

The Evergreen State College One-Year Alumni Survey 2018 Outcomes for BS/BAS- and BA-Earners

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment surveyed the class of 2017 during summer 2018, one year after graduation. What follows is a summary of outcomes data for BS/BAS- and BA-earners. Additional information about survey methodology can be found in the full report, entitled 2018 Alumni Survey of the class of 2017 at www.evergreen.edu/institutionalresearch/alumnisurveyoneyear.

Respondent Degree Type	N	%
Total BS/BAS-earners	64	18.8%
BS-earners	(46)	(13.5%)
BAS-earners	(18)	(5.3%)
BA-earners	277	81.2%
Total 2018 Alumni Survey Respondents	341	100%

Overall satisfaction

BS/BAS-earners were more likely than BA-earners to indicate they would choose to attend Evergreen if they could start college over (87% agree or strongly agree versus 78%, respectively), and BS/BAS-earner were *more* likely to indicate they would choose the same field of study (86% versus 80%). There was only a 1 percentage point difference between BS/BAS-earners' satisfaction with Evergreen and satisfaction with their chosen field of study (87% would choose Evergreen and 86% would choose the same field of study), and a 2 percentage point for BA earners. Both BS/BAS and BA-earners of the 2017 class were consistent in their expression of satisfaction with Evergreen overall and with their field of study.

Overall TESC satisfaction – If I could start college over...	BS/BAS-earners	BA-earners
I would choose to attend Evergreen (% agree or strongly agree)	87%	78%
I would choose the same field of study (% agree or strongly agree)	86%	80%

Overall employment/graduate or professional program rate

94% of BS/BAS-earners were employed and/or in a graduate or professional program at the time of the survey compared to 85% of BA-earners. Analysis of mutually exclusive categories revealed that the percentage of alumni “in a graduate/professional program only”, “employed *and* in a graduate or professional program” and “neither employed nor in graduate/professional program” is higher for BA-earners. The difference in the overall employment/graduate program rate can be mainly attributed to a higher percentage of BS/BAS-earners who are “employed only” (79% versus 63% of BA-earners).

Overall employment/graduate program rate	BS/BAS-earners	BA-earners
Percent employed and/or in graduate or professional program	94%	85%
Mutually exclusive categories: <i>(little off 100% due to rounding up)</i>		
Employed only	79%	63%
Graduate/professional program only	5%	9%
Employed and graduate/professional program	10%	13%
Neither employed nor in graduate/professional program	7%	15%

Employment data

89% of BS/BAS-earners were employed at the time of the survey compared to 76% of BA-earners. BA-earners were more likely to work in public sector than BA/BAS-earner (36% versus 31%), but BA/BAS alumni were more likely to work in private sector than BA alumni (58% versus 53%).

