

Parent & Family Pulse Poll – April 2015 – Career Readiness

Results (68 responses)

My student is a:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
High school student	4.4%	3
Freshman	33.8%	23
Sophomore	23.5%	16
Junior	23.5%	16
Senior	14.7%	10
Grad student	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		68

What has your student done so far to prepare for his/her career after college? Select all that apply:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My student has not done anything to prepare for a career that I am aware of	8.8%	6
Selected a major based on his/her career choice	82.4%	56
Visited the Career Center for help with career assessments	14.7%	10
Arranged for an internship in the future	14.7%	10
Completed an internship	14.7%	10
Visited the Career Center for help with resume writing or a mock interview	13.2%	9
Attended a job fair	30.9%	21
Submitted a job application	17.6%	12
Arranged for a job interview	8.8%	6
Completed a job interview	10.3%	7
Other (please specify)		11
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Most respondents (82%) said their students had selected a major based on their career interests. 30% had attended a job fair, and 17% have submitted a job application.

Around 15% had visited the Career Center and either participated in or arranged for an internship.

Around 9% of respondents reported their students have not done anything yet to prepare for a career. While that is completely natural for a freshman, it is never too late to encourage your student to begin preparing for a career and life after college. See the tips below to help your student get started.

It's never too early for your student to begin thinking about his or her career options. Below are some resources on campus to help your student with career planning:

- University Advising – offers the Discovery Program to help students match majors with their career interests. <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/advising/>
- The Career Center - <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/>
 - Assessments such as StrengthsQuest and FOCUS to help students find majors and careers that suit their interests and strengths
 - Resume critiques
 - Mock interviews
 - On-campus career fairs
- Share this Career Development Checklist with your student to help keep him or her on track: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/images/careerdevelopmentchecklist.pdf>