

## 2001 ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY REPORT

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### *Highlights*

- 182 surveys were sent to Dalton State College alumni. 18 surveys were returned for sending to the wrong address. 32 alumni responded to survey, close to 6% of total respondents.
- A majority (88%) currently live in Georgia. Almost 72% of respondents are female. 71.9 % (the majority) graduated in 1999.
- About 38% of alumni now hold an Associate degree. 22% hold the bachelor's degree.
- Of the alumni currently employed, 81% are employed full-time. 66% said a college degree or certificate was required to obtain their jobs. Almost 54% felt that Dalton State College prepared them "Very Well" for their current position. Close to 11% work in a healthcare and education related fields.
- Overall, 56% of the alumni surveyed rated the quality of education they received at Dalton State College as "Excellent." 59% indicated that their general attitude toward Dalton State College was "Very Positive." 91% said they would recommend the College to others.
- If they could start college over, 63% said they would definitely choose to attend Dalton State College.
- In general, 75% 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	28	87.5%
Another U.S. state or country	4	12.5%

### *Gender*

Female	23	71.8%
Male	9	28.1%

## Section I Background Information (cont'd)

### *Ethnicity*

Native American	1	3.1%
White (Non-Hispanic Origin)	31	96.8%

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

Less than 1 year	3	9.3%
1 year	1	3.1%
2 years	8	25.0%
3 years	16	50.0%
4 years	3	9.4%
5 years	0	0.0%
6-9 years	0	0.0%
10 or more years	1	3.1%

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

1 year	4	12.5%
2 years	13	40.6%
3 years	7	21.9%
4 years	0	0.0%
5 or more years	6	18.8%

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

Associate of Arts (Transfer Degree)	3	9.3%
Associate of Science (Transfer Degree)	6	18.7%
Associate of Applied Science - Business	3	9.3%
Associate of Applied Science - Technology	3	9.3%
Associate of Applied Science - Health	1	3.1%
Associate of Science - Nursing	5	15.6%
Technical Certificate - One Year	11	34.3%

### *What is the highest degree you now hold?*

Associate	12	37.5%
Bachelor's	7	21.8%
Master's	0	0.0%
Doctoral	0	0.0%
Professional	0	0.0%
Technical certificate or diploma	12	37.5%
Other	1	3.1%

## Section I Background Information (cont'd)

### *Year of graduation*

1969	0	0.0%
1970	0	0.0%
1971	0	0.0%
1972	0	0.0%
1974	0	0.0%
1975	0	0.0%
1976	0	0.0%
1977	0	0.0%
1978	0	0.0%
1979	0	0.0%
1980	0	0.0%
1981	0	0.0%
1983	0	0.0%
1985	0	0.0%
1987	1	3.1%
1988	0	0.0%
1989	0	0.0%
1990	0	0.0%
1991	0	0.0%
1992	0	0.0%
1993	0	0.0%
1994	0	0.0%
1995	0	0.0%
1996	0	0.0%
1997	1	3.1%
1998	5	15.6%
1999	23	71.8%
2000	2	6.2%

## 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	21	65.6%
Employed part-time	5	15.6%
No Response	6	18.8%

## Section II Career and Educational History (cont'd)

*In which state are you currently employed?*

Georgia	23	71.9%
Other U.S. state	3	9.3%
No Response	6	18.8%

*What is your job title or occupation?*

No Response	6	18.7%
Accounting Clerk	1	3.1%
Administrative Assistant	1	3.1%
Customer Service Representative	1	3.1%
Electrical Contractor	1	3.1%
Executive Assistant	1	3.1%
Field Service Technician	1	3.1%
Fill-In Supervisor	1	3.1%
Loom Tech	1	3.1%
LPN	3	9.3%
Medical Transcriptionist	2	6.2%
MLT-Lab Manager	1	3.1%
Musician	1	3.1%
Nursing Manager	1	3.1%
Retail Advertising Exec	1	3.1%
RN	2	6.2%
School Nurse RN	1	3.1%
Secretary Accounts Receivable	1	3.1%
Social Worker	1	3.1%
Teacher	2	6.2%
Tech-Graphics Hair Design	1	3.1%
Vice President of Marketing	1	3.1%

