

# WORKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

College seniors are juggling multiple commitments as they prepare to enter the workforce. Such activities may lead them to be stretched too thin. Ultimately, students have decided that the investment in college is a worthy one, as they work toward achieving many admirable long-term goals.

As undergraduates, students are making plans for their post-college careers...



**67%**  
Participated in an internship



**85%**  
Met with an advisor to discuss career plans



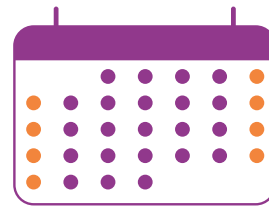
**34%**  
Spent 3 or more hours per week on career planning

...But many also work during school.



**53%**  
Worked on campus senior year

**46%**  
Worked off campus senior year

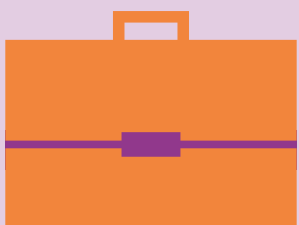


**17%**  
Worked a full-time job while taking classes

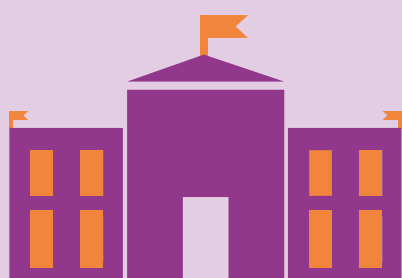


**28%**  
Missed class due to work

Some credit their institution with preparing them for next steps...



**38%**  
Strongly agreed that college prepped them for their career



**39%**  
Strongly agreed that college prepped them for advanced education

...But students are divided on their feelings about institutional resources.



**49%**  
Felt satisfied with their financial aid



**56%**  
Felt satisfied with career-related resources and support

Between future plans and financial obligations, senior year can be stressful...



**47%** Frequently felt overwhelmed

**32%** Contributed money to support their family

**35%** Took out at least \$10,000 in loans

**29%** Spent at least \$3,000 of their own resources on educational expenses

...But students are invested in their future.

Very Important or Essential Goals



**29%** Influencing the political structure

**52%** Promoting racial understanding

**49%** Becoming a community leader

**71%** Understanding other countries and cultures