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1999 ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY REPORT*

Highlights

- 460 surveys were sent to Dalton State College alumni. 60 surveys were returned for sending to the wrong address. 110 alumni responded to survey, close to 30% of total respondents.
- A majority (95%) currently live in Georgia. Almost 65% of respondents are female. 27% (the majority) graduated in 1996.
- About 43% of alumni now hold an Associate degree. 31% hold the bachelor's degree.
- Of the alumni currently employed, 93% are employed full-time. 73% said a college degree or certificate was required to obtain their jobs. Almost 60% felt that Dalton State College prepared them "Very Well" for their current position. Close to 50% work in a healthcare and education related fields.
- Overall, 64% of the alumni surveyed rated the quality of education they received at Dalton State College as "Excellent." 75% indicated that their general attitude toward Dalton State College was "Very Positive." 98% said they would recommend the College to others.
- If they could start college over, 66% said they would definitely choose to attend Dalton State College.
- In general, 73% rated their level of satisfaction with the education they received at Dalton State College as "Very Satisfied."

Section I Background Information

Where do you currently live?

Georgia	95.5
Another U.S. state or country	4.5

Gender

Female	66.4
Male	33.6

Ethnicity

Black (Non-Hispanic Origin)	1.8
White (Non-Hispanic Origin)	98.2

How many years has it been since you attended Dalton State College? (Rounded to the nearest year)

Less than 1 year	1.9
1 year	3.7
2 years	10.2
3 years	24.1
4 years	3.7
5 years	0.9
6-9 years	10.2
10 or more years	45.4

For how many years did you attend Dalton State College? (Rounded to the nearest year)

1 year	7.3
2 years	44.5
3 years	23.6
4 years	13.6
5 or more years	10.9

What was your degree or certificate program at Dalton State College?

Associate of Arts (Transfer Degree)	27.3
Associate of Science (Transfer Degree)	32.7
Associate of Applied Science - Business	9.1
Associate of Applied Science - Technology	5.5
Associate of Applied Science - Health	5.5
Associate of Science - Nursing	14.5
Technical Certificate - One Year	5.5

What is the highest degree you now hold?

Associate	42.7
Bachelor's	30.9
Master's	9.1
Doctoral	4.5
Professional	2.7
Technical certificate or diploma	4.5
Other	5.5

Year of graduation

1969	6.6
1970	4.7
1971	3.8
1972	3.8
1974	1.9
1975	3.8
1976	1.9
1977	2.8
1978	0.9
1979	1.9
1980	3.8
1981	0.9
1983	3.8
1985	1.9
1987	0.9
1988	2.8
1989	0.9
1990	3.8
1991	1.9
1992	0.9
1993	1.9
1994	0.9
1995	2.8
1996	27.4
1997	10.4
1998	2.8

Section II Career and Educational History

Current Employment

Please respond only if you are currently employed. Otherwise, skip to question 24.

What is your current employment status?

Employed full-time	92.8
Employed part-time	7.2

In which state are you currently employed?

Georgia	92.8
Other U.S. state	7.2

What is your job title or occupation?

4 th grade teacher	0.9	Director of operations	0.9
Administrative manager	0.9	Director of Tennis facilities	0.9
Administrative secretary	0.9	Draftsman	0.9
Administrator	0.9	Education coordinator	0.9
Adult literacy instructor	0.9	Educator	0.9
Assistant Registrar	0.9	Elementary teacher	0.9
Assistant professor	0.9	Engineer	0.9
Assistant professor of mathematics	0.9	Environmental specialist	0.9
Assistant professor of nursing	0.9	Faculty secretary	1.8
Assistant professor, office adm.	0.9	Field tax audit supervisor	0.9
Assistant vice president bank	0.9	Guidance counselor	0.9
Assistant Director parks & recreation	0.9	Human resource manager	0.9
Attorney	0.9	Info specialist/file clerk	0.9
Bookkeeper	0.9	Interior consultant	0.9
Business owner	0.9	IT Communication Specialist	0.9
Case manager/charge nurse	0.9	JTPA Coordinator	0.9
CEO president	0.9	Lift truck operator	0.9
Certified medical assistant	0.9	Machine operator	0.9
CFO/owner	0.9	Medical lab technologist	0.9
Computer operator/trainer	0.9	Medicaid plan rep for GA	0.9
Computer software programmer	0.9	Medical office assistant	1.8
Consultant	0.9	Medical staff secretary	0.9
Coordinator science & technology	0.9	Microfilm dept manager	0.9
Customer service manager	0.9	Minister of recreation/youth	0.9
Deli associate	0.9	Not listed	11.8
Dental assistant/student	0.9	Nursing instructor	0.9
Dentist	0.9	Operations tech/analyst	0.9
Director	0.9	Owner of private business	0.9
Paraprofessional	0.9	Payroll clerk	0.9
Payroll/ receptionist	0.9	Physician	0.9
Picture framer	0.9	President & owner	0.9
Private financial advisor	0.9	Realtor	0.9
Receptionist	0.9	Registered nurse	10.0
Research scientist/scholar	0.9	RN surveillance infectious disease	0.9
Sales manager	0.9	Secretary	0.9
Senior VP banking	0.9	Social worker	0.9
Special finance manager	0.9	Senior group account examiner	0.9
Senior systems analyst/manager	0.9	Superintendent of schools	0.9
Supervisor, GA Dept Labor	0.9	Teacher	5.4
Tech Spec I telecommunication		Vice president distribution	0.9
Waitress	0.9		

