



## Graduation and Renewal Report Prepared for the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Board Meeting October 29, 2014

### Graduation and Renewal Survey Overview

- In order to improve data quality and efficiency, CSF's WSOS, Scholarship Services, Research and Evaluation and IT departments collaborated over several months to combine the content of the WSOS Renewal Form with last year's Needs Assessment Survey and Graduate Survey.
- As a result of these efforts, the survey response rate more than doubled from 45 percent on the Needs Assessment last year up to 93 percent this year. This high response rate ensures that our data is representative of all Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 scholars, which means that we can confidently use this data for program planning and to estimate graduation outcomes.
- As of September 10, 2014, 2,337 WSOS Cohorts 1 and 2 out of 2,513 scholars (93 percent) who were enrolled in WSOS by the end of the 2013-14 academic year had completed the renewal survey.
- Graduation numbers provided below are estimates that will be confirmed by National Student Clearinghouse data after November 1, 2014.

#### 1. How many WSOS scholars graduated?

- Among Cohort 1 respondents, the estimated graduation rate is 54 percent for Fourth Years and 78 percent for Fifth Years and above. (No Cohort 2 scholars were in their Fourth Year or beyond during the last academic year.) Based on this estimate, we expect that approximately 432 will have graduated with their bachelor's degrees this year.
- By self-reported major, 28 percent of degrees are estimated to have been earned in Engineering; 26 percent in Biological and Biomedical Sciences; 17 percent in Health Care; 9 percent in Computer and Information Sciences; 6 percent in Physical Sciences; 5 percent in Mathematics and Statistics; 3 percent in Natural Resources and Conservation; 3 percent in Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies; 1 percent in Family and Consumer Sciences; and less than 1 percent in Agriculture and Related Sciences and in Education, respectively. (One self-reported graduate did not provide a major.)

#### 2. How many WSOS scholars renewed?

- Overall, 72 percent of Cohort 1 and 96 percent of Cohort 2 respondents indicate their intent to renew their WSOS scholarship for 2014-15.
- By class standing, the following proportions of scholars indicate their intent to renew: 96 percent of First Years; 94 percent of Second Years; 89 percent of Third Years; 43 percent of Fourth Years; and 20 percent of Fifth Years and above.
- Based on these estimates, we expect that approximately 1,297 Cohort 1 and 687 Cohort 2 scholars (1,984 total) will apply to renew their WSOS scholarship for 2014-15.

- As of September 10, 2014, Scholarship Services has verified the renewal of 1,058 Cohort 1 and 609 Cohort 2 scholars (1,667 total) for 2014-15.
- Among those who did not graduate and were not renewed, 36 percent did not complete a renewal form; 28 percent are now pursuing an ineligible major; 13 percent are no longer enrolled in college; 8 percent did not renew their FAFSA form; 5 percent attend The Evergreen State College and their academic standing has not yet been verified; 4 percent were not enrolled during all terms last year; 3 percent are now attending an ineligible college or university; 2 percent exceeded the credit limit; and 2 percent were withdrawn for other reasons.

### 3. What are the post-graduation plans of WSOS graduates?

- As of September 10, 2014, nearly a third of WSOS graduates (32 percent) reported that they have already secured a job in their field of study; nearly a third (31 percent) are preparing for or are attending graduate, law or medical school; over a quarter (28 percent) are actively searching for a job in their field of study; 8 percent will be starting their job search in the next three months; less than one percent will be starting their job search in the next six months; and less than one percent will be starting their job search in the next year.
- Among self-reported majors with twenty or more graduates, higher proportions of Engineering, Computer and Information Science and Health Care graduates report that they have already secured a job in their field of study (50, 46 and 41 percent, respectively), while higher proportions of Biological and Biomedical Science and Physical Science graduates are preparing or attending graduate, law or medical school (60 and 50 percent, respectively).