The 2011 Graduating Student Survey asked students to respond to the following prompt:

The KSC Mission states that Keene State College prepares promising students to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work. Do you feel that this statement accurately reflects your experiences at KSC? Please explain.

The contents of students’ substantive responses were analyzed and are reported in this document, which supplements the Graduating Student Survey 2011 report.

In spring 2011, 1,056 students completed the Graduating Student Survey, as they prepared for their Commencement ceremonies. Seventy-two percent (758) responded to the open ended prompt. These responses were read, coded, and sorted into related topics. The majority (692) of graduates had a favorable response and a small number (179) indicated an area of concern with their experience at KSC. The chart below summarizes the comments by theme. The sample comments that appear there have been edited to correct typographical errors. The full collection of responses can be found in the appendix of this document.

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<td>Academic Environment</td>
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<td>…I know that they have prepared me for my future and I take pride in knowing that Keene State will always be part of who I am. I have pushed myself farther in my academics then I ever have, used out-of-the-box ideas and engaged with my fellow classmates and the Keene community. …I can say looking back at my four years at Keene State that I am pursuing meaningful work and it is because of my experiences here, that I know I can succeed with whatever comes next in my life….</td>
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<td>Critical and Creative Thinking</td>
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<td>I do believe this accurately reflects my experience at KSC. A substantial portion of my education was through hands on work in the classroom, which I believe definitely challenged me to think both critically and creatively, and made the work I was doing much more meaningful.</td>
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<td>Faculty</td>
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<td>Yes, my professors have all challenged me to look at the coursework from both a critical as well as a creative perspective. They have allowed me the freedom to use my own strengths and talents to accomplish my assignments and they have provided numerous opportunities for me to express my views. They have pushed my limits on what I thought I knew about my discipline and provided ways in which I could interact with other students to study the topics in depth. …</td>
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<td>…I got to do so many wonderful things thanks to KSC like volunteering at local soup kitchen to being involved in intramural sports. I felt like I really gave back to not just my college but to the community of Keene and I am very thankful for getting the opportunity to do these great things.</td>
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Appendix

The following is a full transcript of comments with all personally identifiable information removed. This text has not been edited for grammar or spelling.

I wouldn't say I'm more of an active citizen because of my time here, but I am more aware of what's going on in the world.

I do because of the wonderful, supportive professors I have had over the years. The Honors Cohort trip to South Africa as well as the geography trips to Peru and the Desert Southwest changed the way I see myself in this world.

Yes.

absolutely. Staff promote this mission and these values very well.

Yes, my professors have encouraged critical and creative thinking.

Yes, but your psychology degree program has too many of the same classes. They talk about the history of psychology and not enough of newer fields of psychology or applied fields.

Most of the professors I have had over my academic career facilitate this quotation. However, I think the school needs to look critically at some of the professors who do not find it their responsibility to be a true professor in the sense of facilitating learning and helping when the student is having trouble. Overall however I have had a positive experience and learned a lot from the variety of classes I have taken. Not only do the classes make up this quotation, but the speeches and activities that the school has influence the students as well. I have met Joe Biden, Bill Clinton, Michelle Obama and various other political leaders along with historians etc. This really helped me develop into a well rounded individual.

I believe in many ways this statement accurately reflects my experiences, but in other ways no I do not believe that it does. As an English and Education major, I found it difficult to join a club or organization without worrying about not having enough time to get all my work done. At times I felt that there was not enough time to get all my work done that I needed to get done. I also wished that I had more free time in my class schedule to have taken electives or other classes that I wanted to take for fun. Most of my classes were taken because I needed to take them; I enjoyed many of the classes, but I wished I could have broadened my classes taken.

Yes and no. I feel that there was far too much out-of-control to encourage a positive living environment, and RAs and RDs placing focus in the wrong areas. Also I feel that RAs, while the majority of them don't abuse it, are given too much free reign and power.

Comment not related directly to the question:
I am an adult returning student, and I am disappointed at the lack of advertising for graduation related events and on-campus activities. I did not know anything about the Red and White night, 100 Nights, etc until my classmates told me what fun they had. I would have loved to participate in these events, but was never mailed, e-mailed, or verbally told about the events. As an adult student I believe these events are important to make us feel a part of the KSC community, and instead I'm feeling a bit left out because I don't live on campus. That is one piece of feedback I would offer to improve on in the coming year.

I feel that my Keene state experience has broadened my horizons as far as environmental and business ethics issues that could be used to improve the quality of life in a capitalistic society. I feel that classes where professors were involved with the students and taught in a non lecture style teaching quality captivated the most student inspiration. I feel that Keene could do a better job with student advising as far as majors to take classes to take etc. Overall I feel that my experience at Keene State will better my chances of launching a career in my major and minor studies. They have bettered my understanding of topics as well as taught me new perspectives of thinking.

Yes

Yes. Because it has been through my hands-on experiences outside of the classroom (community service) that...
has allowed me to grow as an individual and become more self-aware. Specifically with journalism, it’s mainly an out of classroom job, which I love, and believe it has helped me to pursue what I love.

Yes, I do feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience at Keene State College. My courses in my major were challenging and made me think "outside the box." Teachers allow you to express your thoughts and feelings on issues discussed in class. Keene State College hopes that you will be responsible in doing your work on your own and that you give your best effort on each assignment.

I think some classes and teachers do provide those things but alot of courses do not. I also don't like being forced to take electives that irrelevant to my major. It is a waste of my time and money.

I was able to think creatively more than critically in my arts and film courses.

Yes my experience at KSC was pretty well rounded in critical and creative work and many teachers are good at encouraging learning from students.

I would suggest that a majority of the faculty be reminded of this mission.

I agree with thinking critically and creatively, but as far as engaging in active citizenship and pursuing meaningful work I am not sure. Not that I disagree i just have not had any teachers emphasize these aspects.

It's a good concept, but I haven't seen it demonstrated enough to buy it. Promising students? Most students I've met in four years are not promising compared to better schools in New England. Thinking critically and creatively is best represented through talks of weekend plans and stories. Active citizenship varies from student to student, but is probably the most relevant of the statement. I would say that most students want to pursue their goals through working, and if it's meaningful for them then that's accurate as well in my opinion.

I think it has reflected my experience at KSC. I have gone through 4 years of college as a secondary mathematics major and I feel that I now able to go out into the world and find a job in a high school where I will be able to help my students to the best of my ability. By helping these students I will be making it possible for them to work to the best of their ability so that they can go on to college or pursue their own dream. KSC has also opened my eyes to the community that we live in and that there is always much more going on around us than we are aware of.

Being a non-traditional student I have already had numerous years of life experience. I have had to learn many of my thinking skills by trial and error, had engaged in active citizenship activities, and have had meaningful work prior to my college experience. Earning my degree has enhanced what I have learned throughout my life thus far but mostly has made me a much more polished person. I have gained enormous confidence in myself which I know will help me not only in furthering my education but also with my career pursuit.

Yes, most safety classes have worked somewhere around that statement.

I think as a Safety major I have learned various techniques to be successful in my field of work. However, there are many different options in the field of safety studies, I am leaning towards a career path in Police, Fire, EMS, or the Federal Government. The classes I have taken have prepared me mentally, physically, and emotionally. I truly believe that the greatest success from this major and the faculty in this major comes from all of the hands on training. I am a firm believer that book smarts can only go so far. I am very impressed with everything about this college and if I could do it all over again I would.

Yes, I do believe that this college has prepared me for any future plans.

Yes.

Yes experiences helped me learn in a more hands on way

Yes

Yes... all of my classes and training have been centered around that mission statement for the most part. My education classes, without a doubt supported the mission and values statement. The clubs and organizations I was
involved in, as well as being an RA have taught me exactly what the mission statement intends. I couldn’t have asked for a better experience.

Absolutely. I came in to Keene very close minded about working with large groups of people because I worked better alone. KSC helped me form better ideas about working with groups. The overall activity on campus is great and it makes you feel appreciated and respected.

I do agree with this mission statement. I think the KSC did prepare me for what is out in the world. They have given me knowledge that if other wise i would have never known.

Yes, thanks for a great educational experience.

Yes. My classes were heavily research-based and I was also encouraged to take what I learned and teach it to others outside the classroom. In doing this it prepared me for work after college.

I feel I received an adequate education. I feel like I could have engaged more in active citizenship had the KSC administration nurtured Greek life more and not scrutinize it.

I can't say that this statement reflects everyone's experience here at KSC. I think this might be because it's dependent upon the student to give to the school what they expect back out of it. I think that I was more focused on keeping my bills/rent paid and focused on student teaching and all that comes with it rather than broadening my horizons and participating in things that the school had to offer. Oh well, too late now I guess.

Yes, I feel that Keene State College has prepared me well to enter the field of Education. The field experience and the professors have been very supportive and encouraging and I feel that most work I do is relevant and helpful to help me to acheive success. I've become more aware of the world in which I live and have learned to set reasonable, obtainable goals that will guide me to success in my near future. I'm pleased with my experience at KSC and will take what I have learned with me to my future classroom, my community, and many life experiences that are to come.

Yes. Almost every teacher I have had while hear makes sure that all of these goals are completed by each student in some way or another.

I feel that the statement does reflect the college's mission statement. I have seen great improvement over the past four years since I have been here, focusing more on the education aspect and critical thinking.

I think KSC needs to have more courses that integrate the material being taught and real life experiences such as internships or volunteering—especially with Psychology.

I would agree with this statement however, It is up to the individual to take advantage of the opportunities and resources Keene State has to offer. The most enjoyable experiences I encountered were when I found myself working among students who showed and eagerness to learn and succeed.

I believe that KSC prepares you in all angles on education. The professors have contributed to this very often enabling us to think outside of the situation. I think the quote pertains to my experience at Keene is several ways, and will continue to be apart of my critical thinking.

While many of the KSC classes focus exclusively on one subject, some do very well in associating the content of the class with outside matters. KSC teachers encourage students to think critically and creatively as well, many incorporating open discussions in their classes in which the students can voice their opinions and engage in lively educated discussions with their peers.

Yes, I believe my classes have encouraged a participatory behavior, and influenced me to seek meaningful career options in my search for future work.

