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Career Prospects Good For Oswego Students

The Office of Career Services staff reports that salaries and placement for Oswego State graduates have risen steadily to a 10-year high. Based on a survey of 1998 graduates, career prospects are positive.

On-campus recruiting and direct referral of candidates' resumes to employers are also "up dramatically," according to Robert Casper, director of Career Services.

That is partly because employers are responding to a favorable job market and partly due to the support of the Career Services Office, he says.

In the area of first salaries, graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences have seen their first-job earnings rise 15 to 20 percent. Graduates in computer science commanded the highest average salaries. Other high first-time salaries went to a biology major earning \$60,000 and a communication studies graduate making \$65,000.

In the School of Business, increases were demonstrated in accounting and finance majors' pay, where the mean salary was \$29,642.

Education graduates also fared well. For example, 78 percent of graduates seeking social studies openings found jobs right away.



Among the accounting graduates in the Class of 2000 who landed jobs at major firms months before graduation are, from left, Christina Gianetto, Matt Hill, Bob Hollenbeck, Professor Charles Spector, Bill King and Professor Eleanor Henry.

High salaries for elementary education, secondary education and technology teachers were steady at \$37,000, and vocational-technical education majors pulled down the highest salary at \$42,300 and the highest mean, with \$32,280.

Graduates followed a trend common in New York state by going to work for small- to medium-size businesses and organizations, Casper says.

"Another trend we see is more activity in the job market via various sources," he says. "More job openings are posted to our office. Overall Oswego State graduates are successfully finding placements in their fields."

President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2000-'01 academic year. As we end a long yet productive summer, I am pleased to have an opportunity to communicate directly with parents and other members of our students' families.

The return of our student population to Oswego State, most importantly our incoming class of freshmen and transfers, will invigorate the campus community. As always, I anticipate a highly successful year for them as they engage with our superior faculty and dedicated professional staff. However, try to make a special effort to inform parents that the ultimate success of our students will be in direct proportion to the level of their participation in the academic and social life of this college. Please urge your sons and daughters to take full advantage of the many opportunities available in classes, arts programs, athletics, and community service so that they might develop as educated, informed and contributing citizens.

As loyal parents, you are important members of the Oswego Family, and I invite you to help us maintain our reputation for high academic standards and leadership by: assisting in the recruitment of other talented students; cheering for Oswego State athletic teams, and becoming part of our network of alumni and parent mentors. You can also support the Parents' Fund, which helps provide for our students many of the day-to-day enrichment opportunities that are not covered by their tuition.

I look forward to meeting you at Parents, Family and Friends Weekend Oct. 13-15 and other times throughout the year. Welcome.

President Deborah F. Stanley

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The VanDerstine family—Erin, Barbara, Keith '03, and Michael.

Long Island Parents Teach Children Value of Philanthropy

On the slopes of Windham, Barbara and Michael VanDerstine shared their passion for skiing with their children, Erin and Keith. Now, the whole family is avid about the sport.

The Long Island couple believe in passing on the things they love and value. That's why they have taught their children to "give something back, make a difference for the things that matter to them." That is one reason they made a gift to the Parents Fund at the President's Circle level.

Barbara says she and Michael, who is a senior vice president for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, know their son, Keith '03, is "getting a great education at a bargain price" at Oswego State. A zoology major and lacrosse player, Keith participated in a Funelle Hall floor hockey team and other co-curricular activities during his first year on campus. He chose Oswego State over other possible colleges because Oswego offers the combination of zoology major and lacrosse.

"We've followed Keith's interest in sports and the out-of-doors all his life," says his mother. It's no wonder then, that Barbara and Michael were some-

times in the bleachers, cheering for the Lakers last season.

"Keith had a great freshman year in a positive academic, athletic and social atmosphere," says Barbara. "So, our gift is to show gratitude for that, but it's also because we've been fortunate financially, and we do believe in supporting the things that make a difference to us. We are teaching our children to do the same."

Erin is in graduate school now, and Keith is soaking up the sun working at the country club pool before returning for his sophomore year. "We hope that when they are alumni, they will want to give back to their colleges to make it possible for other students to have the opportunities they have had," says Barbara.

The Parents' Fund helps support day-to-day enrichment activities and programs that are not covered by tuition. To learn more, visit the Oswego Alumni and University Development Web site at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu. Or call the Office of University Development at 315-312-3003.

Campus Life — What Is It?

The Department of Campus Life exists to provide opportunities for students to experience success through co-curricular involvement. Richard Hughes, director, explains that the department comprises four distinct, yet related, operations:

- Student Activities—advisement and support for student organizations through the Student Activities Program Board, Hewitt Union Bringing Activities to Campus (HUBAC), and the Campus Center Activity Board.
- LEAD Center—Leadership Education Activities Development assists students in their leadership growth through seminars, opportunities to work on a magazine, and other activities.
- Intramural and Recreational Activities—coordination of open recreation and organized intramural activities, including dance, karate, swim and other sports.
- Hewitt Union Operations—maintaining programming and reservations for the use, by campus and community, of the student union facility.

