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From the Director: Developing Resiliency in Students

We are all going to fail several times in our lives.

To become resilient, one has to understand that failure can be a great teacher and often paves the way for innovation, new behaviors, and ideas.

Last year, we put a foundation in place called The Five Pillars to prepare students to be resilient in a fast-paced, changing, and unpredictable world. These five areas are integrated in all Center activities and include: understanding their identity related to strengths and interests; understanding change and transition; developing professional behaviors; exploring and pursuing opportunities; and identifying and leveraging connections.

In this new and complex world, workers will need to constantly adapt to markets and conditions, continue to develop professionally, and forge ahead through ambiguity to discover new opportunities.

The Center’s mission of helping students become resilient using The Five Pillars will prepare them for this journey after they leave the university and throughout their lives.

Highlights From a Productive Year

The annual Graduating Student Survey, compiled by VIRG, provides a snapshot of the experiences and outcomes of graduating students during their time at Vanderbilt. The survey results reflect the commitment of the Center team to continue to be “best in class” working on behalf of VU students.

Participation & Experiences

65.3% of graduating seniors had obtained a full-time job or received an offer of employment, up 48.4% from 2010.

Outcomes (Employment)

74.3% of graduating seniors completed an internship, an all-time high. Almost 60% completed two or more internships.

49.4% of respondents indicated the Center played the greatest role in helping them obtain a full-time position, followed by Family/Friends (33.1%).

52.3% of students indicated their primary activity in the fall would be working for pay, up 4.5% from 2012.
Satisfaction with the Center for Student Professional Development reached an all-time high of 74.8%, up 4.6% over 2012 levels.

Employer Engagement

The total number of companies recruiting Vanderbilt students during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Employer engagement includes job postings, interviews, information sessions, industry career days, and more.

A number of the country’s top employers participate in our campus recruiting program, including:

Amazon | Hershey’s
Apple | Hulu
Bank of America | LinkedIn
CBS Corp. | Microsoft
CLA | NBC Universal
Coca-Cola | Proctor & Gamble
Country Music Hall of Fame | Schneider Electric
ESPN | Stryker
Goldman Sachs | Southwest Airlines
Google | Viacom

Additional information is available by viewing our 2013 Post-Graduation Report.

Spring 2014 Schedule for Employers Recruiting on Campus

January 13 - Employer Information Sessions and On-Campus Interviews begin
February 11 - Industry Career Day: Engineering & Information Technology
February 11 - Nashville Area Consortium Career Fair (at Williamson County Ag Expo Centre)
February 20 - 360° VU of Corporate Internships Internship Recruitment Fair
April 18 - Information Sessions and On-Campus Interviews end

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