How long did it take you to find your first full-time job after graduation?

Held job while attending Dalton State College	37.9
Secured job prior to graduation	25.3
1-3 months	20.0
4-6 months	2.1
7 months to a year	4.2
More than a year	10.5

Was a college degree or certificate required to obtain your job?

Yes	72.6
No	27.4

How many full-time positions have you held since your graduation from Dalton State?

1	36.2
2	26.6
3	14.9
4	11.7
5 or more	10.6

How closely is your job related to your degree or certificate program at Dalton State College?

Specifically related	48.4
Somewhat related	31.2
Not related	20.4

What is the main reason why you are not working in a job related to your field of study?

Found a more desirable job in another area	29.2
Never planned to work in my field	8.3
Never seriously sought employment related to my major	20.8
Could not find a job in my field	8.3
Better opportunity for advancement	8.3
Have not obtained licensure, registration, or certification required for my field	8.3
Other	16.7

In your opinion, how difficult was it to obtain a job in your area of study or major?

Very difficult	7.0
Difficult	18.6
Average	34.9
Easy	39.5

How well do you feel Dalton State College prepared you for your current position?

Very well	58.7
Adequately	33.7
Fair	6.5
Inadequately	1.1

How satisfied are you with your current position?

Very satisfied	63.2
Satisfied	32.6
Dissatisfied	1.1
Very dissatisfied	2.1

What is your annual income from your current full-time position?

\$15,000 or less	2.3
\$15,001 – 20,000	11.4
\$20,001 – 25,000	10.2
\$25,001 – 30,000	10.2
\$30,001 – 40,000	29.5
\$40,001 – 60,000	22.7
Over \$60,000	13.6

Which best describes your current employer?

Construction/Building Trades	3.1
Carpet Industry	13.5
Manufacturing/Industry	2.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	4.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6.3
General Services/Utilities	1.0
Health Care System	24.0
Education	22.9
Public Administration/Government	5.2
Transportation	1.0
Social Services	1.0
Other	15.6

May we contact your employer to obtain information on your performance and Dalton State education as it relates to your position?

Yes	71.0
No	29.0

Degree programs or major field of study currently pursued by alumni

ASA Marketing	0.9
BBA Management	0.9
Biology	0.9
Business administration	0.9
Certified financial planner	0.9
Computer engineering	0.9
Education MA	0.9
Electronic technology	0.9
English	0.9
Grad school of banking	0.9
Intl. Economics, & finance	0.9
Law	0.9
Middle grades education	1.8
MS education	0.9
Nursing	0.9
Organizational management	0.9
Reading specialist	0.9
Welding	0.9

What is your current status at your new institution?

Full-time	55.0
Part-time	45.0

What is your ultimate goal?

Bachelor's degree	22.6
Master's degree	29.0
Doctoral degree	16.1
Technical program certificate or diploma	3.2
Other	19.4
No degree goals	9.7

How well did Dalton State College prepare you for continuing your education?

Extremely well	53.1
More than adequately	15.6
Sufficiently	28.1

Section III General Education Curriculum at Dalton State College

In this section, we would like your feedback on the general education program at the College. How would you assess Dalton State College in helping you develop the following academic abilities?

As a result of my education at Dalton State College I learned...

