

The Evergreen State College
Evergreen New Student Survey 2007
Tacoma Program

Plans After Graduation

Students were asked the open-ended question, "What do you plan to do after you graduate?" There were no further prompts and students could write about anything. All respondents from the Tacoma Program, except one, wrote a response to the question. Some students wrote about multiple themes, such as finding a job and going to graduate school. Students' comments were categorized and are summarized below. The two most common themes were plans to enter or continue in the workforce and/or pursuit of further education.

Graduate School and Other Plans for Further Education

Thirty one students wrote about plans to attend graduate school. Fields of study that students planned to pursue in graduate school included: public administration, teaching, law, fine arts, social work, finance, and occupational therapy. Some students indicated that they planned to go to graduate school immediately after graduation, while others planned to work before returning for more education.

Pursuing a Career

Twenty-six students wrote about future careers. Some students wrote general comments about getting a job (N=9), while others wrote more specifically about the kinds of careers that they planned to pursue after graduation. Several students expressed interest in opening their own business, law firm, or nonprofit (N=4); another planned to improve an existing business. Careers that students wrote about were in a variety of fields including: public administration (N=5), business (N=4), nonprofit administration (N=3), human resources (N=1), social work (N=3), social services (N=5), sociology (N=1), criminal justice (N=2), education (N=4), law (N=1), occupational therapy (N=1), and multimedia (N=1).

Other Themes

Three students wrote about plans to help others by serving the community and helping people who are "less fortunate" and underprivileged youth. Two students wrote about resting and going on vacation after graduation. Other responses were: "Celebrate!" and "To do what I do in a better way." One student indicated that they were undecided as to future plans.