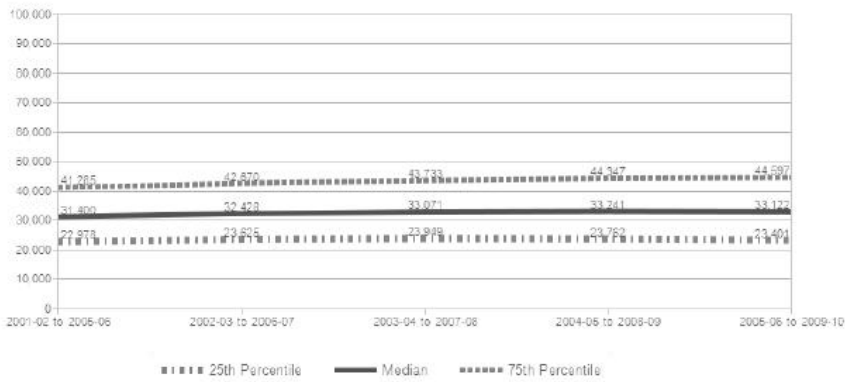


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Next semester, we will meet every Tues and Thur in Rm.
344 at 12:30 pm. ALL majors welcome.

Wage Outcomes of the Middle Range of Graduates, 18 Months Post-Completion



This chart demonstrates average post-graduates working in Virginia in positions reported to the Virginia Employment Commission using the Full-time Wage Equivalent definition. Photo retrieved from research.schev.edu/eom/opportunity_4yrbachelors_report.asp.

Average post-graduation wages only slightly more than non-graduates

By Danielle Kirsh

A bachelor's degree is designed to demonstrate that the person who is receiving it has a general education with a focus on a subject in which they have majored in. Even though graduates have an area of focus that peaks their interest, the median wages of someone with a four-year bachelor's degree is only a little more than those who don't obtain a degree.

Research shows that from 1993 to 1998, the median wages of someone who ob-

tained a four-year bachelor's degree was \$41,884. In comparison, those who didn't earn any credentials were earning an average of \$30,629.

In the years 1997 to 2002, the median wages of a graduate with a bachelor's degree was \$44,421, whereas a non-graduate was earning \$31,511, which is only \$12,910 less than what someone with a general education was earning.

The research reflects the earnings of individuals who

began at a college or university in Virginia.

From 2009 to 2010, wage outcomes of graduates within 18 months of graduating weren't much different than those in 2002.

On average, a bachelor's degree graduate earned \$33,122.

The median range of wages in the 75th percentile of graduates was \$44,597 from 2009-2010. In the 25th percentile, it was \$23,401.

Virginia Sen. Creigh Deeds attacked in home

By Brittany Elmore

Authorities say they are "leaning towards it being an attempted murder/suicide," Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corrine Geller said at a news conference Tuesday, Nov. 19 after Sen. Creigh Deeds was flown to the University of Virginia Hospital after being stabbed in his own home in Bath County, Va. His son Gus Deeds, 24, was pronounced dead at the scene from a suspected self-inflicted gunshot wound after lifesaving attempts were made, according to authorities.

The police did say they recovered a gun on the scene, but did not provide further details about that weapon or the weapon used on Sen. Deeds at the time of publication. Sen. Deeds is in good condition, after being stabbed multiple times around the head and chest, according to Geller.

There is an on-going investigation into the details of the incident including a motive; however, authorities said they are not looking for a suspect.

It appeared that Sen. Deeds and his son had a good relationship. Del. David Toscano said

"Sen. Deeds was very close to his son, Gus, and has taken Herculean efforts to help him over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Creigh and the family at this difficult time."

"He needs me and I need him," Sen. Deeds told a reporter in fall 2009 after Gus took off a semester from his music studies at the College of William and Mary to campaign with his father.

Despite his academic standing, Gus withdrew last month from William and Mary; the school did not give a reason for his withdraw.

Gov. Bob McDonnell commented on the occurrence calling it "utterly heartbreaking... Creigh Deeds is an exceptional and committed public servant who has always done what he believes is best for Virginia and who gives his all to public service."

Governor-elect Terry McAuliffe said, "We join people across the Commonwealth and country in wishing him [Sen. Deeds] a full recovery."

Gus Deeds was one of four of the senator's children.



In a Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 file photo Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Virginia State Sen. Creigh Deeds makes a speech to supporters after losing the Virginia gov-

ernor's race to Republican Bob McDonnell, in Richmond, Va. At far left is Deed's son, Gus Deeds. Virginia State Police confirmed Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 that Creigh Deeds was stabbed multiple times and his son Gus, 24, was shot and killed at Deeds' Home in Bath County, Va., during a Tuesday morning assault. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, File)