Yes I believe that Keene State College prepares students to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work. I believe that I have grown up a lot in these past four years and Keene State College has a major factor in that. Keene has pushed me and helped me to realize what I may want to try and pursue in the future. I don't have any immediate plans right now after graduation, but I do know that
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Yes, I feel like Keene State College has challenged me to think and analyze a number of different situations and scenarios in the real world, as well as within an academic context. I have done meaningful work and found things that I am passionate about through different courses and assignments at Keene State.

No.

I have been given opportunities to teach dance in a school setting and I hope to incorporate this into my career.

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Yes, I feel this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC because in order to enjoy the past four years you need to be involved and open yourself up to situations that you might not have been involved with in the past. By opening yourself up to new situations allows you to think outside the box and use critical thinking.

Yes, I believe it reflects my experiences at KSC. The various classes (especially the interdisciplinary classes) have helped me to think critically about various subjects through different perspectives.

Yes, I feel I have met all those goals and will be successful in continue to follow them after graduating.

I feel like this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. This is because my teachers challenged me to think, in doing this it helped me to succeed in the classes I enrolled in.

Yes

Yes. My education at KSC has allowed me to take an array of courses which integrated with each other while promoting me to engage in my community while putting forth a lot of time and effort into meaningful work that I am proud of.

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The safety program will most definitely help encourage these things in my later life.

I feel like this statement is accurate according to what I would like to accomplish for career goals. I am looking into human service work, this implies that I will be pursuing meaningful work that was attained from my education here at Keene State College. I wish there was more help with career connections, and ample amount of time working one-on-one with career advising.

In each course I have taken at KSC, there has been an emphasis on critical analysis of my own work, the work of classmates, and of the provided texts. The various student groups and clubs contribute to an atmosphere of active citizenship and prepared me very well to pursue meaningful work after graduation.

Yes, i am not sure if i learned that in class or through my experiences with my peers but i do have an ability to critically think about something that i did not possess before

Yes because I feel that Keene State College has their best to make sure that I am fully prepared for a career in education.

I agree with everything in the mission statement. The courses offered at Keene State definitely make students thing critically and professors are always encouraging students to think about subjects from their own perspective.

I agree to a point, I feel as though some senior capstone classes should be a year long instead of a semester. I'm a Graphic Design major and feel a few of the classes I took as a freshman/sophomore were useless and think there should be courses like color theory, letterpress, pre-portfolio classes, and a year long portfolio class like stated previously. I think it would benefit the students as well as the professors. And if making the portfolio class a
I do and having taken a long break in my education I believe that more than ever. Being back at KSC has allowed me to look at myself and I think prepare me well for the next stage in my career.

What does this mean active citizenship? My work is always meaningful to me. Critically and creatively I have been thinking things way long before Keene State College. Throughout my course work in both mathematics and education, I had to think critically about the problems I was working on or for the potential problems I may face in the classroom as a teacher. My professors helped me to expand the way I think and how I respond to certain things I will face in employment.

This statement is true in the fact of the extra classes we must take in order to graduate. I have been in classes from my major to watching films and taking French. KSC does try to push people to try new things, but I think we might try harder in preparing us more for the jobs we are trying to get right out of graduation.

Yes. Often our college invites people to do things in the community.

KSC has taught me how to analyze data and trends in manners that I can apply to many situations outside of my lab, which I apply to community service and other commitments. This allows me to give back to the community in a manner that is both relevant and productive to everyone.

I agree, through my experiences here at KSC, I believe I have engaged in a lot of citizenship and have been able to think creatively in all my classes within my major. I'm able to express my thoughts and keep my mind running. I feel that KSC has given me the ability to pursue my major without any doubts on my performance in my field of study.

I've definitely thought critically and creatively and engaged in active citizenship while I've been here. After I graduate, I hope I'll pursue meaningful work. The Peace Corps volunteering definitely would be meaningful. I'd be helping to make a difference in the lives of many people in an entire village. Maybe if I end up teaching English in France, I could enable many people to travel around the world and meet people and learn things they wouldn't have otherwise. These are all possibilities. The trouble is that they're not what I want to do. I love New Hampshire and I want to live here for the rest of my life. At least that's how I feel now. So I'm facing a dilemma. I don't know what kind of work I could find in New Hampshire with a BA in French. I guess I'll figure it out eventually.

Yes, I believe that KSC has encouraged me to think critically, to get involved in my classes, clubs, and community, and to produce the best work that I can.

I got an okay education here. It comes down to you get what you put in.

Yes, my education field work has given me insurmountable experience and knowledge that will undoubtedly guide me to a fulfilling teaching career.

Yes. Keene State has encouraged me to be a free thinker but a valued member of the community.

Yes. I have have been stretched in many ways as I have gained expertise in my field.

I believe it does to a certain extent. Critical thinking and creativity are implemented well in many classes, from my experience. As far as active citizenship, I feel that area could be implemented more into some areas of study.

Yes the schools prepared me well for my plans in the future.

Yes I feel that this statement is very accurate pertaining to KSC’s Mission for students in their area of study for the future.

If you want to. Keene is a place where there are professors willing to help you with these things if you're interested. If you're not, you can skate by. I had classes with plenty of people who I was amazed could breathe on
their own, yet they still managed to make it through with decent grades, which was disheartening. The college ought to up its standards.

I think the Education program should be valued in all of the field work it entails. It is important for the student to gain that real-life experience in order to see themselves in their future professional position.

Yes, KSC has tried to prepare us somewhat for these goals. Some classes and experiences did it better than others.

Yeah.

Very much so.

For the most part, yes. A few professors seemed to care less about the course than the students and never really encouraged critical thinking; others were just the opposite. I suppose it depends on the luck of the draw, and I can't base my entire college career off a few professors.

I would have to say yes and no. I have taken classes where I personally learned a lot because I enjoyed the subject and also the professor engaged the class very well and increased my interest. But I have also taken classes where the professor was absolutely terrible and made me detest the subject I was learning. Better background checks need to be done on professors and the dean of the department should sit in on classes every now and then and evaluate the teacher. Also more classes need to be offered at the college. Instead of buying brand new dump trucks how about offering more classes. Every college is a business and the students are the customers appeal to the customer with more educational opportunities.

Absolutely. Being an education major requires you to do all of these things. I have grown as a student because of all these combined goals.

Yes, throughout my college experience I have been challenged with many new topics to better prepare me for my future.

I think that the mission statement is accurate.

Yes, I do.

Yes.

Yes I agree.

Yes. I have been involved with Alternative Spring Break and have worked as a Resident Assistant over the last 2 years and this has helped me find who I am as a person and has given me much more confidence in myself. My courses have continuously encouraged me to think critically and in doing so I have been forced to think of creative ways to solve problems.

Yes.

This statement does accurately reflect my experiences at KSC. In order to achieve this, however, the student must have their best interests in mind and remember why they are at KSC to begin with. It wasnt always easy to focus solely on academics while being a student at KSC, but I was always reminded of the reasons why I am. I was encouraged to think critically and creatively throughout my 4 years here, and with that experience I will forever hold the knowledge to 1. be a better person and 2. encourage others to do the same.

Yes, I believe so. I had a teacher who runs a trip for students at KSC to go to a school for children in India, and she encouraged my class to go. I decided to go, and I had a great time, and I learned a lot about another culture. I think this fits with the KSC mission statement. I am also doing an internship at an adult day care.

Yup.

I know because I have been there and I have seen it and yet, I'm still not quite sure.

Yes, I just feel that our campus needs to be more diversly accepting and that there should be sororities and fraternities that are about community service or children's health or for people interested in health, not just
specifically for the majors. Many people do not give there time to help back this community that we live in when you are a part of a college community, and i feel that is where we are lacking most.

Yes.

The KSC experience has prepared me to enter the working world as a valuable citizen.

The KSC Mission Statement is an accurate reflection of some of my experiences at the college, while other experiences I have been through can not be correlated with the mission statement. I believe my time used as an Athletic Training major has payed off and been worth the hard work. My AT classes, professors, interns and practicums have all pushed me to my limit, challenging me to question "why" and encouraging me to dig deeper into a conflict or issue. However, my experiences with my general education (intro to math courses, spanish courses, etc.) do not accurately reflect the KSC mission statement. I have found that most professors outside of my major seem lazy and non-interactive with the students. They do not provide constructive feedback with homework and projects or sufficient time to explain these assignments. Most of all, they rely on technology to educate. Using blackboard and other websites to post homework online which I never receive feedback on or am able to ask for help with.

I would agree with this statement, I learned how to think critically and creatively throughout my class work, but felt my hands on experiences came from my drive to participate with internships, not the schools pressure to do so.

Yes

Yes, I feel that it does accurately reflect on my personal experience at KSC.

Yes

I believe this statement does reflect my experiences at Keene. The management department, and my ISP courses, have taught me to always think critically and creatively. I found that I was graded more on my ability to think critically and creatively. Keene State always encourages students to engage in active citizenship through clubs, organizations, and academic departments.

I think this statement does reflect my experience here because I have only pursued meaningful work and most classes I enjoyed and thought very critically for. And Keene State has a great community outlook. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you.

Yes and No. I think I could have been more prepared and had more offered to me. I leave Keene State feeling under prepared and worried although I received As in most of my courses.

Yes I feel the statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC.

I think I have learned a lot about our community, myself, and how much an effect we as college kids really have. I feel like I am prepared to take on a better job and to pursue my career goals, even though I do not know what that will be yet. Keene State has helped a lot.

Yes, completely. I believe that KSC provides all the tools for students to do all of the above, it is just up to the students to have the motivation to take advantage of it. I have learned an incredible amount both about myself and how to collaborate with others in the four years I have spent here. The majority of my classes have been engaging and always challenge me to think and examine, particularly aspects of our society today. The numerous amounts of clubs and organizations, particularly Greek Life and Circle K, has afforded me the opportunity to both learn to collaborate with my peers and actively participate in the community. Finally, KSC has provided me with the tools to examine what kind of field I would like to go into (non-profit), something I would never had known was the right choice prior to coming to this institution. However, I do wish there was a little more prep for life after KSC.