## Section II Career and Educational History (cont'd)

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

Held job while attending Dalton State College	10	31.2%
Secured job prior to graduation	6	18.7%
1-3 months	7	21.9%
More than a year	1	3.1%
No Response	8	25.0%

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

Yes	17	53.1%
No	9	28.1%
No Response	6	18.8

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

0	1	3.1%
1	13	40.6%
2	9	28.1%
3	3	9.3%
No Response	7	21.8%

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

Specifically related	16	50.0%
Somewhat related	5	15.6%
Not related	5	15.6%
No Response	6	18.8%

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

Never seriously sought employment related to my major	1	3.1%
Better Pay	4	12.5%
Could not find a job in my field	2	6.2%
Working in another field while I look for a job related	1	3.1%
No Response	24	75.0%

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

Very difficult	3	9.3%
Difficult	4	12.5%
Average	10	31.2%
Easy	9	28.1%
No Response	6	18.8%

## Section II Career and Educational History (cont'd)

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

Very well	14	43.7%
Adequately	10	31.2%
Fair	1	3.1%
Inadequately	1	3.1%
No Response	6	18.7%

*How satisfied are you with your current position?*

Very satisfied	14	43.7%
Satisfied	8	25.0%
Dissatisfied	4	12.5%
No Response	6	18.7%

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

\$15,000 or less	4	12.5%
\$15,001 – 20,000	4	12.5%
\$20,001 – 25,000	3	9.3%
\$25,001 – 30,000	6	18.7%
\$30,001 – 40,000	8	25.0%
Over \$60,000	1	3.1%
No Response	6	18.7%

*Which best describes your current employer?*

Construction/Building Trades	1	3.1%
Carpet Industry	1	3.1%
Manufacturing/Industry	4	12.5%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	2	6.2%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1	3.1%
Health Care System	9	28.1%
Education	2	6.1%
Public Administration/Government	1	3.1%
Social Services	1	3.1%
Other	4	12.5%
No Response	6	18.7%

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

Yes	13	40.6%
No	13	40.6%
No Response	6	18.7%

## Section II Career and Educational History (cont'd)

### *Degree programs or major field of study currently pursued by alumni*

No Response	23	71.8%
Associate in Computer Op	1	3.1%
BS in Infor. Tech	1	3.1%
Civil Engineering	1	3.1%
Early Childhood Education	1	3.1%
Education	1	3.1%
HVARC	1	3.1%
Master's of Education	1	3.1%
Nursing	1	3.1%
Technology Management	1	3.1%

### *What is your current status at your new institution?*

Full-time	4	12.5%
Part-time	5	15.6%
No Response	23	71.8%

### *What is your ultimate goal?*

Associate degree	1	3.1%
Bachelor's degree	5	15.6%
Master's degree	3	9.3%
Professional degree	1	3.1%
Other	1	3.1%
No Response	21	65.6%

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

Extremely well	2	6.2%
More than adequately	5	15.6%
Sufficiently	3	9.3%
Less than sufficiently	1	3.1%
No Response	21	65.6%

### 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>	<i>No Response</i>
a. to determine form of communication appropriate to a particular audience and purpose	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	23 71.8%	7 21.8%	2 6.2%
b. to conduct scientific research and experiments	0 0.0%	8 25.0%	16 18.7%	5 15.6%	3 9.3%
c. to write well	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	20 62.0%	8 25.0%	2 6.2%
d. to speak well and give oral presentations	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	19 59.3%	9 28.1%	3 9.3%
e. to perform basic mathematical operations	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	16 50.0%	12 37.5%	2 6.2%
f. to analyze and interpret statistical data	0 0.0%	5 15.6%	18 56.2%	6 18.7%	3 9.3%
g. organize ideas in a logical way (i.e. to distinguish between observations, inferences and relationships)	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	21 65.6%	7 21.8%	2 6.2%
h. to gather data for research purposes	1 3.1%	2 6.2%	19 59.3%	8 25.0%	2 6.2%
i. to use and become familiar with computers and other forms of electronic media	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	15 46.8%	12 37.5%	2 6.2%
j. to think analytically and logically	0 0.0	1 3.1%	22 68.7%	7 21.8%	2 6.2%
k. to apply my knowledge of science to solve simple problems	0 0.0	3 9.3%	20 62.5%	6 18.7%	3 9.3%
l. to explain the basic principles which govern natural sciences and scientific experiments	0 0.0	5 15.6%	21 65.6%	3 9.3%	3 9.3%
m. to understand and communicate data presented graphically	0 0.0	3 9.3%	22 68.7%	4 12.5%	3 9.3%
n. to analyze an issue from different perspectives	1 3.1%	1 3.1%	20 62.5%	8 25.0%	2 6.2%
o. to appreciate different cultures and peoples and to be open to other viewpoints other than my own	1 3.1%	1 3.1%	20 62.5%	7 21.8%	3 9.3%
p. to describe and understand the major forces and events that shaped history and society	1 3.1%	3 9.3%	20 62.5%	5 15.6%	3 9.3%



