The last year of college can be stressful. 36.5% of women and 25.2% of men frequently felt overwhelmed by all they had to do. But with post-college life on the horizon, graduating seniors are ready to embrace their next set of challenges.

Graduating seniors feel prepared for life after college.
- 76.2% Feel prepared for employment
- 90.5% Rate themselves as strong critical thinkers
- 65.7% Have high intellectual self-confidence
- 74.6% Consider themselves highly driven to achieve

A stable living is important...
- 50.9% Consider a stable secure future essential
- 66.1% Think high income potential is very important

And so is changing the world.
- 46.6% View working for social change as integral to their careers
- 77.2% Aspires to help others in difficulty

They recognize the help they receive from faculty.
- 66.7% Felt faculty showed concern about their progress
- 73.3% Frequently or occasionally applied classroom learning to "real life" issues

As well as from campus support services.
- 73.2% Were frequently or occasionally given honest feedback on their skills and abilities
- 49.7% Were satisfied with their ability to find a mentor
- 62.2% Felt depressed at some point in their senior year
- 28.9% Sought personal counseling in the past year

Students are ready to take on this diverse, complex world.
- 81.6% Believe they are good at seeing others' perspectives
- 84.4% Expects high tolerance for others with different beliefs
- 82.8% Work cooperatively with diverse people

Survey Source: CIRP College Senior Survey 2012
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