Throughout my experiences in Keene state college, I can agree mostly with the above statement.

sure
Yes, I enjoyed this school and the amount of interest in my education. It was a great place to live on campus.

Yes. They have prepared me to be able to build on my education further in a career.

Throughout my four years of college I have become an adult. I am now completely confident trying new things and exploring deeper into the subject areas that I already know. It was a great time of my life where I have developed into both a great person and a confident physical education teacher.

I feel as faculty is being overwhelmed with the increasing responsibilities school administration has forced upon them. Student body has increased and so has class sizes. Teachers genuinely have become less available to meet the individual needs of students. I know on multiple occasions I have had lots of difficulty meeting with my advisor and or other teachers in my major.

Yes I have learned allot about myself as a person in multiple dimensions of personal and interpersonal life setting such as in my area of study and my ability to work with others and form relationships. I have been able to learn what my strengths and weaknesses are and I feel as if by being able to recognize my weaknesses I have been able to better evaluate how to successfully highlight my personal strengths. Though I have learned a great deal I feel as if I have had limited direction. I feel as if faculty should be more resourceful and clearer with their expectations.

Yes, however, my experience at Keene has been specific to the Holocaust and Genocide Studies program which is why I transferred here. Therefore, I have not engaged much in campus culture or many active citizenship opportunities.

Yes, KSC helps students think out side of the box.

I believe it does. I have seen it mostly threw my classes and being a Resident Assistant.

yes, because it is part of all of my classes and i feel like i am ready for the real world.

Yes.

Yes I agree with this statement as far as being pushed to think critically in all of my classes taken here. I think all of my work here has been meaningful since I have such a love for Communications and helping others. The faculty at Keene State College has been helpful enough to offer help when needed but let me make my own decisions. My Capstone Senior Project class I hope will prepare me for the working world but right now I don't see much of that.

I think with having to take the ISP classes, creativity is immediately examined prior to engaging in a specific major of interest and to guide students where they eventually see themselves and in what major. I believe I have grown into a successful future employee in whatever job I decide.

Yes I think it does. I love Keene State College it's the best one I've ever graduated from.

yes

I think that the professors are so different at keene state college that it is hard to get a good grasp of what the mission statement of the college is. I will have professor who are not very into teaching and giving out assignments, but then I will have professors who care about my ability to learn the material.

yes I do, I feel that with everything I have done here at Keene State College I feel that I can move on to find a career that I love and be an active member in my community.

Yes I do. I have had a great deal of experience critically thinking, becoming a better student through working with others, and completing large tasks on my own.

yes.

Yes, I feel that the above statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC in general.

I do not feel that this statement reflects my experience at Keene State. I have not learned anything about citizenship, most teachers that I have had do not seem to care about the students or effectively teach the subject.
matter, there is not a lot of preparation for work after school and there is not a lot of guidance.

Yes. I feel as though my experiences at KSC over the past four years have greatly improved my abilities to think critically, engage in citizenship and to pursue meaningful work, so I would say that this is an accurate statement.

Yes..all my professor have always pushed me to work to the best of my ability and make me really care about my education.

Yes. The Keene State College Honors Program really challenged me and fulfilled the goals indicated in the KSC Mission.

Yes, however when it came down to communication between myself and the education dept. about what was needed, I felt like some information wasn't communicated at it's best. I felt confused and overwhelmed when deadlines weren't communicated clearly. The education courses I took were amazing and Professor _____ helped me with any issues, if she wasn't involved in my education I'm not sure how successful I would be.

Yes, I believe this is true because my education received at Keene State has made me a more aware, passionate, and eager to get out in the real world and work and apply what I have learned.

Yes I do feel the KSC Mission and Values accurately reflect what I have accomplished here at Keene State. The standards that were set before me has trained me over my college tenure and now I feel prepared as a future employee but also as an American citizen. I have become a more responsible individual and I look forward to utilizing my skill sets that I have developed over these last few years.

All except pursue meaningful work. I have no idea how to find meaningful work.

I am a dance education major, we think of ways to be creative and problem solve, we also are engaged within the community by working with students of various ages and abilities. I think the dance department has been very open and helpful with getting dance in and after school. the education program could have been more open to having diverse lesson, be more flexible with timing and types of and amount of assignments. interdisinplinary classes could also be more expecting of they way students work. i feel that these classes pushed their importance over my major classes, most were not benifical to me or helped my develop in my field of study. as dancers we need more places to practice, people have labs and the library to study, we study by making dances. we need more spaces for this.

Yes the school encourages alot of critical thinking and creativity.

Yes I believe I did all of those things while in school.

Some what yes and no, I learned a lot at KSC not only about academics but also about myself and life in general, but I wasn't motivated enough to be an active citizen. More classes should promote students to stand up for what they believe and be active in the issues that surround them. Some of the most interesting classes were ones that taught other points of view and brought up issues that face the world today, I just wished I learned more about what I could do to help change things for the better. I was motivated to do meaningful work and I want to do that after I graduate but besides peacecore and city year, I don't know many other options I have.

I believe that my experience at Keene State College has helped me gain a greater understanding of myself and the world around me, as well as articulate educated opinions on various issues. The work that I have done during my time here has prepared me for a professional career.

Yes I feel that the time I spent at keene taught me to think critically and creatively, I feel that i also engaged in active citizenship and pursued meaningful work.

I began at KSC in 1981. Various events had caused me to set aside my studies sporadically until I recently decided to finish up. The two courses I attended in the last year were very well taught, demanding, thought provoking and fostered critical and creative thinking. I think KSC succeeded in fulfilling it's promise.

Yes, I feel that this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC.
There were many chances to work outside the classroom at KSC, this expanded the typical classroom experience into something more meaningful.

Yes, I would like to see the school be more helpful in providing real life work experience for students, ie. internships.

Throughout my time at KSC I have grown as a person socially and academically. I would not be the developed young adult I am if it were not for my time at KSC and the efforts and care of the faculty.

As a Political Science major my classes were specifically focused on critical thinking, and active citizenship. So yes, it does accurately represent my experiences at KSC.

The statement above is undoubtedly a mission statement. It incorporates all of the umbrella type terms that try to provide a widespread (or dare I say diverse?) education to all. However, it becomes the responsibility of the student to "think critically and creatively", which isn't always the case. Does this piece of the mission statement accurately reflect my experiences at KSC? Sure, but that is only because I have consciously decided to reap the rewards of this institution. I am not so sure I can say that about all of my peers however...

I feel that KSC's Mission Statement is greatly represented by my time here at the college. I have engaged a plethora of interdisciplinary topics that have strengthened my opinions and encouraged my leadership potential. Additionally, I have enjoyed my involvement in the nearby Keene community with the non-profit organization, MCVP. I would happily recommend this institution to future students as a wonderful environment for personal growth and fulfillment.

I feel like most of the faculty at Keene State have done a good job at providing me with the means to think critically and creatively, however I don't feel like they have pushed me to be involved in active citizenship nor to pursue meaningful work. Most of the professors here are just focused on getting the course material across to their students and don't put the extra effort in to prepare students for the world when they get out of college. For example I tried to get an internship for the summer between junior and senior year, and talked to my advisor as well as the career advising center to help me find one, but they were no help in setting me up for an internship.

I think Keene State College prepares students to work in the field they will get their degree in, however, it seems that the amount of involvement and connections available through Keene State College are limited. The experiences I have gained here taking classes and meeting a variety of people, including professors, will prepare me socially for any job or career I choose in the future.

No, I feel that I got far more out of my experience in the honors program and Rockland Community College. That program was much more challenging and fulfilling to be a part of. A lot of the course work here doesn't seem to apply to life. Also a more individualized approach may be more helpful. None of the papers I've written here have been to my fullest potential. I've written things that I have been far more proud of. I didn't feel like I was pushed to achieve my full potential but at the same time I'm glad I wasn't pushed to do the highest caliber work because I was too busy with mindless busy work and semester long group projects. Now I haven't spell checked or proof read or corrected the grammar of this paragraph but I am a student with a 3.875 GPA and I wish I had work produced here that I wanted to show off in the portfolio that was required for my major.

Yes, I feel this statement does accurately reflect my experiences at KSC because all my management classes in some way have forced me to do outside research to figure out a problem at hand. KSC offers many opportunities to engage in active citizenship but I never chose to be a part of it. Some of my professors have really implemented pursuing meaningful work in their classes with portfolios and semester research papers. If I didn't utilize my time effectively, I found my grades to be lower than if I dedicated more time to working on those types of assignments. Overall KSC's Mission and Values statement accurately reflects my experiences at Keene State College.

Yes

I think that to a degree, having taken all these integrative general studies classes, that KSC actively seeks to give students a broad based education in order to help students operate successfully in the real world.
Yes because going to school here has allowed me to interact with people from all over New England and this has given me a lot of perspective on everything. Also classes here have made me a more educated person when it comes to not just basic academics but also worldly issues and be more aware of what's going on in the world.

Yes, I believe that KSC has helped prepare me to become a more critical thinker, while making me more aware of my surroundings.

I do, I have had a great time here at Keene both in and out of the classroom! thank you,

Yes

I do believe that Keene State College has prepared me for my future career plans. My experience at KSC was very positive and I look forward to continue my education here through the graduate program.

No. Keene State is a ____ joke. You keep jacking up the prices on everything but the services and classes just keep getting worse. Your requirements are bullshit. You are not allowed to take more than one foreign language class to fill your requirements. How am I supposed to benefit from one semester of Spanish? Instead of investing that money in the current students, I came to college to get a degree and a good job so I don't have to worry about where each paycheck is coming from, not to learn about my community and active citizenship. If I was to get a great job then I would probably have the means to participate in my community more but until that day I will be too busy working meaningless jobs because I was not realistically prepared for the real world.

My experiences have been great but I've heard opposing views. Perhaps I just got lucky enough to constantly have incredible faculty at my disposal. I suppose though that in the end, you get out what you put in.

It somewhat reflects my experiences here at KSC. Some of the classes I was enrolled in seemed like a waste of time & money because they were general courses and had nothing to do with my major. Also most of my professors didn't keep students for the full class time, and we are paying thousands of dollars to learn and be in class for 2 hours. Other professors seemed like they could care less about making us think critically and creatively. The only courses I enjoyed the most were the ones relating to my major which are the most important ones anyways!!!!!! This is off the subject a little bit, but I think that the parking situation for commuters needs to change as well because there were many times I was late to class when getting to campus. I would even come very early and never found parking when I pay $125 a year! In my opinion and the others who commute could say that we should have paid half of the amount of money we did for this education overall. Thanks.