Hughes says his office also coordinates opportunities to maintain communication with students and the entire campus, such as the monthly calendar of

events. The department is also a link to registered Greek social organizations and the director is willing to discuss students' possible participation in these organizations.

"If parents have questions about what the pledging process might entail, for example, they can call me for information," says Hughes.

He also wants parents to know about the popular Hewitt Union Final Exam Goodies, treats that can be ordered for delivery before exam week to help students cope with study stress. Call 315-312-2301 to order.

Parents, Family & Friends Weekend

Join Students, Faculty and Staff

Oct. 13, 14 and 15

•Entertainment•Activities

•Opportunities

For Information:

Holli Stone 315-312-2301

Quest 2000: Scholarship and Creativity

Oswego State's annual Quest Day, a symposium dedicated to sharing the scholarly and creative pursuits of faculty, staff and students, was comprised of more than 90 overlapping presentations this spring. In addition to showcasing research, scholarship and creativity, Quest also incorporated the annual Honors Convocation, where awards and scholarships are presented to accomplished students.

More than 100 scholarships are made available through the Oswego Alumni Association and the Oswego College Foundation. Among them are the Dr. Girgis B. Ghobrial awards, which honor the memory of his parents Bakhom Ghobrial and L. Zahia Sorial Ghobrial. This year, Dr. Ghobrial, professor emeritus, history, chose to recognize students in the following categories: a student of African descent, won by Natasha Rodney '02; a student pursuing a master's degree in history, won by Steven Kellogg '01; a student of Native American descent, won by Michael Stone '01, and a student who is committed to the field of technology, won by Richard Ketcham Jr '01. All recipients must have outstanding academic records.

Oswego State students may obtain scholarship information on the Web at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/scholarships or request a booklet at the Office of Alumni and University Development.



Dr. Girgis Ghobrial and Natasha Rodney '02.

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Spring Break in London

The debut season of Oswego State's Spring Break in London saw 106 first- and second-year students and 12 members of faculty and staff enjoy an exciting, educational week in the capital of Great Britain.

Upon arrival March 19, students and group leaders took a panoramic bus tour of London, stopping for a photo on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. During the week they toured the Tower of London and the British Museum, Houses of Parliament and the National Gallery. They attended a play, visited St. Paul's Cathedral and the new Globe Theater and toured the English countryside, visiting Stonehenge and Bath.

A highlight of the London experience was a dinner-dance cruise on the Thames, which was also attended by Oswego State alumni living and working in England.

"Financially, this trip was a real bargain, and it was a unique opportunity to interact with

other students and with professors and staff members in a learning environment that afforded us a lot of fun," says Student Association Vice President Joseph Storch '02. He agreed with the overwhelmingly enthusiastic response of other students who completed questionnaires after their return to Oswego.

Susan Ansara, director of the Office of International Education, said, "The program was designed to give students an inexpensive and culturally enriching alternative to the usual spring break migration to Florida." She added that it was intended to preview what studying in London for a semester would be like and encourage students to consider studying abroad when they become third or fourth year students.

"We were so pleased with the program that we intend to make it an annual event," said Ansara. First-year students will receive a mailing about Spring Break in London early this fall.

Two Honored for Advisement

This year's academic advisement award, which gives special recognition to "wise and trusted counselors who aid students in the formation and development of their academic and life goals," honors Dr. Pamela A. Brand and Dr. Virginia R. Gregg, both of the psychology department.

Brand, assistant professor of psychology, is advisor to 41 students. She says parents can suggest that their sons and daughters find the name and location of their advisor as soon as they arrive on campus. "When students meet with an advisor early in their college careers, they should be able to identify their academic needs and meet those needs during four years. Students should also take full advantage of internship

options. Such experiences are useful in helping to clarify career goals."

Gregg serves as advisor to 22 students, has participated in advising transfer students, and helps out when people call the department office looking for advice. As chair of the department's faculty assessment committee, she worked with another member of the committee to develop a questionnaire to allow students to evaluate their advisors in the psychology department.

Both of Oswego State's advisement award recipients for 2000 agree that advisement is about more than academics, more than just registering for classes. Advisement is working with students on all facets of their educational and career futures.

Alcan Funds Research Project

Alcan Rolled Products continues a second round of sponsorship for a \$6,000 undergraduate environmental fellowship this summer and next at the Oswego State Environmental Research Center. The initial grant was made in 1998.

Under the guidance of James J. Pagano '74 of the research center, an undergraduate environ-

mental fellow will participate in tracking the trail of the pollutant polychlorinated biphenyls in the offspring of laboratory rats that were fed Lake Ontario salmon during pregnancy.

This project is a collaboration between the Environmental Research Center and Oswego State's Center for Neurobehavioral Effects of Environmental Toxins.

Student Center in Planning Stages

A \$20.4 million Student Center is in the planning and design stages. The multifunctional center will be funded at 85 percent from the State Construction Fund and 15 percent from private gifts.

What's New On Campus This Fall?

