get the full idea of what their jobs will be like after they graduate. |

CEL STUDENTS

Surveyed 102 graduates from the CEL program with 34 responses (33.4%)

Which of the following best describes your primary activity at this time?

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| 23 | 67.7% | employment, full-time |
| 6 | 17.6% | employment, part-time |
| 3 | 8.8% | actively seeking employment |
| 2 | 5.9% | graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | actively applying to graduate or professional school |
| 0 | 0.0% | internship |
| 0 | 0.0% | military service |
| 0 | 0.0% | volunteer service |

If employed, to what extent is your primary employment related to your undergraduate field(s) of study and chosen vocation?

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| 14 | 46.7% | closely related |
| 5 | 16.6% | somewhat related |
| 11 | 36.7% | not related at all |

If enrolled in graduate school, how prepared do you feel you were for graduate work compared to others in your program?

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| 1 | 16.7% | very prepared |
| 5 | 83.3% | generally prepared |
| 0 | 0.0% | inadequately prepared |

When reflecting upon your experience at Rochester College, how do you feel about your experience?

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| 17 | 50.0% | very satisfied |
| 10 | 29.4% | generally satisfied |
| 7 | 20.6% | indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | generally unsatisfied |
| 0 | 0.0% | very unsatisfied |

Responses to graduate school preparation, experience at Rochester College, and text questions arranged by student major.

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| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Most of us come from various denominations which sometimes throws a curve ball. Most beliefs come from what we are taught. We might not all agree on interpretation of doctrine, but all agree Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Be open. ~ advice to department: Don't be closed off to the greater gifts. They do exist still, and God is using many who operate in them. If I had to choose, I would rather grow in the gifts of the spirit than grow in the greater gifts. Living in the miraculous is a beautiful thing. |
| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: indifferent ~ advice to students: Keep reading your Bible. |
| Biblical Studies | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Time management is a monster that you must control. Don't let it control you. |
| Biblical Studies | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Liberty University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Know your calling and what you are pursuing. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Read all the material. advice to department: Keep growing and progressing. |
| Counseling Psychology | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Many positions are available with a bachelor's in psychology. You can do something if you look seriously. ~ advice to department: They were helpful and very good. Too many tests are not helpful. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Pay attention. Be there because you want to be. ~ advice to department: Not happy at all about taking the early childhood program online. The main reason I chose Rochester was for the one-on-one relationships with the professors in person. Taking that away is taking away what makes Rochester important. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Get your core classes done and figure out what you want to do in life and go from there. ~ advice to department: Such great professors and academic advisors. Thanks for all your help. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Most classes are related, so pay attention. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |

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| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: Early childhood classes should not be online. Get away from the online classes. They need to be more personal. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Enjoy the experience. ~ advice to department: Good teachers. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Most of what is learned will be useful in the field, so pay attention. ~ advice to department: Pay more attention to what is in the textbooks because the lectures and textbooks did not always match. |
| Early Childhood | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to department: The Flint instructors are one of a kind. They were helpful and supportive. Made my experience with Rochester awesome. |
| Leadership | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Keep a good relationship with your professors. |
| Leadership | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied ~ advice to department: I have been out of school for about a year and I still can't seem to land a job. I ended with a 3.14 GPA and I cannot seem to get hired. I am mostly disappointed with my experience. I thought by earning my bachelor's degree my life would change for the better. My life is the same but with 30+ thousand in school loans. |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Management | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Take your time and be thorough with all of your studies. |
| Management | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Columbia Southern University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Stay focused and don't give up. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied ~ advice to students: Network with classmates. It is super important. ~ advice to department: Get better teachers and better technology. The tuition is too high to have such terrible technology. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Put more effort into what is presented ~. advice to department: Some teachers were prepared, while others seemed distracted and not on top of it. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Be prepared to take a long time to find a decent job that is related to your field. |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: indifferent - neither satisfied or unsatisfied |
| Mass Communication | experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: If you put in the work, Rochester College professors will help make sure you succeed. ~ advice to department: I not only came away with a bachelor's degree but with more confidence that I can accomplish goals and succeed professionally. |
| Psychology | experience at RC: very satisfied |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: very prepared (Grand Canyon University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: The time you invest in your education is what you will get out of it. I was an average student coming to RC but after finding my calling (psychology) I pushed myself to be my very best. I finished with a 3.8 GPA and have not felt the same joy I've felt from graduating since I finished there. If I can do that, so can you! ~ advice to department: I adored the Psychology professors at Rochester. Each one was helpful and genuinely kind. If I could spotlight a few that were above and beyond helpful: Professor Tibbit, Rutledge, and Goodlein. I know two or three mentioned are adjunct but their passion and experience helped tremendously. I might not be where I am without them. |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Liberty University) ~ experience at RC: generally satisfied ~ advice to students: Go for your master's while you are fresh. ~ advice to department: Professors were on different pages for APA standards. The Christian perspective at Liberty makes the Christian perspective look non-existent at RC. Make the Christian perspective more intertwined. |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Liberty University) ~ experience at RC: very satisfied ~ advice to students: Work hard! Rochester provides a great foundation for graduate school. ~ advice to department: Too much time was spent on drilling APA guidelines and not enough on specific rules. I wish we would have learned rules for unique situations and sources (citing a PDF or interview for example). Graduate level APA is not what Rochester teaches. Rochester uses entry level APA. |
| Psychology | graduate school preparation: generally prepared (Chicago School of Professional Psychology) ~ experience at RC: indifferent ~ advice to students: Apply yourself and do the reading. ~ advice to department: Only a handful of the instructors knew what they were doing. The rest need to step up their game. Letting classes out early and always showing up late is not what we paid for. |
| Strategic Leadership | experience at RC: generally satisfied |
| Strategic Leadership | experience at RC: very satisfied |