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	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>No Response</i>
q. to make informed judgements in interpreting and appreciating works of art	1 3.1%	4 12.5%	21 65.6%	3 9.1%	3 9.1%
r. to analyze behavior of individuals and groups	1 3.1%	2 6.2%	20 62.5%	7 21.8%	2 6.2%
s. to use scientific knowledge and practical experience to assess personal well-being	1 3.1%	4 12.5%	18 56.2%	6 18.7%	3 9.1%
t. to demonstrate knowledge and skills to become active in my community and society	0 0.0%	3 9.1%	21 65.6%	6 18.7%	2 6.2%

***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>	<i>No Response</i>
a. Overall quality of instruction by faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	18 56.2%	12 37.5%	1 3.1%
b. Academic Advising	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	4 12.5%	14 43.7%	11 34.3	1 3.1%
c. Individual attention from instructors	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	5 15.6%	12 37.5%	12 37.5%	2 6.2%
b. Quality of instruction in preparing for further education or in preparing for career related skills	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	5 15.6%	16 50.0%	8 25.0%	2 6.2%
c. Quality of non-instructional services (such as computer services, library, etc.)	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	7 21.8%	13 40.6%	10 31.2%	1 3.1%

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*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>	<i>No Response</i>
a. Faculty were genuinely interested in the progress of students in the program	1 3.1%	1 3.1%	17 53.1%	12 37.5%	1 3.1%
b. The program was academically demanding	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	13 40.6%	16 50.0%	1 3.1%
c. The division or department was characterized by mutual respect between students and professors	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	15 46.8%	14 43.7%	1 3.1%
d. Faculty was knowledgeable and well-prepared for their courses	1 3.1%	0 0.0%	12 37.5%	18 56.2%	1 3.1%
e. The courses that I needed or required were available	1 3.1%	3 9.3%	7 21.8%	20 62.5%	1 3.1%
f. Registration procedures were efficient	1 3.1%	7 21.8%	8 25.0%	15 46.8%	1 3.1%
g. There were sufficient opportunities to interact with faculty	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	13 40.6%	15 46.8%	1 3.1%
h. Grading practices were fair and appropriate	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	13 40.6%	17 53.1%	1 3.1%
i. I received helpful feedback from faculty on my academic progress	0 0.0%	4 12.5%	12 37.5%	15 46.8%	1 3.1%
j. I was satisfied with the instruction I received	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	14 43.7%	16 50.0%	1 3.1%
k. Classroom facilities were adequate and comfortable	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	15 46.8%	16 50.0%	1 3.1%
l. If I were starting over, I would take my major in this department or division again	2 6.2%	1 3.1%	12 37.5%	16 50.0%	1 3.1%
m. The atmosphere at Dalton State College and in my department or division encourages intellectual development	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	14 43.7%	15 46.8%	2 6.2%
n. Dalton State College has an image as a strong academic institution	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	13 40.6%	18 56.2%	1 3.1%
o. The College administration is committed to providing the best education possible for all students	1 3.1%	2 6.2%	11 34.3%	16 50.0%	2 6.2%