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
a. to write well	0.0	5.6	64.5	29.9
b. to speak well and give oral presentations	0.0	10.3	57.9	31.8
c. to perform basic mathematical operations	0.9	5.7	65.1	28.3
d. to analyze and interpret statistical data	1.0	20.2	68.3	10.6
e. organize ideas in a logical way (i.e. to distinguish between observations, inferences and relationships)	0.9	9.4	61.3	28.3
f. to gather data for research purposes	1.9	12.3	54.7	31.1
g. to use and become familiar with computers and other forms of electronic media	12.4	32.0	37.1	18.6
h. to think analytically and logically	0.9	10.4	65.1	23.6
i. to apply my knowledge of science to solve simple problems	1.0	13.5	28.7	26.9
j. to explain the basic principles which govern natural sciences and scientific experiments	1.0	19.8	62.4	16.8
k. to understand and communicate data presented graphically	1.0	18.3	59.6	21.2
l. to analyze an issue from different perspectives	1.0	6.7	66.7	25.7
m. to appreciate different cultures and peoples and to be open to other viewpoints other than my own	0.9	12.3	53.8	33.0
n. to describe and understand the major forces and events that shaped history and society	0.0	11.4	59.0	29.5
o. to make informed judgements in interpreting and appreciating works of art	5.9	33.7	45.5	14.9
p. to analyze behavior of individuals and groups	1.0	10.6	63.5	25.0
q. to use scientific knowledge and practical experience to assess personal well-being	2.0	15.8	54.5	27.7
r. to demonstrate knowledge and skills to become active in my community and society	1.0	10.6	51.9	36.5

For me, the most valuable part of the general education program requirements at Dalton State College was

Accounting	0.9	Learned to believe in myself	0.9
All was valuable	0.9	Learned to work hard	0.9
Basics	1.8	Level of education	0.9
Business classes	0.9	Math	0.9
Challenging classes	0.9	Math, history, political science	0.9
Classroom verbal exchange	0.9	Math, reading English	0.9
Classrooms, tutorials, teachers	0.9	Mathematics & writing skills	0.9
Clinical experience	0.9	My educational preparation	0.9
Clinical part	0.9	Nursing degree	0.9
Clinicals, staff support	0.9	Nursing program	0.9
Close by and economical	0.9	Overall excellence	0.9
Computer	0.9	Overall college experience	0.9
Courses related to major	0.9	Overall good background	0.9
Deprovincialized my world view	0.9	Preparation for 4-yr school	0.9
Different views of instructors	0.9	Professors	1.8
Economics classes	0.9	Profs taught well, set high standards	0.9
Education observation time	0.9	Quality of instruction	0.9
English	0.9	Regent's exam	0.9
English 101	0.9	Science/lab tech	0.9
English, math, history	0.9	Small classes, good teachers	0.9
English, humanities, good teachers	0.9	Small classes, strong institution	0.9
English/Regent's requirements	0.9	Social science department	0.9
Entomology and chemistry	0.9	Sociology, psychology, accounting	0.9
Entry level courses	0.9	Sociology, statistics, fine arts	0.9
Excellent assistance to students	0.9	Speech	0.9
Faculty quality, sch commitment	0.9	Speech, public speaking	0.9
Friendly, individual attention	0.9	Strictness in study habits	0.9
Gained self-confidence	0.9	Student-teacher interaction	0.9
General knowledge	0.9	Study skills emphasized	0.9
Grow & develop skills	0.9	Subjects and information	0.9
Had good experience at DJC	0.9	Teacher interest and teaching basic skills	0.9
History & science	0.9	Teachers personal interaction	0.9
History 212, Bus. Communications	0.9	Teachers very high expectation	0.9
Infinite math, French	0.9	Think through problems logically	0.9
Instructor support & help	0.9	Variety of choices of majors	0.9
Introduction to computers	0.9	Writing composition skills	0.9
Job preparation	0.9	Writing compositions	0.9
Knowledge in different areas	0.9	Did not say	29.1
Lab, chemistry, physics, English	0.9		

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the College?

	<i>Does Not Apply</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
a. Overall quality of instruction by faculty	0.0	0	5.6	42.1	52.3
b. Individual attention from instructors	0.0	2.8	6.5	43.9	46.7
b. Quality of instruction in preparing for further education or in preparing for career related skills	0.0	1.9	6.5	40.2	51.4
c. Quality of non-instructional services (such as computer services, library, etc.)	0.9	3.8	17.9	57.5	19.8

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your major program?