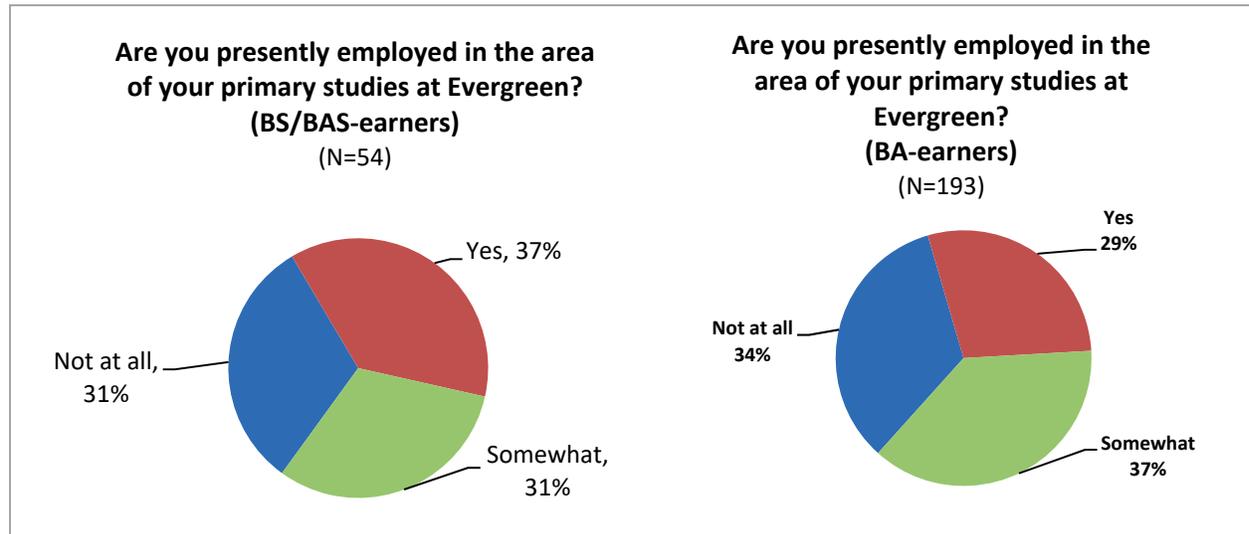
BA alumni were a little more likely to work in non-profit sector than BS/BAS alumni (23% versus 20%).

BS/BAS-earners were about half as likely as BA-earners to be self-employed/business owners (7% versus 16%).

49% of BS/BAS-earners were working in high-demand science fields¹ compared to 12% of BA-earners.

Employment data	BS/BAS-earners	BA-earners
Percent employed	89%	76%
<i>Of those employed, percent:</i>		
Working in public sector	31%	36%
Working in non-profit sector	20%	23%
Working in private sector	58%	53%
Self-employed/business owner	7%	16%
Employed in high-demand sciences	49%	12%
Employed at least somewhat in primary area of study	69%	66%

The percentage of alumni employed at least somewhat in the area of their primary studies at Evergreen was consistent between groups, with 69% of BS/BAS alumni and 66% of BA alumni indicating “yes” or “somewhat.” However, a notably higher percentage of BS/BAS-earners replied “yes” than BA-earners (37% versus 29%, respectively).



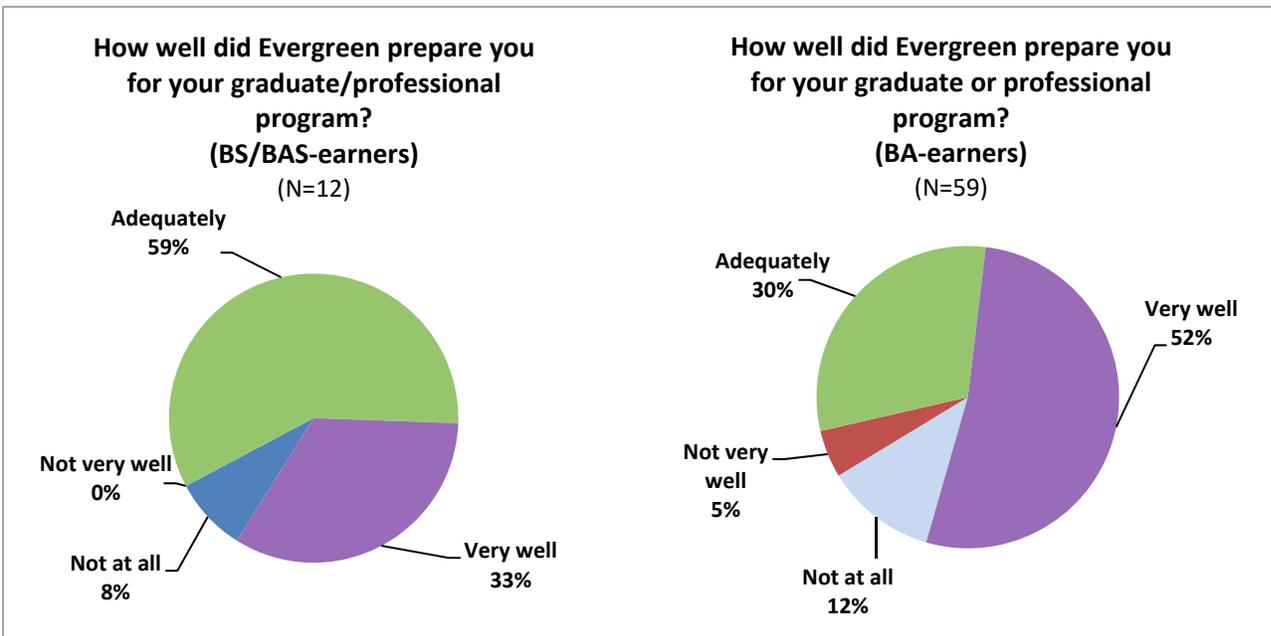
¹ High-Demand Sciences as established May 2011 with passage of E2SB 1795: Agriculture/Natural Resources, Biology and Biomedical Sciences, Computer and Information Sciences, Engineering and Engineering Technologies, Health Professions and Clinical Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Physical Sciences and Technologies.