During my time here, I have been challenged intellectually and was exposed to so many kinds of social activism that scholars and others engage in to bring into fruition their visions of social change. Between courses, readings, and my own involvement with social activism, I will say that KSC has indeed fulfilled its promise to encourage active, informed citizenship and self-determination on many fronts. I have had a well-rounded education here because of the ISP program, the immense dedication of my faculty to make the coursework relevant to my life, and the extracurricular involvement encouraged all around by faculty and my peers.

I think KSC is an institution of learning, it conduct' itself as so and is effective in that goal. I have developed myself a lot in my years here, and I think that you have instilled those desired values. At the same time I believe there is always room for improvement, some teachers I have had just don't seem to have a format that engages students, and I think that I could have used more hands on experience in my field. I am happy with my education, but there are certainly personal changes I would make if I could do it over again.

Yes because my teachers would always encourage us to think outside the box

I completely agree because in the management department I have become very close with many Professors who have definitely helped me become who I am. They have pushed me to do the best work possible to prepare me for my future. I am now looking for jobs in my field of study, and they are all helping me and encouraging me to do whatever I love.
I do, but with the major I chose, Biology, it makes participating in extra clubs a little more difficult. Over all, Keene does make an effort to allow ALL students to participate.

Yes.

Yes.

I do. I think that the KSC Mission and Values statements meets its context.

Not once in my four years at Keene State has that Mission been brought up, discussed, or even mentioned in any of my classes. My own experiences at Keene have always been motivated by what will benefit my own skills and personal skills. I do not think that this mission reflects on me at all. I do not disagree with it, and I think it is a strong mission. However, the Mission was never something that I thought about daily, and I would not be able to tell you what the mission was if you stopped me on the street and asked me. I believe that I have always had the skills to think creatively and critically, but my experiences at Keene have definitely improved those skills. The skills I have I developed through life experiences I have had mainly outside of Keene State.

Yes. I have been encouraged to seek experiences that allow me to use all of the aforementioned skills. The clubs and organizations on campus, specifically, have prepare me to engage in active citizenship and pursue meaningful work. I have also always been told that a career in teaching is meaningful work.

Yes, I do indeed. I think I was encourage to think critically and creatively. I have done many things that have helped me grow as an individual here at Keene State College through my sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon.

I believe that my education at Keene State has further developed my existing faculties and desires in these areas, but I'm not sure that it would have created that desire in me.

It definitely reflects my experiences at KSC, but I am not sure how many KSC students would agree with such experiences.

Yes,

It is important to interact with the public as well as our peers in order to gain a promising education. Learning about our major is one thing, being active in the community is another.

Overall, yeah. There were certain semesters where I was forced to take courses that were of no interest to me that I got nothing out of academically. This was the result of the Integrated Studies Program. While I overall like the concept of such a program, it forced me into trying to comprehend material that will serve me no purpose whatsoever in the future. My best experience on campus was serving as Opinions Editor for The Equinox for a year and a writer for four years. That really forged the path I'm on now.

Yes

Yes

Yes, however I did not find that until I did an internship with _____ who really helped me generate ideas and help myself focus.

The college itself does encourage this, but it doesn't mean that the students that attend will put in the effort to fulfill this goal. The disappointing aspect of this is that these students still pass and graduate with a degree. I have put hundreds of hours of effort into my degree and getting the most out of my education, but I have peers who continuously slide by. Our school has a reputation as being an "easy" school because of this and it just continues the cycle of mediocre students. I know many people that put the same amount of effort as me and take their work very seriously, yet we are overlooked because of the notorious appearance that we are not a challenging school. Programs need to be more exclusive to build a stronger image for graduates and prospective students. I want to apply for a job and have my interviewer be impressed that I went to Keene State. I'm very proud of all the hard work I've put into my classes over the past 4 years and I can honestly say that I've enjoyed every single one. The peers of my generation assume that we are entitled to a diploma when it is really a privilege. I don't regret my choice of coming to Keene State, but sometimes I wonder what would have happened if I chose a
Keene State College requires students to take liberal arts classes. This is very helpful for students to "find themselves" and discover something they are passionate about. This also helps us be more diverse and well-rounded. We will be more ready to handle anything that is thrown at us because we have different experiences and knowledge. All of the different classes have made us look at things in many different ways and handle different tasks in different ways. All of these things have greatly prepared us for starting out careers and lives.

Yes, all of my classes have encouraged critical thinking. Education courses are especially meaningful and are great preparation for my career.

I believe that Keene State College as an institution, as well as many of the members of the faculty have encouraged and motivated me into thinking a little bit more critically and creatively. I also believe that both my positive and negative experiences at KSC have helped to formulate who I am as a person, instilled values, and given me a wider perspective of life and daily problems.

If I wasn't in education, I don't think that I would have done very much with the active citizenship portion. Otherwise, I believe that yes, I was challenged to think critically and creatively and to pursue meaningful work.

Yes I do believe that this statement accurately reflects to my experiences at KSC. I have been through a great journal of learning and and enjoyed it all.

Yes i feel that i have gained a good amount of knowledge that i can use when i enter the real world and should be able to be successful.

If anything, my time at Keene State College has prepared me to live in the real world. I came into KSC not knowing how to be independent (although I certainly thought I was) and although I had many interests, I was limited in my understanding of the scope of those interests in terms of a career.

My academics have been invaluable and, though I believe I could have gotten the same type of education in many other institutions, KSC provided me with the flexibility I needed to develop as an individual. I was not bogged down by my academics in such a way where I was hindered from exploring collegiate life outside of academics. I was able to join student organizations, attend events, partake in community happenings and even develop strong social ties.

I learned more about myself and my own passions at KSC than I did about the content of my courses. I am able to take what I learned in my courses and apply it to my real life situations. In that way, I think KSC has done me very well. I know college names are very important, that is just how society perceives success, but I am proud of my academics at KSC and believe I have done the best and most I could have done in my time here.

I have thought critically and creatively while enrolled in different courses at KSC. I feel that most of my classes have led me to pursue meaningful work and I believe I a prepared to enter the real world after being at KSC for four years.

I feel that Keene State has prepared me to think critically and creatively as a future teacher in all the classes I have attended. As a student and an athlete I have learned the importance of being a team member, supporting one another whether on or off the field which applies to engaging in active citizenships. Although I kept a busy schedule and did not attend or pursue all the opportunities I wanted I have grown tremendously from Freshman to Senior year. Keene has prepared me to take a role in what we call the 'real world' and to still keep a balance of my own enjoyment on the side because they have taught me the importance working hard to make time to relax and enjoy those around you.
These past four years have been exhausting. I am worn out, I have spent more time being miserable than enjoying myself, and I would encourage people to take time off before going to college in order to figure out what they want before they commit to something they are unsure of.

I believe that for the most part it does. I had a great experience with my professors and their encouragement to expand my mind to soak up all of the experiences and knowledge I could while I was here. I do wish there was more support for students that wish to take full advantage of the resources available at KSC. I feel that a lot of support is given to a certain extent, but once a student wants to challenge themselves further beyond the classroom there seems to be a bit of discouragement in that area. While watching a professor's work be showcased is beneficial, I had hoped to gain more opportunities to do the same while here. Granted the chance to crash and burn is always there, and a professor advising a student that what they are trying to do is too big and overwhelming is welcomed advice, but I believe it should be up to the student to decide in the end what is too much work for them. I feel that in my last 3 semesters I was held back from fulfilling my full potential as an artist and taking advantage of the resources at KSC by the professors. I completely understand a student proving themselves before given more responsibility, but if what they are trying to do will only hurt themselves if they fail then they shouldn't be held back. I hope this changes over the years for future students.

Sometimes
As always there are individuals (faculty and staff) who do not agree with or follow the mission statement. This is especially true about the "think critically" piece of the statement. Many professors have a desire for students to write what they want and not what data and evidence suggest. I have had a few such experiences.

I feel that it depends on the student to walk into a place and take what they want and need from it.

Yes over the years of being a student at Keene State I gained experience out in the community that encouraged us to be involved and try to improve the overall health of our community. Being a health science major, this offered us opportunities to be involved at the Keene Senior Center, at the local schools and at the Community Kitchen of Keene.

Yes, Since coming to Keene as an 18 year old, I am leaving as a 23 year old with a whole new world view and perspective on life.

I have personally accomplished a lot at Keene State that has helped me grow to be an educated, independent person. I have been able to learn a lot about myself through my classes and extra activities and am happy to have chosen the path at KSC that I have.

I feel that this statement does, and does not reflect my experience here at KSC. Where I do believe that I learned a lot in my respective major I also feel that I could have been pushed or encouraged to do more. For example, a huge part of my major is to learn to think critically and creatively as well as to engage other citizens. However, I feel that an internship or something similar would have been greatly beneficial to my learning experience here at school as well as entering the workforce after I leave. An important part of applying/using a political science degree is to make connections and to gain experience so doing that prior to graduation would have been beneficial.

Yes I do agree that KSC has helped me to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work, but I wish that there was more time dedicated to my field of study and less time with courses that will not help me in my future.

My computer science courses often led me to work for members of the real world community, leading me to think about real needs and do my best. That's meaningful to me.

Yes, I feel that in the honors program and my major have helped me produce some of the most amazing projects and learn the most significant information. I am so glad to have had the experiences that I did because I have engaged in active citizenship and pursued meaningful work.
Graphic design class wise they need to step up their game and their facilities for the students. experience wise KSC has given me more than i could have ever asked for

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Yes I feel that it does, in many of the product design classes we went on trips to see where and how some products were made. We saw many different aspects of the major.

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Yes. Throughout my four years at Keene State, I felt that a large number of opportunities were made available. There were many activities I may never have pursued had it not been for KSC. Whenever I have needed something, from guidance in regards to my major, a recommendation, or some other resource I have always been able to find exactly what I was looking for. I feel prepared to enter my field of study as an active member of society with the confidence I need to succeed.