Capital improvement projects have continued on campus throughout the summer. A few of those that will be most visible to students include the following:

- Work in progress on the \$10.2 million renovation of Johnson and Riggs residence halls, part of a \$49 million bond issue to modernize residence halls across the state. Johnson Hall is closed for work; Riggs will be next in the three-year project.
- Tyler and Mahar Halls are affected by the replacement of the plaza deck, waterproofing over underground space, and new landscaping. Pedestrian traffic is re-routed south of Tyler Hall to access the academic plaza.
- Three advanced technology classrooms are being upgraded in Lanigan and Mahar halls with expected completion by fall.
- Rich Hall will be off line for two years while renovation continues to house the School of Business in this building.
- Lee Hall pool will be rehabilitated, with plans to reopen it by mid September.

Economics Web Sites

The home page of the Oswego State Economics Department, www.oswego.edu/~economic/, receives between 22 and 33 thousand visits each week. Dr. John Kane, who built and maintains the site, says it is comprised of approximately 400 separate pages and offers approximately 3,000 links to online resources.

Kane also offers lectures and notes in support of his classes through www.oswego.edu/~kane. He has also put together a collection of resources related to econometric research, www.oswego.edu/~kane/econometrics/, and sites for South-Western and Houghton Mifflin that were discussed in an article in the December 1998 issue of *The Region*, a publication of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

"Most economics department classes are supported by class web pages," says Kane. "Oswego State was the first undergraduate college in the United States to participate in RePEC, an international consortium that provides online indexes of departmental working paper series. Information on this innovative project is at <http://ideas.uqam.ca/>.

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Campus Clips

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NEW PHONES The three-digit prefix for all campus telephone numbers has changed to 312.

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COMMENCEMENT EVE

Oswego State's traditional Torchlight Ceremony and Commencement Eve Dinner are special events to honor graduates. Following a sit-down dinner in the Hewitt Union ballroom, seniors and their families join faculty, staff and alumni in the symbolic passing of the light from the torch of learning. Events are free except for dinner, which is by reservation only; seating is limited. Watch for the spring issue of this newsletter and a brochure sent to seniors' homes for details.

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE LEARNING

Jane LeBlanc, coordinator of volunteer services and service learning, is creating a clearinghouse for volunteer service for faculty members and students.

She is liaison to community agencies and works with an advisory board to develop policies and procedures for the Center for Volunteer Service and Service Learning, 315-312-2505.

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SWEETS FROM HOME Send your son or daughter something sweet and sentimental through Sweet Occasions. Call 315-312-2331 to order baked goods, baskets of fruit or goodies, or a complete pizza party as a reminder of home.



FILE FOR GRADUATION

Students are required to file for graduation. Degree forms for December 2000 and May and August 2001 were mailed to students' local addresses in

April. Those forms are due in the registrar's office, Room 301 Culkin Hall, as follows: for Dec. 16, forms are due Sept. 11; for May 12 and August, forms are due Feb. 1, 2001.

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BE OUR GUEST The Oswego Alumni Association invites you to join faculty and staff for a free breakfast buffet in Hewitt Union Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. during Parents, Family and Friends Weekend.



TOBACCO EDUCATION PROJECT

Oswego State is one of five campuses to participate in a national study to promote tobacco-free decision making among students. The LifeStyles

Center coordinates a \$10,000 grant to share information from a random survey conducted on campus last fall that shows a majority of Oswego students chose not to smoke and to support others who quit.



FREE ONLINE COURSES More than 550 courses relating to computer software applications are available free to enrolled students. These non-credit-bearing courses are supported

through the Institutional Computer Center.

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WRITING CENTER Encourage your daughter or son to visit the Writing Center, 203 Swetman Hall, early in the semester. Two full-time professional staff members work with trained undergraduate writing consultants to provide individual peer tutoring for students interested in enhancing their writing skills.



PLEASE VISIT US The Oswego Alumni Association Web site invites you to visit at www.oswego.alumni.oswego.edu.

Fall 2000 Calendar

- Aug. 25 Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony
- Aug. 28 Classes begin
- Sept. 4 Labor Day, no classes
- Sept. 20 International Study Abroad fair, Hewitt Union
- Sept. 21-24 ALANA Conference
- Oct. 9 Yom Kippur, no classes
- Oct. 9, 10 Technology Fair
- Oct. 13-15 Parents, Family and Friends Weekend (Call Holli Stone, 315-312-2301 for information)
- Oct. 18 Fall Career Fair, Career Services
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 16 Commencement

Spring 2001

- Jan. 22 Spring semester classes begin
- March 19-23 Spring Break
- April 18 QUEST '01
- May 4 Last day of classes
- May 11 Torchlight Ceremony and Dinner
- May 12 Commencement



Alumni In Residence

The Oswego Undergraduate Alumni Association brings alumni back to campus to share their expertise with current students in classrooms and seminars. Constance Schwartz '90, director of programming for the National Football League visited campus in the spring. She described her responsibilities in leading league-wide efforts in strategic development of television programming, directing and producing creative efforts of NFL films, overseeing the weekly magazine series, "NFL Under the Helmet," and coordinating music talent for televised NFL events. Schwartz holds a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Oswego State. She is a member of the Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors.