Grads Find Jobs Quickly

In the summer of 1999 the School of HPER conducted its first large scale alumni survey focused on career and academic issues. It was a random sampling of those who graduated in 1992, 1995, and 1998. Ninety-five AHS alumni (68 undergraduate and 27 graduate alumni) returned the survey for a return rate of 51%.

One key finding was that 83% of our graduates seeking work in their field found a job within 6 months of graduation. In fact, nearly half found their first job within one month of graduation. We also learned that our recent alumni are predominantly employed full-time (77%) or in graduate school (10%). A small number (8%) reported part-time employment, and an even smaller number (5%) are unemployed.

For our bachelor’s alumni, the salary range most cited was $30,000-$40,000 while for those who received a graduate degree the most cited range was $40,000-$50,000. (See the chart below).

Bachelors Alumni

Most felt well prepared for the job market with 78% reporting that HPER prepared them adequately or better for their current job.

Please see the box on page 3 for a breakdown by undergraduate major.

Masters Alumni

Alumni with AHS master’s degrees are employed full time (76%), earning over $30,000 (75%), and find jobs within six months (78%). A majority (60%) are employed within their major field. For MPH alumni, 91% are employed in their major field, 80% found their first job within six months, and salaries are over $30,000 (with 45% in the $40,000 to $50,000 range). Satisfaction levels with their career preparation for masters alumni are high (75% say adequate or better) and especially high (91%) for MPH students.

Doctoral Alumni

Due to the survey’s design there were only two responses from alumni holding doctoral degrees. Both are employed in a field related to their major, making over $40,000 and found a job within a month.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 1999 Alumni Survey. It has given us very useful data on the strong job outlook for Applied Health Science graduates.
Dr. Earl Blair Joins AHS Faculty

This fall our Department welcomes Dr. Earl Blair to the faculty in the Occupational Safety undergraduate program and the Safety Management graduate program. Dr. Blair comes to us with 20 years of experience in academics, industry, and consulting. He is an award winning author and a dynamic speaker, thus combining a knowledge of safety issues with real ability to convey that knowledge to students, community members and Fortune 500 executives.

Dr. Blair's safety experience:
- 5 years as a safety representative at Baxter Laboratories and Mobile Chemical Company
- 3 years as a safety supervisor at Mobil Chemical Company and Ashland Oil Corporation
- 3 years as a safety manager at GAF Chemicals Corporation
- 6 years as the principal of Blair Safety & Health Consulting and Training

His academic experience:
- 2 years as adjunct professor at Murray State University
- 6 years as assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University

He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Asbury College in 1973, his MS in Safety Management from West Virginia University in 1979, and his Doctorate in Vocational Education with an emphasis in Occupational Safety Management from University of Kentucky in 1997.

Dr. Blair's expertise centers on how safety professionals can be effective managers and focus on the human element in safety. Phrases like “Total Safety Culture” and “Authentic Caring and Quality” are found in his articles. His upcoming publications include “Becoming World Class in Health, Safety, and Environmental Management,” in the September issue of Occupational Health & Safety and a chapter entitled “Behavior-Based Safety” for the textbook Fundamentals of Occupational Safety & Health.

Earl and his wife Linda were both born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. They have two daughters, Emily 13 and Patricia 10, two sons, Robert 15 and Jonathan 7, a Sheltie named Prissie and a cat named Chance. They are excited about the move to Bloomington, and we are indeed happy to welcome them to IU.
From the Chairman

On behalf of the Department of Applied Health Science, it is an honor for me to extend my warmest greetings to all. Our Department has had an extraordinary past year, and we look forward to forging ahead with an exciting agenda in fulfilling our Department’s mission.

The faculty have worked together in accomplishing both short and long-term goals. During the past year, faculty authored 21 publications and made 32 professional presentations. Seven faculty have been actively involved in funded grant projects ranging from $5,000 to $800,000 per grant. External funding was in excess of $1.8 million for 1999-2000. Credit for the past year’s accomplishments goes to the Department’s faculty, staff, and students, along with the support of Dean Tony Mobley and Associate Deans David Gallahue and Kay Burrells.

The Department of Applied Health Science’s doctoral program was recently recognized as the number one doctoral program in the nation. “The Ranking of Doctoral Programs in Health Education,” a national survey, was administered by Stephen Notaro and Thomas O’Rourke of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and James Eddy of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.This survey focused on actual data such as faculty publications, grants and graduate job placement.

All undergraduate and graduate major and minor curricular courses of study were reviewed and curricular updates were approved. Also, 3 new courses were developed: Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Introduction to Public and School Health, and Today’s Safety Issues. Efforts to revise and strengthen our curricular offerings will continue.

Dr. Dennis Daniels was appointed as Coordinator for Minority Recruitment and Retention.

The Multicultural Club has been launched with Haydee Encarnacion, Xenia Fernandez, and Joy Raatz serving as student representatives.

Alumni News

This edition of the AHS Pulse highlights an MPH graduate, George F. Holland. George is currently employed as a manager with EZEM, the world’s largest supplier of diagnostic gastrointestinal radiology items. When he graduated from IU, he chose to use all of his knowledge of health education in the medical field as a sales representative. This background in health education was wonderful for him in medical sales. While in AHS, he learned about many health issues, as well as how best to communicate these issues to medical professionals. George says, “Having the MPH also brings professionalism that is instantly recognized.”

George has also worked as a professional representative for Merck & Company and SmithKline Beecham.

“IU gave me the opportunity to explore many new challenges from teaching to public speaking.”

The medical sales arena can be an exciting and profitable area for students to explore. He hasn’t had to buy a car for over 10 years because most medical companies provide them free of charge to their representatives!

George was a Resident Assistant for 3 years and had assistantships with Professors William J. Bailey for 3 years and James W. Crowe in the First Aid program.

George graduated with his BS in 1985 and immediately started on his MPH degree, which he received in 1987. George currently lives in St. Louis and serves as the President of the St. Louis IU Alumni Club. He can be reached by e-mail at George@alumni.indiana.edu.

Alumni & Staff News

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From The Chair, Continued

Dr. Alyce Fly will serve as Coordinator of our Department’s Research Lecture Series which will continue this year with presentations by outstanding visiting scholars, as well as AHS faculty profiling their research expertise.

Dr. Alice Lindeman will continue to serve during 2000-2001 as Assistant to the Chair. Dr. Kathleen Gilbert will continue as Undergraduate Coordinator, and Dr. William Yarber as Graduate Coordinator.

Please feel free to share with me any comments, suggestions, concerns, or successes. Best wishes to all of you!

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The Big Question

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October 1 - See your advisor for spring semester registration 855-3627
October 13 Research Seminar on Safety Culture Dr. Michael O’Toole in HP 125 at 10:30am
October 19-November 17 Spring Semester Registration
October 27 Tony Puntaleoni of Crane Co.will speak on safety issues (TBA)
November 21 Research Seminar on PCB levels and fish: Dr. Charles Santerre in HP 125 at 10:30am
November 22-26 Thanksgiving Recess
December 13-17 Final Exams

“What will I do after I graduate?” That is the big question for many AHS students this fall. Take heart for help is at hand. Your Department has Placement and Career Services, your School is well respected across the nation, and your University has abundant resources. This question is not one you need to wrestle with alone. It is a question you can shed light on with a bit of research, pose to others who have knowledge and insight, and finally answer with real confidence.

Resources Tier 1: The very simplest and strongest resource IU has to offer, whether you are heading for grad school or the job market, is people. On a campus with over 1600 faculty members, over 2000 professional staff members and hundreds of community organizations, there are bound to be 3 or 4 key people who can help you begin to answer the question. So, right now, walk in the door of your professor’s office or your placement service. Make that call to someone who could become your professional mentor. When you do, you will find a friend and guide and incidently, someone who can write a recommendation for you. And here’s further evidence that people are the most important resource. One third to one half of all jobs are found through friends, family and acquaintances—the people you know.

Resources Tier 2: Yes, the web is fast becoming a job clearing house for all professions. Public health jobs are especially well represented on the web. Also, many newspapers’ classified sections are just a few clicks away. Come pick up our free list of AHS Web Sites For Job Hunting at 309 N. Woodlawn, or check out the new HPER Library reference desk.

IUB Career Services - a comprehensive guide to the many career services on the Bloomington campus with addresses, hours of operation, phone numbers and web sites.


Professional Applied Health Science Memberships and Organizations - a list of national health and family organizations that you can join as a college student.

Volunteer Opportunities Hotlist - Spells out current volunteering needs of our community.

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