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Yes, my education I got from the school was not strictly limited to my major. It will help with everyday issues and tasks.

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KSC requires many important courses in the base curriculum, encouraging a growth in many areas of development. KSC offers many opportunities outside the classroom that enhance your entire experience!

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yes. i believe the courses here challenged me to think critically and creatively.

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Yes. The Keene State College Music Department has helped me develop great knowledge in the area of study. The music classes prompted me to think creatively and critically. I also have learned a great deal in the music education classes. I have had a wonderful time here at KSC.

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I do believe that the statement accurately reflects the experience that you recieve here at keene state. I have enjoyed my time here and would encourage anyone to come to campus to check it out. The one thing that i wish i would have done in my time here is work in a company in my field. It would be invaluable experience if the institution was able to set up programs that encourage students to take part in an experience like that.

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Yes, I believe that I have definitely had a memorable and beneficial experience educationally and otherwise here at Keene State College.

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it does to some degree. My capstone projects I am taking part in will enhance my understanding of environmental studies, and these acquired skills I hope to apply to a job I really enjoy.

I believe that this statement does reflect my time at KSC. The opportunities to meet this statement are made available but are not enforced, which leaves the option to fulfill this statement up to each individual student. I do, however, feel that I was not fully prepared for some aspects of the career that I will soon be immersed in, and when I brought these points up in classes, I was told the information would have to be sought out elsewhere. Therefore, though I feel this particular statement was reflected, I wish I was able to feel fully prepared from the education I paid to receive, instead of having to contact other sources to gain the knowledge I was seeking.

I think that some professors really try to encourage critical and creative thinking, and many of them do a good job with it. On the other hand, some teachers try to tell students what to think and not how to think. What I mean by this is, instead of teaching a concept and allowing the student to form an opinion of the subject, some teachers have just said this is how it is and if you don't like it, too bad.

Keene State gives students the proper education to have the ability to make a difference in the community. It is our responsibility to take our experiences in and out of the classroom to achieve our own goals.

Yes, I think the first part of that statement is especially accurate. In most of my classes in my required classes in Safety Studies and Environmental Studies there was really an emphasis on critical thinking and practical problem solving. Overall, it is a pretty accurate statement of my time learning at Keene State.

Yes, I do. Thinking critically may not be fully accurate but everything else I agree with.

I do believe that Keene State College prepares students to think critically and creatively, and to engage in active citizenship while pursuing meaningful work because I saw a lot of this is my classes that I have taken while at Keene State College. We have had to think critically in our capstone classes and work with outside sources to better their work environment in my case in Safety Studies here at Keene State College.

Yes I do. Keene has expanded my critical analysis of any topic discussion presented to me. I now can find reasoning behind my beliefs and can understand why I feel the way I do about specific topics.

I guess.

Overall I feel as though Keene State College does achieve its mission. One may not notice this in a semester or even a year, but after a period of four years you start to realize the effect Keene State has had on how you think and on your viewpoints of society as a whole.

Yes, I do feel that my KSC experience pointed me in the direction of pursuing active citizenship and meaningful work, even though my classes did not directly reflect that on this survey. Meanwhile, the comments I would like to make are about the Mason Library. The staff was always helpful, that part is good. But I think that the library should be required to buy and keep on reserve one copy of every textbook for every class. If it's good enough to be taught, then it belongs on the shelf, and with the price of books these days there should be one available to read at the library. When I took meteorology, the professor was using the 22nd edition of the textbook, and the most recent edition Mason had was the 11th. People should be required to read the texts, but not to buy them. Thanks.

Yes, as indicated by my responses I believe my time at KSC has led me to think critically and creatively for all my courses of study. Through my internship/field work I have been encouraged to engage in active citizenship. Finally, my experience in my field of study and courses have prepared me to fully and confidently pursue meaningful work in this field. Thank you KSC.

Indeed it does reflect my experience here at KSC. I am now able to diagnose, treat, and create rehab programs for athletes that I would not have been able to create four years ago.

The mission statement has definitely proven to be true when it comes to my experience at Keene State College. I will be proud to call myself a KSC alum in a couple of months.
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<td>I do. I learned how to do things in an organized and efficient way. I learned how to work with others in a team atmosphere to achieve something to be proud of. In addition, although I only did community service my sophomore year, I learned that it's important to do something that gives back, especially if you have something to give back.</td>
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<td>I really liked Keene State when I had good professors, but I really didn't get much help or support when I had terrible professors, and I had quite a few. I didn't pay thousands of dollars for terrible professors to belittle me and give me lower grades than what I deserved. On a couple of occasions when I went for help concerning a professor because the situation was that bad (and I am not one to complain), I was told to just deal with it and there was nothing they could do. You (the department) hired him, I didn't, so something needed to be done. I also don't agree with taking courses that aren't part of my major once it has been declared. I again pay way too much money to waste time in classes that I don't have any interest in or classes that will not benefit me. I am currently in a IHHIST 399 class to fill an ISP and the professor is terrible! He belittles us students, treats us like children (not letting us use the restroom? I'm an adult! I know when I have to go) and shows EXTREME favoritism towards students who are either History majors or who have taken his classes before. He told a student that because she didn't take a class with him prior to this one, she wasn't allowed to ask questions in class? It was ridiculous! Many of us students are in this class because we don't have a choice and we are all working hard, but it's starting to look like a lot of us won't graduate because this professor is so terrible! I work over 30 hours a week to pay for my education, plus taking three other classes and the amount of work he assigns is not reasonable. I've worked so hard these past four years (usually making Deans List) to have an arrogant professor ruin it for me now! I also found that many of my classes in my major were a complete joke! I didn't learn anything and I would have been better off learning it on my own or gaining experience outside of the classroom, but of course most of these classes were required to graduate. I am almost done with Keene and I know I will walk away with mixed feelings. I worked so hard, but feel like I don't have a whole lot to show for it. I'm so far in debt, I can't afford graduate school and I don't know what I will do after I graduate. I learned more on my own or from a select few professors, but the rest really wasn't worth my time. ______ was the BEST professor I had and I will absolutely keep in contact with him after I graduate. More professors need to learn from him.</td>
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| This accurately reflects the knowledge and qualities gained while attending KSC. This institution is a hidden gem and allows students exponentially grow personally and academically. I would never have predicted the person that I would become when I was a freshman. GO OWLS! |
| KSC has prepared students in these manners. I feel that I have grown in my thinking and have engaged in community service as well as working on campus for work study. |

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<td>Through the early childhood education program and KSC, I have been encouraged to pursue meaningful work, think critically and creatively, and to engage in active citizenship as I enter a field of work in which these values are crucial to success. However, I think that the ECE program experience is a rare one and the values embraced by mentors in this program should extend to all programs at KSC.</td>
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| I do, because I joined a sorority my second semester freshman year and I have so far completed over 70 hours of community service as well as held high positions within the organization which looks good on my resume. |

| Yes. I've certainly learned to think and analyze more critically over the course of my time at Keene State-- in fact, this was probably the single most critical skill I developed during my undergraduate years. I also hope that the work I end up doing with my degree will be meaningful! |

| I have benefited from my experiences here, both academically and socially, and I feel much better prepared to go out into the world as an adult. |

| Yes |
Sure

Yes. There are many opportunities to volunteer and become a well-rounded, well informed citizen in and out of the college community.

Yes

Yes. Keene State College was the perfect college for me. If I had to go back and choose again, I would still choose KSC.

Yes

I absolutely agree with the KSC Mission and Values statement especially within the Physical Education program. I entered Keene State College a bit timid and unsure that I could be comfortable enough to pursue my want to become a teacher, but KSC and the physical education program has eased my way in to where now I feel extremely comfortable and prepared to begin my future.

Yes, I feel KSC has done a good job in preparing me critically and creatively to engage in meaningful work through my content area. I have not been disappointed with any classes I have taken within my major content area.

Yes

Most positively it does. My work in early childhood has prepared me with meaningful experiences in schools where I have formed lasting relationships with peers, students, and mentors.

Keene State College provides many opportunities for its students to succeed and develop valuable, and meaningful insight in the students' selected field as well as life in general.

Most of the time.

Yes. As a teacher I will most certainly be pursuing meaningful work. The teacher education program at Keene State College is wonderful. The staff are helpful and have provided me with opportunities that I feel very few students have been offered. I believe the education program at Keene State has allowed me to get a head start on students entering the same field from other schools and feel confident in my ability to achieve success in the future. Go Owls!

I agree that the college asks me to think critically and creatively but not engage in active citizenship. I have gone into the community myself and talked with professionals in my field of study but was not asked to do so by a professor. The college does a good job with caring for the environment and teachers like Peter Temple have shown me the different fields of study in green building. I look forward to adapting the experiences I've learned with my future employees. Thank you for making my four years here memorable.

No. I feel I have only learned marginally more in my field of study here than I did in high school. Working an internship has further showed me how the course of my field of study has very little reflection on real life outside of school. A majority of the stuff taught here does not pertain or is not applicable in real life. This is a problem. While some of the classes are challenging and my GPA is not perfect, I can truthfully say I have not learned much here that will help me after school besides certain design aspects of my field of study. I am convinced that Keene State does not really care much for its students. I do feel like a number like at a large division 1 school. I have tried to seek help and/or answers for a bunch of different questions/problems and have been told to run back and forth between offices, the blame has been passed from one person or office to another it seems no one is on the same page with what is going on across the campus. It's quite disturbing actually, I came here looking for a quality education as promised and it was not delivered. While the teachers do actually know names and faces in the classroom the main offices that make the college run are nearly useless unless you put forth persistent effort to get in contact with someone high in the ranks. All to often that person still has no real answer for your question/problem. I see huge issues with how things are handled here. I don't have enough time to type it all out here, I expected much better, sadly it was not delivered. The school needs to take a step back and reevaluate...
how it is run. Starting from the top down. It needs to be students first, not faculty and money. I feel as if, especially now being a senior I am nothing more than an afterthought and not cared about at all since I will not be spending thousands of dollars here after May. It's sickening and disturbing. Change needs to be made.