The top employment category for BS/BAS alumni was Physical science, while for BA alumni the top category was Education. Interestingly, the second- most common employment category for BS/BAS was Education.

91% of BS/BAS-earners reported they were working at a new job since graduating from Evergreen compared to 81% of BA-earners.

Employment data (continued)	BS/BAS-earners	BA-earners
Top employment categories:	Physical Science	Education
	Education	Office/Administrative Support
	Healthcare Practitioner or Technician	Community and Social Service
New job since graduating from Evergreen	91%	81%
Evergreen prepared adequately or very well for employment	85%	74%

92% of BS/BAS respondents felt Evergreen prepared them “adequately” (59%) or “very well” (33%) for their jobs compared to 82% for BA-earners. However, a greater percentage of BA-earners felt that Evergreen prepared them “very well “(BA 52% versus BS/BAS 33%).



Graduate/professional program data

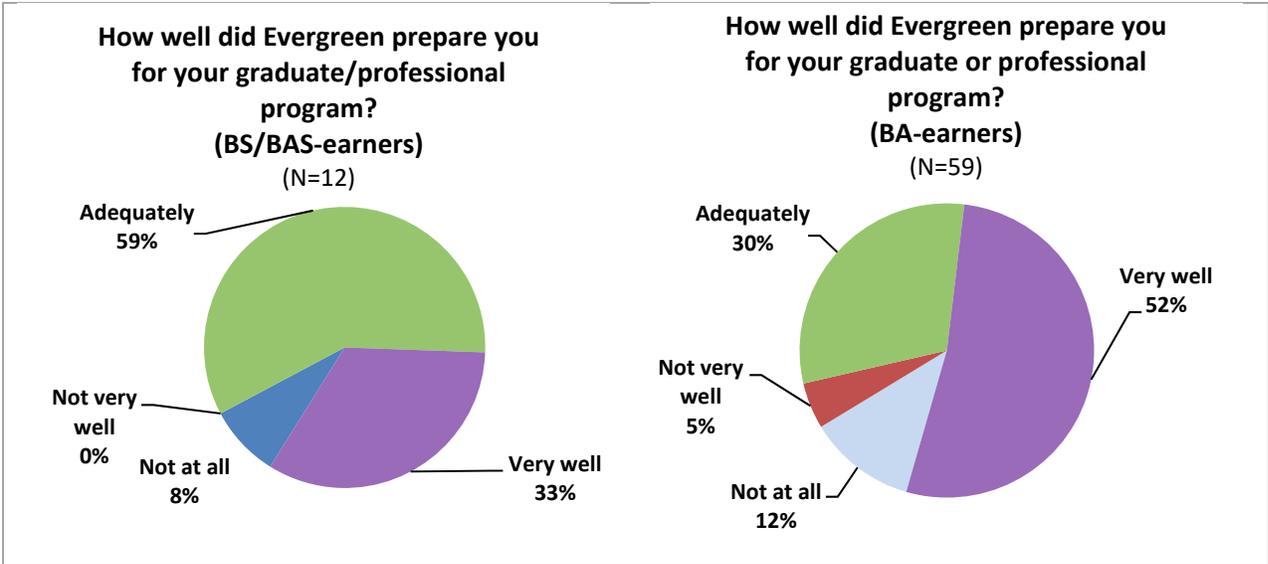
BA-earners were more likely than BS/BAS-earners to have *applied* to a graduate or professional program at the time of the survey (32% versus 28%, respectively); however, their rate of *acceptance* into programs was similar to BS/BAS-earners (78% versus 77%). The percentage of alumni who had attended or were attending a graduate or professional program was high for BS/BAS- earners (21% BS/BAS versus 14% BA).