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
a. Faculty were genuinely interested in the progress of students in the program	0.9	5.7	43.4	50.0
b. The program was academically demanding	0.9	2.8	42.5	53.8
c. The division or department was characterized by mutual respect between students and professors	0.0	5.7	50.9	43.4
d. Faculty was knowledgeable and well-prepared for their courses	0.0	2.9	40.0	57.1
e. The courses that I needed or required were available	0.9	4.7	51.9	42.5
f. Registration procedures were efficient	4.7	9.4	55.7	30.2
g. There were sufficient opportunities to interact with faculty	1.9	7.5	58.5	32.1
h. Grading practices were fair and appropriate	0.0	2.8	60.4	36.8
i. I received helpful feedback from faculty on my academic progress	1.9	7.5	50.9	39.6
j. I was satisfied with the instruction I received	1.0	4.8	41.9	52.4
k. Classroom facilities were adequate and comfortable	0.0	3.7	56.1	39.3
l. If I were starting over, I would take my major in this department or division again	1.9	4.7	37.7	55.7
m. The atmosphere at Dalton State College and in my department or division encourages intellectual development	0.9	3.7	41.1	53.3
n. Dalton State College has an image as a strong academic institution	0.0	3.8	45.3	50.9
o. The College administration is committed to providing the best education possible for all students	0.0	4.7	47.2	48.1

Section IV Satisfaction With Academic And Student Support Services

How would you rate your level of satisfaction with these services of the College? (Please check only one.)

	<i>Didn't Know About Service</i>	<i>Didn't Use</i>	<i>Very Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>
a. Orientation program	11.2	26.2	0.9	3.7	43.9	14.0
b. Admissions office	1.9	0.0	2.8	6.5	68.5	20.4
c. Registration	0.9	0.0	1.9	7.4	74.1	15.7
d. Student records/transcripts	0.9	2.8	2.8	4.6	68.8	19.3
e. Business office (where you pay fees)	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.7	77.8	15.7
f. Academic dean's office	2.8	24.8	0.9	1.8	52.3	16.5
g. Developmental studies	3.8	49.1	0.0	1.9	37.7	7.5
h. Library	0.9	0.0	0.9	7.4	63.9	26.9
i. Bookstore	0.9	0.0	0.9	10.3	69.2	18.7
j. Cafeteria	1.9	10.3	2.8	7.5	61.7	15.9
k. Computer services	4.9	37.3	2.9	6.9	40.2	7.8
l. Parking	0.9	0.0	17.8	21.5	54.2	5.6
m. Campus police and security	2.9	6.7	4.8	4.8	67.6	13.3
n. ACE Center	25.0	51.0	0.0	1.0	19.2	3.8
o. Student center	0.9	7.5	0.9	2.8	69.2	18.7
p. Career planning	7.5	49.5	0.9	7.5	25.2	9.3
q. Career placement services	9.1	63.6	0.9	5.5	11.8	3.6
r. Financial aid services	2.9	39.0	6.7	3.8	28.6	19.0
s. Veterans affairs	9.6	79.8	0.0	1.0	5.8	3.8
t. Tutorial services	7.6	77.1	1.0	3.8	6.7	3.8
u. College newspaper	12.7	42.2	3.9	3.9	28.4	8.8
v. Student government	3.8	45.3	0.9	6.6	33.0	10.4
w. Intramural sports programs	9.5	62.9	1.0	1.0	18.1	7.6
x. Recreation area in the student center	6.7	44.8	1.9	2.9	36.2	7.6
y. Physical activities facilities	3.8	33.0	0.0	3.8	48.1	11.3
z. Study areas	2.8	12.3	0.9	3.8	63.2	17.0

Section V About Dalton State College

Overall, how would you rate the quality of education you received at Dalton State College?

Excellent	63.6
Good	29.9
Average	6.5

What is your general attitude toward Dalton State College?

Very positive	74.8
Positive	24.3
Negative	0.9

Would you recommend Dalton State College to others?

Yes	98.1
Don't know	1.9

If you could start college over, would you choose to attend Dalton State College?

Definitely yes	66.4
Probably yes	27.1
Not sure	3.7
Probably no	2.8

Overall, how would rate your level of satisfaction with the education you received at Dalton State College?

Very satisfied	72.9
Satisfied	26.2
Dissatisfied	0.9

**Note: Some numbers may not add up to 100 due to rounding or non-response to a question.*

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