Not really. Outside of a couple good teachers, i was not challenged and did not experience as much guidance as i hoped for. There were a couple teachers in the management dept who challenged me and taught their classes about (or around) important current issues or environmental factors that i find interesting and would like to pursue.

It does

Through out my four years at Keene State College, I have always been encouraged to think "out side the box" by professors. To step out of my comfort zone and challenge my work ability because of this, I have been able to succeed well beyond my personal goals.

Yes there are many opportunities for students to get involved in the community of the school and in some cases the town, as well as thinking critically and pursing meaningful work. However I find that most 101 or even 200 level teachers in some cases really aren't qualified to be a teacher at all. I say this because in my four years here there are teachers who honestly have no idea how to conduct a class in a proper way. For instance I had a class where there was no attendance grade, no homework, classes went no longer then 45min most of the time, the teacher did not teach me anything I didn't know, and had two exams that were honestly not even related to the class. It was basically a joke, and a easy A. Keene should school these teachers in how to conduct a class in the proper way so the student knows what needs to be done. These 101's and 200 level courses were almost not even needed in my education for my degree and only really provided me with annoying busy work, I feel that some of these teachers were given the job because of their previous work in some outside related field or because they knew someone within the department. They aren't education majors and don't have a education masters degree, and in my opinion in some cases have no place as a teacher, and should be schooled to some degree before standing in front of a class. For me when I come across a good teacher that knows what he/she is doing, I find the experience vastly more enjoyable even though the work may be harder. Overall my core class for my major in most cases were good. The integrated studies program needs work in regards to the teachers in the lower level courses by a lot, its not fun to have to be in a class that is run like a high school classroom.

Yes, because from working in all of my education placements, I have learned many new methods of teaching and working with people in general and I find that I have been prepared to be a great teacher.

Yes, keene state college prepares you to do your best in the real world. They give you the skills you need to grow as a person and in your field. They give you a stone in your life to pulled up on. The saying on the entrance at keene state real is a good statement for students. Enter to learn Go forth to serve.

I believe parts of this statement are true. I have been challenged to think critically and creatively, I have not really engaged in active citizenship, but I do believe that I have pursued meaningful work.

i loved being at keene, and a lot of what i have decided to do in the future is a result of my faith, which grew strongly through the organization Christian Impact. People need to join groups and organizations, it adds so much to the college experience

I agree with this statement. However, I do wish that there had been more advisement from the begining of which courses were best to take at that time for students who were undecided with their majors. I feel as though my academic experience was made more stressful because of the lack of advising I had recieved.

I believe the KSC Mission and Values statement accurately reflects the college community as a whole. During my four years at Keene, I have been impressed by the level of passion and commitment professors have both in their field of study and in those they teach. Admittedly, Keene State was not my first choice. However, after spending four years on this campus I truly feel that it is a community that strives for academic success, and dedicated to service. I have also admired the work ethic of many of my fellow students in pursuing their studies.

Yes
Yea, some classes should not be considered a requirement for certain majors because they are not beneficial to really learning anything in that field, just kind of take up time that could be used more usefully.

Yes

My experiences at Keene State College, both as an Undergraduate and a Graduate student, have been positive ones that have consistently challenged my thinking and beliefs. My Education courses have made me think about my role as a teacher and have opened my eyes to a world vastly differnet from New Hampshire that I feel I am much more prepared to take on. As an Undergraduate I took part in the 2008 elections and actively campaigned for presidential and congressional candidates. I have also worked with other students to improve their understanding in history classes as a tutor in Aspire as well as volunteering as a tour guide to show high school students the benefits of a school like Keene State College. My greatest accomplishment, however, is the semester I spent away through the Global Education Office where I was given the chance to travel and study in a different country.

As a whole, I feel that my experiences have prepared me for my role as a public school teacher and I am ready to take the next step forward after graduation, whatever it may bring.

I think KSC did a pretty good job on their mission statement, but it would be better if they would push students to do internships- offer in the major they are in, in order to be more confident in getting a job in their major.

Yes I do because Keene State College has become a resource to begin my next chapter in life and helped me pursue my dreams of becoming a counselor and helping people as I go on with my life. The faculty has helped me every step of the way to make every effort of my dreams come true and I feel that I am very thankful for this.

Yes, keene State college has made me tap into the far reaches of my brain, to succeed, academically, and athletically.

Yes, I have pursued opportunities in Education several times throughout my KSC career. I have engaged myself in extra-curricular activities as well as the opportunity to study abroad.

This statement does accurately reflect my experiences at KSC. KSC has allowed me to explore opportunities of service both inside and outside of my major. With clubs such as Feminist Collective, I was able to pursue interests and active citizenship that I may not have otherwise had time for within my field of study. Being able to actively engage in student teaching and other fieldwork experiences has helped me to successfully prepare for a career in education.

I do to a degree. There are definitely courses that I have taken that promote service-learning and critical thinking in regards to social, cultural and political issues. However, I think that ISP courses could be geared more toward this type of preparation. Not all students get this type of exposure to the world outside the campus.

Yes, I have always been a critical and creative thinker but I was never able to flourish in academics before Keene State College. Most of the classes are so open ended and flexible! I could study what was most meaningful and interesting to me for once and this has improved my writing skills, my critical thinking skills, my self confidence, and my happiness in life. At Keene State College, my individual interests and needs were always recognized and I was never forced to complete a task like every other student; I had options. After attending Keene State College and experiencing so much support from my professors and the administration as a whole, I have hope that I can be exactly what I want to be in this life; an early childhood teacher.

No, I dont believe that the mission statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC because many of the classes were far to easy and provoked little creativity or critical thinking. Additionally, I do not believe that any coursework works towards active citizenship. I believe this is rhetoric that KSC promotes, however no classes have actively put this into practice. Also, while I feel prepared to enter my field due to the work done by those in the Environmental Studies department, I feel as if many other areas, of which I was a part of, as well as the college as a whole do not and have not given me the tools to pursue meaningful work and do so successfully.
Yes because students are encouraged to participate in many on campus activities and/or sports. Each student learns differently and are encouraged by peers and teachers to do well and succeed. No matter how a student feels about a certain task they are encouraged to fulfill the task in anyway they can as long as they thought thoroughly about it while they were doing it.

Based on that statement, I do feel Keene State College has prepared me for that. Being an Architecture major, we are expected to think critically, creatively, engage in active citizenship within our required courses and experiences in the industry and of course the work we produce is generally said to be meaningful to not only the client but society as a whole.

I think it does for more regular students, I have been focused on my career for the last 3yrs while I struggled to complete the courses required of me. KSC follows their mission statement well for students that want to be involved, unfortunately my schedule and obligations did not allow me to involve myself in the extra curricular activities and community involvements I would have liked. I wish I would have had more time to experience all KSC had to offer.

Yes, I do agree that Keene State's mission and vales do accurately reflect my time spent here at KSC. I have gained a wealth of knowledge in the field of studies that I have accomplished and I have been inspired to continue my path of meaningful work in the business setting following graduation.

Yes

I think that Keene State College Art Department prepared me well for after graduating circumstances. However, I strongly disagree with the general education program required at the college. It repeatedly negatively distracted me from my major studies.

I agree on some level. The school provides the tools to help the students, but the students should take the initiative as well. The school can only do so much.

My graduate school experience has complimented my career endeavors. I was able to design a instructional program and implement it with the support of my professors and work administrators. It was a huge task that was broken down into sections very well. I didn't feel too overwhelmed the majority of the time, and when I did my professors helped to calm my nerves and get me through the tough times. I enjoyed the community feeling that was developed over time with the cohorts within the larger group. I felt I had individual time with specific professors and was able to get to know the members of my cohort better than if I was in a larger group. However, I also had access to more people outside of my cohort, which made me feel like I had options and wasn't just "stuck" with the same members the entire program. I would definitely do the program again based on the pace of the program, how the sections of the courses were broken down into manageable bites, and the encouragement I received from my cohort and professors.

No. I feel that my education has only been a broad sense and I feel that I am unprepared for the real world.

I would say this is true in my management degree as for my music degree and the music department this is not true. There are a few professors in the music department who have acted inappropriately to students. I have reported one of them to the head of the music department but I did not have the opportunity to tell the head of the department what else some of these faculty members have done. Some of these faculty members have told students that they "suck", to give up, that they are worthless i.e. borderline abuse in a inappropriate situation as well as grade certain students with favoritism as well treating others poorly. The department is cut-throat in ways that are unethical and unfair. I have seen this personally as well as with other students. This kind of treatment should not be tolerated. There are ways to let a student know they aren't music material without being condescending and sadistically cruel while stringing them along in the department before dropping them. I write this message in the hopes that something can be done and that students can get fair and just treatment in the future. Not every professor in the department is this way. There are some very kind and fair professors who are encouraging. But there are four professors there who have done terrible things to several students. Please inquire me further if you'd like specific details.
I think that KSC has given me a good view of many different facets of education which I am sure will benefit me in my future. However, I am not as pleased with my education pertaining to my major. I felt as though I received an extremely basic, skin deep education that lacked the kind of intensity that will truly prepare me for the competitive business environment. I feel as though the management department should be focused more on preparing students for actual hands on work and doing much less teaching out of a generic text book. I think that case studies should be used much more, in order to provide students with real world preparation.

Yes

Yes, the teachers have prepared me for the major I am graduating with. I am very happy and satisfied with my four years here at Keene State College.

When i entered KSC i never believed i would be leaving as the person i am today, i had no idea of half of the things i now have knowledge on. KSC has transformed me into a better person, i now have a better and more stable look upon the world and have more will get out in it and explore and to live , and help other better themselves as well. The teachers are amazing i only had a couple which i disliked and all of them were willing and supportive teachers who really did wish to see there student succeed.

The KSC Mission and Values reflect on my experiences at Keene State college. I have been challenged in my Graphic Design major to always think critically and creatively, my classes have challenged me to approach the problem for many different angles. My role as a Resident Assistant for 3 years of my college experience has prepared me in active citizenship and made my community a better place. I take pride in pursuing meaningful work and believe that everything I do for Keene is for a purpose. I'm happy with the KSC Mission Statement and the Values of the college that have been instilled in me.