Fields in which more than one BS/BAS-earner was studying included Natural Resources and Conservation, Education, Law and Legal Professions/Studies , Math, Public Administration, /Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Agriculture. The top 3 fields of advanced study for BA-earners were education, social sciences, Social Services, Natural Resources and Conservation, Public Administration -tie-, and Library Sciences.

58% of BS/BAS alumni were studying in high-demand science fields compared to 20% of BA alumni.

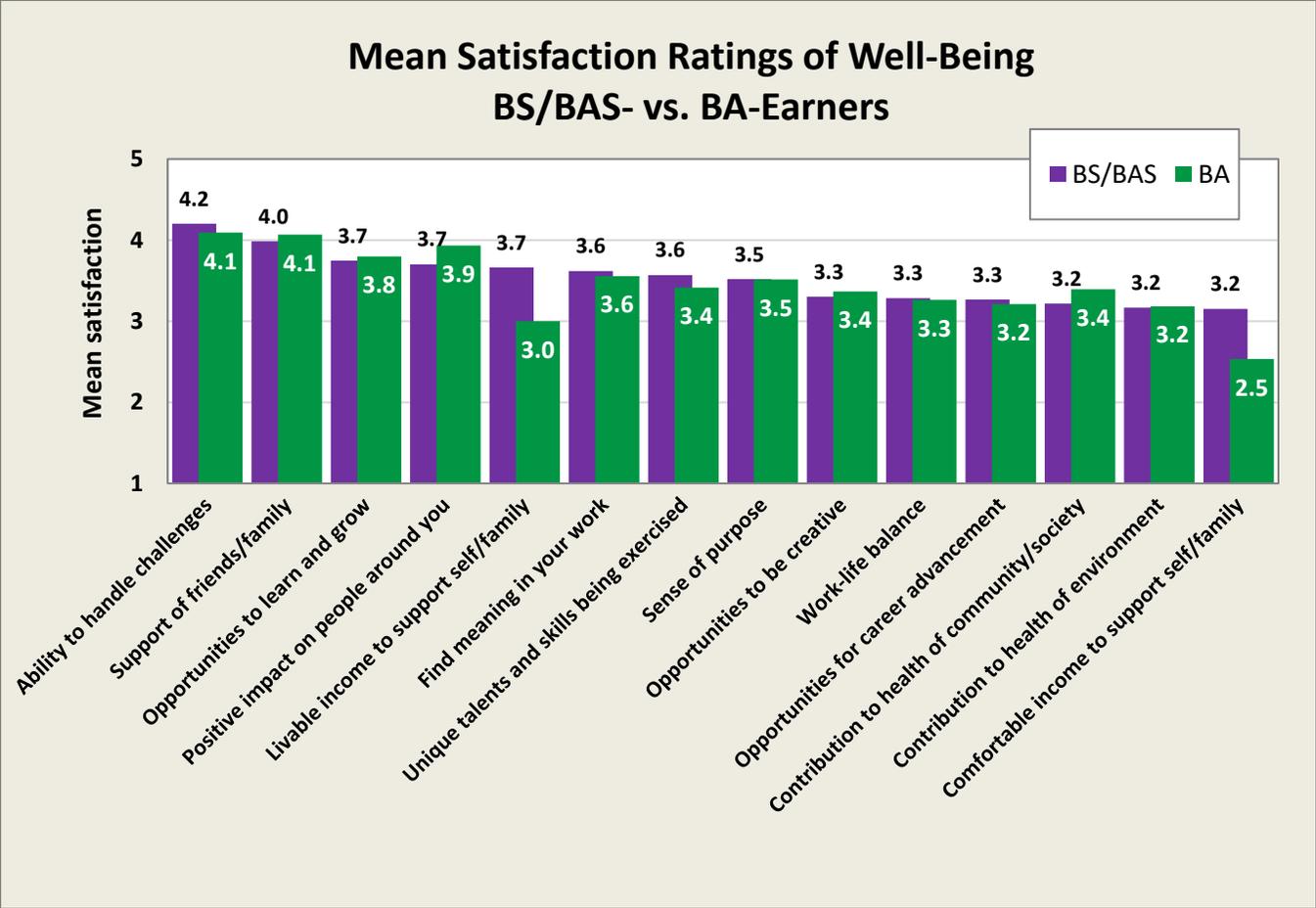
Graduate/professional program data	BS/BAS-earners	BA-earners
% Applied to graduate/professional program	28%	32%
% Accepted to graduate/professional program (of those who applied)	77%	78%
% Attended/attending graduate/professional program	14%	21%
Top fields of study:	Natural Resources and Conservation	Education
	Education, Law and Legal Professions/Studies (tie)	Social Sciences, Social Services, Natural Resources and Conservation, Public Administration (tie)
	Math/Public Administration/Biology and Biomedical Sciences/Agriculture (tie)	Library Sciences
Percent studying in high-demand sciences	57%	25%
Evergreen prepared adequately or very well for graduate or professional program	92%	83%

