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This is the annual report of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) 1998-1999 graduates. Included here is data from a comprehensive study, which was conducted beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999. Graduates' response about their employment status a year after graduation, and selected perspectives on their employment are reported.

BACKGROUND AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This summary reports on the findings of the locally developed *Graduate Follow-up Survey* administered to 1998-1999 graduates of UMC. The survey includes graduates from Summer Session 1998, Fall Quarter 1998, Winter Quarter 1999 and Spring Quarter 1999. The survey was designed to provide important information on employment opportunities that will help us provide better consumer information to students, prospective students, faculty/staff, alumni and employers. It will also help guide students to employment opportunities, and assist us in program evaluation. Students were requested to complete the survey via US mail. To respond to the questionnaire, the recipient filled in the requested information and returned the completed survey to the Counseling & Career Services in a self-addressed stamped envelope provided with the survey. Counseling & Career Services staff collected and read the responses, extracted the data, processed it, and presented the numeric results.

All UMC 1998-1999 graduates (100%) were mailed a Career Services cover letter and questionnaire approximately 3 months after their graduation date. A total of 201 graduates were initially requested to complete the survey. Two follow-up reminders were sent at about two-month intervals to those who had not returned the questionnaire. Phone calls were made by the Counseling and Career Services Staff

to those graduates who had not responded to the survey. Usable responses were received from 196 (98%) of the surveyed students. The survey consisted of seven demographic questions, seven employment questions, three furthering education questions, who responded to survey questionnaire and one section asking graduates about “overall satisfaction” with UMC education.