Yes

I loved Keene State College. My experiences here are ones I will never forget. I believe that Keene has prepared me as much as it could for the outside world. I hope to be successful and come back and show how great of a job this college has done for me not only with my education but my overall life.

Yes, because Keene State College makes sure that all student succeed academically but also encourages their students to fulfill their dreams!

After almost finishing my four years at Keene State, I feel very prepared for what life after college has to offer. I feel ready to apply for jobs and feel confident in the interviewing for the positions. Even though directly after I graduate, I may not get a job in communications, i still feel prepared for jobs outside my field of studies. Thank you Keene State for your guidance and support throughout my academic career, as well as my life outside of school.

Yes I believe this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. I've learned, grown and developed over the past four years all because of the caring, thoughtful professors and coaches I've worked with along the way. All of which have been focused on my future and my goal to pursue meaningful work.

yes KSC has helped me to get a higher education along with find a field of study that I am interested in. It has also given me opportunities to find good jobs and give me the experience I need to succeed in the working world.

Yes I do.

Yes

Overall, I would say this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. However, I was taught to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work but a select amount of staff members who really made the experience for me. If not for those professors, my experiences at KSC would not reflect that statement. There are some professors whom I feel very strongly were unsupportive when I needed them the most. However, although I was discouraged, I kept working hard and am glad I did because it is finally paying off.
The things I would like to see change at KSC for others would be having the professors and students communicate more. Perhaps enforcing a mid-semester meeting with every professor would be more beneficial in helping everybody work together and improve. I know that regularly meeting with my professors helped me out a lot, and I think if it was mandated it would help a lot of other students who wouldn't normally seek that aid on their own.

In conclusion, my ways of thinking have been challenged and I have gained new perspectives and insight in so many different ways. I learned the power of the impact that I can make in my community when I use the resources available to me and reach out to help others in need. Also, I want to be a teacher and THAT is meaningful work. The KSC Mission and Values were met for me in the end, but I will never stop appreciating and recognizing that it was all thanks to a few professors who truly and genuinely cared about me and went the extra mile to give me a great education and experience at KSC.

Yes

This does reflect my experience at Keene State

I do feel that my career at KSC accurately reflects this passage from its mission statement. My areas of focus were English and History, and I feel these two fields of study demand critical/creative thinking as well as foster the desire to pursue meaningful work. I consider "meaningful work" to be some form of employment or hobby that endeavors to change things or in some way attempts to progress human thought. For instance, my study in English dealt heavily with colonialism/postcolonialism and how it reshaped the world's hierarchy - I hope to incorporate writing into the rest of my life, if not make it a career, and the issues discussed in my courses have served to develop what had only been an innocent childhood dream into a serious goal; one that would put forth many of those same issues in the world today.

KSC, at least the two fields I chose to study in, certainly makes one think.

There is no better way to describe Keene State College by making this statement. I am an Elementary Education major and have never felt more confident to go into the job world and be all that I can. I have had amazing professors that have truly impacted my life as a student but also as a future teacher. I received a lot of experience working within my field of interest which has made me extremely prepared.

Yes,

I think this statement illustrates the successes of Keene State as a liberal arts college: we are both challenged and supported to be the best we can be in whatever we choose for our field of study.

Yes. My educational experience has helped me to be a more creative and critical thinker, to be more actively engaged in the life of my local community, and to pursue work that has personal meaning for me as well as a positive impact on the lives of others.

I feel this statement is true a lot of the classes that are required they make a point to either think critically or be creative. I feel that Keene State College teachers require students to have group projects and presentations to help students prepare for the future and have practice working with others and presenting in front of larger groups.

yes, I have learned a lot and gained a strong urge to help others.

Yes, I feel that my experience here at KSC has prepared me to be successful in my field of study.

Yes i do believe that the statement accurately reflects Keene state. I have been challenged to think in ways that i would not have thought if it hadn't been for the different professors i have had pushing me to do so. I had a great experience here at Keene State.

Yes

Yes I think I have had excellent teachers, with a few exceptions, but this is to be expected. Keene was a terrific school that has prepared me for my future to think critically and creatively.

Yes I agree that this mission statement reflects my experiences at KSC. Courses often encouraged critical and
creative thinking and the relationships I have developed constantly allow me to engage in active citizenship. The senior capstone class that I am currently taking allows me to pursue meaningful work in my major, as does my final communications class for my minor.

Yes, I have been encouraged to think critically and outside of the box on many occasions and in many classes. I have engaged in active citizenship and I have pursued classes and courses that have encouraged me to do meaningful work.

I feel that for the most part this statement describes KSC but I also feel some of the faculty are not always engaging students to work till their full potential.

I feel like this is accurate for the Education courses I have taken. I have learned so much in my methods and student teaching placements. I can't say I feel the same way with my the courses in my second major.

while I do think this statement is accurate I also would like to add that there is most certainly a sliding scale and that some teachers are far more equipped than others. This results in a very hit or miss situation and while for the most part I have felt very lucky for the education I have received, there have also been instances where I have felt less than engaged due to an instructor's performance. Overall a good experience that I would not trade it for the world.

I feel that as a student, the most essential thing you need to do is start taking on different perspectives. Meeting different people, seeing their viewpoints and comparing them to yours. This will make you better able to understand other people and become a more open person. Keene State allows this to happen, which in turn will also lead to being able to think critically and creatively by drawing from their own experiences as well as their peer's. But honestly, there are still far too many people who just sit in their rooms and let the experience pass them by, absorbed in their own world as they trudge forth into the rest of their lives, then looking behind them and thinking how did it pass so fast.

Throughout my four years, KSC has taught me to live outside of my "own little world". Throughout social, academic, and community events sponsored by KSC and not KSC, I have gained not only self awareness, but awareness of other people and other places. Over the course of my education, I have been challenged on numerous occasions in many ways. While I haven't always enjoyed it while it was happening, those experiences have prepared me for my future and will help me think critically and creatively in "the real world" and career search.

Keene State College has helped me learn to take control of my own life, and take an active leadership role in activities. However, I feel that these skills would likely have been achieved whether or not I attended KSC. I feel that much of the required work (especially that outside of my major) is pointless and simply wasted time on useless skills that could have used towards improving my knowledge in my own field of study. There are several problems which make KSC a poor choice for any student pursuing a natural science major:

1) Not enough time/resources are spent developing internships & career placement. Most other colleges have working relationships with organizations/businesses throughout the area which offer internship/career opportunities. Not KSC - a few lucky undergrads land an internship by themselves - the rest are on their own.
2) Not enough time/resources are spent on field research. Most adjunct faculty are not paid for undergrad research and so there are few research opportunities for students. Again - a few lucky students are able to do research, the rest simply don't get that opportunity.
3) An abundance of "poor quality" and/or unmotivated faculty. To be fair KSC has some of the best professors that I've ever had, however there are numerous faculty members (both tenor track and adjunct) who are either incapable of effectively teaching or simply can't be bothered to do their job properly. I still can't believe how much money I have paid for some classes that have left me with no useful skills and no added experience. It is entirely shameful and reflects poorly on the entire college (no wonder so many underclassmen transfer out within their first few semesters). Any other reputable school would have fired many of these professors.
4) Lack of consistency in program of study. Faculty need to make sure that they are teaching the same correct information. It's incredibly frustrating to "unlearn" an entire class' worth of work.
5) Inability to transfer credits from other USNH schools. I have one entire semester's worth of research credits from UNH, however KSC refused to accept them (despite their policies which claim otherwise) because "KSC doesn't offer these courses." This is precisely the reason that I went to UNH to take the courses in the first place - to make up for KSC's shortcomings.

I'm incredibly disappointed by how little this college has prepared me to enter the workforce, and because of this I simply cannot agree with the statement that "Keene State College prepares ..[students to] pursue meaningful work." Had I known what I know now, I would never have come to this institution. It pains me to think of how much money I've wasted on this education experience. I will never recommend that any student attend KSC because of my experience.

I believe this statement does accurately reflect my experience at Keene State College. By taking the required courses in the ISP program, I was introduced to subjects I would not have normally taken. This enabled me to branch off and go in directions that surprised myself and where I found a second major. I also was on the executive board for Habitat for Humanity which in turn led me to my potential future goal of becoming a social worker. Without the opportunities I had at this school, I may not have ever found out where I truly belonged.

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Yes. As an English major, I feel that the English department at Keene State College highly emphasizes creative and critical thinking.

Yes, i feel however my study abroad experience was most developing.

I suppose I could agree with this statement, as KSC has hired the professors I've worked with over the past 4 year. It is those professors that have helped/prepared me with/for my future plans. They've taught me to think in and outside of the box, to respect other people's choice, ideas, and feelings whether or not I agree with them. And they are the ones who have pushed me to reach my maximum potential, and continue to do so. I am grateful to have worked with my Theatre & Dance professors.

Yes, I do feel this statement reflects my time here at KSC. Through the past four years, I can see a significant improvement in confidence speaking to groups as well as potential employers.

I think the the curriculum at Keene State College generally promotes these ideas. Active citizenship is tied in with courses, clubs and living learning communities.

This statement is a fair reflection, though not a perfect one. I have done all of this and am thankful to have been given the opportunity to do so. With that said, however, KSC students are not organically exposed to these activities. Many of my most positive learning experiences at KSC were independently sought out, not provided as a component of a larger academic plan. I have worked extensively for Orientation, the Equinox, and Alternative Spring Break but all of these experiences were the result of a personal volition to involve myself. Students without independent motivations will, generally, not be exposed to such experiences through simple classroom presence.

Yes, I learned how and why KSC students must think critically and creatively. KSC students must do so because the real world demands it and we have to be prepared for high expectations from future employers. Engaging in active citizenship allows us to grow and learn. As active citizens, we better understand the world - politics, respect and appreciation for the environment, so on. If I do not pursue meaningful work, then I do not have a reason to work at all. I may as well implement meaning and worth into my life if I spent most of my life in the classroom training for the workforce, preparing to contribute to a world, an economy, a government that needs assistance. Therefore, as a writer, I will contribute to the world's most desperate needs.

The college does a good job preparing us for the real world in the classroom. As a teacher, I wish that the school had given me more opportunity to work in schools.