In terms of preparation for their graduate or professional programs, 92% of BS/BAS-earners and 83% of BA-earners, felt Evergreen prepared them “adequately” or “very well.” The distribution across response options was notably different between groups, with over half of BA alumni indicating Evergreen prepared them “very well” compared to just over a third of BS/BAS alumni (52% versus 33%, respectively).



Life satisfaction/overall well-being

Alumni were asked to rate their level of life satisfaction in various areas using a 5-point scale where 1=Not at all, 2=A little, 3=Somewhat, 4=Mostly, and 5=Very. BS/BAS-earners reported average satisfaction levels above those of BA-earners in eight of the 14 areas. Means testing was done to identify any significant differences between groups and two areas did show a significant difference – BS/BAS-earners were significantly more satisfied with their livable income to support self/family ($p=.000$) and their comfortable income to support self/family ($p=.002$) than BA-earners.



Conclusions

If they could start college over, BS/BAS alumni would very likely choose the same field of study. BS/BAS alumni would also be more likely to choose Evergreen than BA alumni would.

BS/BAS-earners are more likely to be employed than BA-earners. Employed BS/BAS alumni are less likely to be working in the public sector and are much more likely to be working in high-demand science fields than BA alumni. They are also more likely to be working in the area of their primary studies at Evergreen and to be in a new job or position since graduating than BA alumni.

BA-earners are more likely to apply to graduate or professional programs than BS/BAS-earners and more likely to attend. They are accepted to graduate/professional programs at about the same rate as BS/BAS-earners. BS/BAS alumni in graduate or professional programs are much more likely than BA-earners to be studying in high-demand sciences. They are also more likely to say that Evergreen prepared them very well for their programs.

In terms of overall well-being, BS/BAS-earners reported equal or greater levels of life satisfaction than BA-earners, most notably in the areas of livable and comfortable income to support themselves and their family.