## 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>	<i>No Response</i>
a. Orientation program	2 6.2%	5 15.6%	1 3.1%	0 0.0%	19 59.3%	4 12.5%	1 3.1%
b. Admissions office	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	3 9.3%	20 62.5%	6 18.7%	1 3.1%
c. Academic Advising	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%	17 53.1%	10 31.2%	1 3.1%
d. Registration	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 12.5%	2 6.2%	14 43.7%	11 34.3%	1 3.1%
e. Student records/transcripts	2 6.2%	3 9.3%	2 6.2%	0 0.0%	17 53.1%	7 21.8%	1 3.1%
f. Business office (where you pay fees)	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	1 3.1%	3 9.3%	18 56.2%	8 25.0%	1 3.1%
g. Academic dean's office	6 18.7%	11 34.3%	1 3.1%	1 3.1%	8 25.0%	4 12.5%	1 3.1%
h. Developmental studies	5 15.6%	12 37.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	9 28.1%	5 15.6%	1 3.1%
i. Library	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	18 56.2%	9 28.1%	1 3.1%
j. Bookstore	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	22 68.7%	6 18.7%	1 3.1%
k. Cafeteria	0 0.0%	4 12.5%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	20 62.5%	6 18.7%	1 3.1%
l. Computer services	1 3.1%	3 9.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21 65.6%	6 18.7%	1 3.1%
m. Parking	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	7 21.8%	3 9.3%	19 59.3%	1 3.1%	1 3.1%
n. Campus police and security	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	1 3.1%	15 46.8%	6 18.7%	2 6.2%

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o. ACE Center	4 12.5%	9 28.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	15 46.8%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%
p. Student center	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	20 62.5%	7 21.8%	2 6.2%
q. Career planning	2 6.2%	15 46.8%	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	5 15.6%	5 15.6%	2 6.2%
r. Disability support services	2 6.2%	25 78.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%
s. Career placement services	3 9.3%	21 65.6%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	3 9.3%	1 3.1%	3 3.1%
t. Financial aid services	0 0.0%	5 15.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	18 56.2%	6 18.7%	3 9.3%
u. Veterans affairs	3 9.3%	26 81.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%
v. Tutorial services	2 6.2%	24 75.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%
w. College newspaper	4 12.5%	13 40.6%	0 0.0%	2 6.2%	7 21.8%	3 9.3%	3 9.3%
x. College publications	1 3.1%	2 6.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	20 62.5%	6 18.7%	3 9.3%
y. Student government	3 9.3%	19 59.3%	1 3.1%	0 0.0%	5 15.6%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%
z. Intramural sports programs	2 6.2%	19 59.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6 18.7%	3 9.3%	2 6.2%
aa. Recreation area in the student center	1 3.1%	13 40.6%	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	11 34.3%	2 6.2%	2 6.2%

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bb. General condition of buildings and grounds	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	19 59.3%	11 34.3%	2 6.2%
cc. Study areas	1 3.1%	2 6.2%	0 0.0%	3 9.3%	18 56.2%	6 18.7%	2 6.2%
dd. Classroom and laboratory facilities	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	22 68.7%	8 25.0%	2 6.2%
ee. Cultural programs	2 6.2%	14 43.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	9 28.1%	5 15.6%	2 6.2%
ff. Academic support services	2 6.2%	13 40.6%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	10 31.2%	3 9.3%	3 9.3%
gg. College administration	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	0 0.0%	1 3.1%	18 56.2%	10 31.2	2 6.2%

## Section V About Dalton State College

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

Excellent	18	56.2%
Good	12	37.5%
Average	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%

*What is your general attitude toward Dalton State College?*

Very positive	19	59.4%
Positive	11	35.0%
Negative	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%

*How sure were you that you made the right choice in choosing DSC?*

Definitely right choice	17	53.1%
Probably right choice	2	6.2%
Probably wrong choice	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%

## Section V About Dalton State College (cont'd)

*Would you recommend Dalton State College to others?*

Yes	29	91.0%
No	1	3.1%
Don't know	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%

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

Definitely yes	20	62.5%
Probably yes	9	28.1%
Not sure	1	3.1%
Probably no	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%

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

Very satisfied	24	75.0%
Satisfied	6	18.7%
Dissatisfied	1	3.1%
No Response	1	3.1%