Graduation by LeAndra DiNicola

Definition—Graduation is getting a diploma or academic degree or the ceremony that is sometimes associated with it, in which students become graduates. The date of graduation is often called graduation day. The graduation ceremony itself is also called commencement, convocation or invocation.

This is an exciting time. Our eagles are spreading their wings and leaving the nest, flying towards to their next big adventure.

But for me it’s also kind of bitter sweet. When I was hired in 2015 I had only been on the job for three weeks before I hired one of many student assistants. I hired a first year student by the name of Kasey Carrillo (pictured right). We learned our jobs together. She has been my student assistant for four years. I have trained her, coached her, counseled her. I’ve watched her freak out over classes/exams and talk her through it and I’ve celebrated with her when she passed those hard classes. I’ve watched her mature and grow into a confident young adult ready to open the next chapter of her life.

I love working with students. They make me laugh, they keep me on my toes and they remind me of the best time of my life, my own college experience.

All of our student employees are special. The university could not function without them. But every once in a while a student will come along and hit you right in the heart. Kasey is that student for me. I joke with her that I’m kicking her out of the nest. I am so proud of her but I am really going to miss her quirky sense of humor, her sense of style and her “I got it” attitude.

Congratulations to all of our student employees who are graduating in May!
Policy Snapshot

“An Hourly Student Employee enrolled in a Spring semester may continue employment through the summer sessions without being enrolled in a summer term, unless specifically required to be enrolled as a condition of a grant-funded position” (05.025 Employment of Students for Hourly Positions).

College Work Study

Departments interested in learning more about the College Work-Study Program may visit the following: Work-Study Information for Departments.

Compared with regular hourly employment, this program offers a definite advantage to a participating department. A department is charged only 30% of the student’s gross earnings and can receive 100% federal funding to cover gross earnings for any student employed as a reading or math tutor. This adds up to a substantial savings for the department.

Job Posting Reminders

If your job has been closed longer than 30 days in Handshake, please do not re-open the job to pended status. Instead, use the copy/duplicate job feature in Handshake and receive a new job ID.

Supervisor Resources

Where can you find helpful policies, templates, FAQ’s, and Eagle Internship information? Check out the Supervisor’s Guide portion of the Career Center website.

Background Checks (CCH)

- All Hourly student employee positions require a background check. This includes both graduate and undergraduate students that are in hourly student employee positions. Reminder: do not allow students to begin work until authorized to do so. This puts your department and the University at risk in some situations.

- UPDATE: As a precaution to ensure the confidentiality of student information, please do not send Computerized Criminal History (CCH) forms via e-mail. You may use the following methods to turn in CCH forms:

  - Preferred method - Deliver in-person
  - Acceptable method(s) - Secure e-mail
  - Or FAX (940) 565-4376

  (to send a “secure e-mail” type: #secure[insert space]subject)

  Example: #secure CCH

Please notify the Career Center of any FT staff who leave the university so that we can close their Handshake accounts
Eagle Internship Completion

Congratulations to the following Students who completed the Eagle Intern requirements

Kasey Carrillo—Career Center
Emily Rudd—Career Center
Shelby McNally—High School Career Connect
Brionna Watkins—Career Center

What is an Eagle Internship

Designed to contribute to the well-rounded student learning experience, this program is for on-campus student employees that seek opportunities for professional development, personal growth, and campus engagement. Students may also use this program for academic credit (subject to requirements of major/college).

Qualifications

Students must be enrolled full-time and be in good standing with the University.
Have at least a 2.2 cumulative GPA (Undergrads) and a 3.0 cumulative GPA (Grad students).
Requirement waived for first year and transfer students.
Students must meet all on-campus, hourly student employee hiring requirements (must be paid).
Internship must last for a minimum of 10 weeks.

Program Requirements

Students must complete Eagle Internship Training.
Students must meet additional expectations/requirements of their supervisor and department.
Students must successfully complete 30 credits from Professional and Personal list provided by the Career Center.
Every day we see student employees hard at work assisting customers, answering phones, setting up scenes, or teaching music but do you know the impact student employment has on campus? Below are some numbers for July 1, 2018-April 30, 2019.

### Undergraduate Researchers
- **163**
- Average Annual Salary Rate: **$11.64**
- Average Weekly Hours: **17.9 hours**

### Graduate Assistants
- **95**
- Average Annual Salary Rate: **$17.65**
- Average Weekly Hours: **13.9 hours**

### Student Employees
- **5,510**
- Average Annual Salary Rate: **$10.18**
- Average Weekly Hours: **17.6 hours**

### Work Study Students
- **478**
- Average Annual Salary Rate: **$8.96**
- Average Weekly Hours: **18.8 hours**

### The Career Center Handled:
- **10,774** Epar Hires
- **14,450** Epar Employee Changes
- **3,152** Background Checks