Yes, throughout my studies here at Keene, i feel that all of my classes have collectively prepared me to tackle
problems and tasks in the real world. What I have learned here will help me to be an active member of the community as well as be successful in my chosen field of study.

Yes, I think this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. From the community service I have done, to being involved in a sorority, to all of my classes and activities I have attended here, it has given me a broad spectrum of information and experience I can relate and use outside of KSC after graduation. It has prepared me for life after graduation and to show and produce quality work.

Yes

Yes. I feel that throughout my education at Keene State College I have broadened my horizons in regard to thinking critically and creatively. I have become more actively involved in my surrounding communities and I feel that the work I have completed was meaningful to my future career plans.

Yes, I have had several professors that challenge me to think, resulting in more creative solutions. But only a number of professors are practicing this strategy of teaching.

I do not feel that KSC has prepared me as a student to enter the working world. There is weak advising on campus and I have experienced many issues with this graduation process.

I feel like this statement is right on spot, especially with my major. My major was physical education. I could tell all of my professors wanted to see me to experience success and achievement. I enjoyed how my classes were smaller because we were able to bond. The physical education program is great, that is the reason I came to Keene, the program surpassed my expectations. The teachers allowed me to grow as a professional. Our assessment classes allowed me to "think out of the box" and be creative on how to assess students in different NASPE standards. With this major they encourage to get out into the community and create opportunities for us to gain more experience with our field. I received a co-coaching girls basketball team at Keene High through the program, also I gained information about volunteering to coach soccer at the recreation center through the physical education department. Because of this program at Keene State College, I can say that I would not want to change one thing and thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

All of my work here has certainly forced me to think creatively, especially as an art major, and I take that creativity with me into my other classes that don't necessarily pertain to my major as well. Through getting involved in clubs on campus and doing volunteer work geared through the college, I have certainly gained a meaning for being an active member in society and it's helped drive my passion further as I head on to grad school.

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I agree that the KSC mission statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. Not only has the school been able to shape me academically but personal struggles I faced while attending school has changed me as well and the tools that KSC has given me as a learner helped me deal with those struggles and evolve from them. I have a more understanding for ethical decisions and how to engage with diverse groups from my education at KSC.

This statement pertains to the multitude of classes that I have taken that have challenged me to think outside the box about the future of your planet and the others who we share this planet with.

Yes, without a doubt. I love this college and everything I've learned here.

I do feel that is correct, The keene state environment is a great place to learn and develop as a young adult.

I learned to think critically and creatively in the classroom, to engage in active citizenship through various clubs and I think I was natural inclined to pursue meaningful work, but KSC certainly encouraged it.

Yes. Keene State has been a great experience for me. I've learned a lot, met some wonderful people, both professors and friends. I've enjoyed the classes I've been in, worked hard and I am proud of my accomplishments. I will miss it!

I can't say that it reflects my experience here, but I cannot speak for the student population.

Yes...I have loved attending KSC, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels! My experiences have been very
rewarding and I have learned so much about myself and the field of education that I have chosen.

I agree with this, for I feel that I have learned how to be more apart of a community and work with other people in a respectful manor.

Yes. Most of the goals in the mathematics classes were based on this statement.

yes

I've definitely become a more prepared academically, socially and culturally during my experience at KSC. I feel well prepared from my journalism studies to secure a job in the media world.

There were many critical thinking events that I encountered since being enrolled at Keene State. I believe KSC has helped me grow, but if I could do it again I would have broadened my school search to see other available options I had.

Yes, I agree. Keene State has a wide range of classes and many of the are definitely focused on human life, and making the most of it.

This statement is extremely true of my classes. My time at Keene State, especially the ISP classes, has made me aware and engaged me is so many of the struggles and injustices in the world. My education at KSC has helped me develop and transform my world view from what it was when I started. After my education at KSC, I feel like I am a citizen of the world, in that I am familiar with a broad range of issues, subjects, and problems that effect everybody. I feel like I am truly ready to "go fourth and serve".

I do not think this statement is true of the management of the college. I think it is a shame that the school has a contract with Sodexo, who is notorious for poor labor practices and extreme anti-union policies. I also disagree with the school's overuse of adjunct faculty to save money. I think it would be better for the students if there were more full-time professors so that the professors felt like they were really a part of the community. I find it disappointing that KSC has so many classes that focus on social responsibility but outside of the classes and guest lectures it is hard to find.

I was also disappointed by many of the students of the college. I think the school has developed a reputation as a party school and that attracts a lot of people who do not want to learn, this lowers the quality of the education. In many of my classes it only seemed like a few students were actually interested and engaged in the lesson. I think it would be best if the college catered to students who wanted to learn and not make classes easier because there are a lot of students who do not want to work.

Aside from these few complaints, my education here has been the most enlightening experience in my life.

The KSC Mission and Values reflects my experience at KSC because I am now able to take the thing I have learned here and apply them to my experiences outside of KSC. I believe that now after 4 years at KSC I have learned to use a creative mind while working cooperatively with others around me. Thank you.

I feel that my experience as a graduate student is very different than an undergraduate experience. As a professional adult learner, there is not as much time spent on campus or involved in campus activities. During our action research project we were encouraged to think critically and examine our research from an analytical perspective constantly. Also, learning the action research process itself is important to enable the pursuit of meaningful work. Also, as teachers we were encouraged to engage in professional learning communities which encouraged citizenship and the pursuit of meaningful work.

yes, I feel that Keene State allows teaches the students how to be prepared for the real world and also what their field of work would like to be.

Yes it does

Yes I feel I have the correct tools to go out and pursue a career in my field of work. However Keene state lacks in internship and real life experience that can help get me a job. Many of my friends at other schools have had numerous internships to prepare them and help them with resume building. I felt it was very hard to find internships here and gain real life experience.
Yes, I think that what I have learned at KSC has allowed me to think critically and creatively throughout all that I do. I have pursued meaningful experiences throughout my time at KSC. This statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC.

I feel like I was a person who already did many of these things before coming to KSC. I did notice however, that not all or maybe even 1/3 of the students on campus really engage in active citizenship or pursue meaningful work, especially on weekends of during community events such as the pumpkin festival. I was appalled to come to KSC as a first year student and see what Keene State Students made of the Pumpkin Festival. I grew up in the area and have attended the festival every year of my life with my family and with my community members. To many, not all but many, KSC students this community event has turned into a drinking fiasco where they believe they are entitled to run wild in the streets of Keene smashing pumpkins, bottles, and leaving trash everywhere. I think that in the classroom students think creatively and perhaps critically but the atmosphere outside of the classroom and off campus is absurd. I am sometimes ashamed to be a Keene State student when I read about the arrests and when I drive down Winchester St. on a Thursday night. Or when I hear other students refer to KSC as "Kinda Sorta College". There is a lack of respect and effort put into school and classes; it is sad to observe. So to answer the question, no, I do not feel that this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC, not completely, which is extremely unfortunate.

I think that all students should be shown the fabulous film "The First 100 Years at KSC" during First Year Orientation so that they can see this college's history and perhaps be proud of their school and be more respectful of the school and the Keene Community.

I believe that the statement does reflect a good number of KSC students and their experiences, and mine as well, but it could be so much better. Thank you for your time.

Yes, many courses here rely heavily on critical thinking and creativity and it is such an integral part of KSC.

I believe Keene State College prepares students well who take initiative to go out and make a difference. Many other students are not aware of the important resources on campus and thier should be a more direct way to bet students involved and active in the campus community.

Yes. I know think critically and somewhat creatively, I am a very active citizen, and the work that I will pursure will be meaningful to me!

Yes

Yes, college has prepared me to pursue my dream job and do great work in my field.

I am a journalism major and I have seen that with that experience I know how do be a tool of the public to potentially enhance the quality of life of others through my work. I see KSC as a means to sharpen ones mind in a specific angle to fill their niche in society. With this sharpened mind one can better understand one's niche. When one finds a niche their work immediately becomes meaningful; finding that niche is what citizenship is all about, contributing to the greater society in what ever means one is best at. KSC has shown me how to use talents that I have in a meaningful way, and fill gaps of what I never thought of before. In this sense KSC has shown me how "to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and pursue meaningful work", as the quote goes.

Yes

I only attended Keene State College for two years so it was harder for me to adjust to this different school and programs, but I feel that Keene State did help me to think more critically throughout my work.

Yes. I feel that that I have had to think critically throughout my 4 years here and hope to get a meaningful job upon graduation.

I think my courses at KSC have surely inspired me to be critical and creative in my ways of thinking. From discussing globalization issues, such as child labor and foreign policy, to analyzing the effects our everyday decisions have on the world around us, the material contained in many of my courses has helped me to better
understand the complex interactions taking place in our lives every day. I have been made aware of many
inequalities and injustices occurring everyday all over the world. I have also learned that change is possible. As
history proves however, this can only be achieved through perseverance, dedication and hard work. This requires
the involvement of every citizen. Decisions are being made everyday and without our input, policies and laws will
continue to misrepresent the true needs and desires of the people.

Yes.

Yes, i believe that this reflects my experience. I have learned a great deal over the past 4 years to think critically
whether it be with problems from homework or other take home assignments. I believe that I have also been able
to actively take part in research that was very meaningful, and to some degree I have been able to engage in active
citizenship around Keene as a whole.

Yes

Many of my experiences here at KSC do reflect the Mission and Values statement. Content classes that I have
taken have helped me to develop a better understanding of the world around me. I have been challenged in these
classes to hold an open mind to world issues, to become involved in my community, and to give my best in any
work I take on.

Yes I feel like my education and other activities at Keene State College furthered my educational development as
well as helped me mature and grow as a young adult.

Yes, I believe this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC, because I was a communications major. I
was always challenged to critically engage in my work and many times this meant engaging with my peers as well.
I experienced a diverse ways of approaching situations, and it has helped me grow into a stronger academic
student.

I feel that the mission statement does reflect my experience at KSC. I have had an amazing experience here and
am grateful. I have learned a lot about myself and how I learn best. The professors are great and really care
about their students and help whenever we need it.

Yes, it does. I am an English major and I feel that the most important thing to learn, especially in my field, is the
ability to think critically and creatively.

Was given many opportunities in various classes to think critically about several different areas of study. Was able
work in the community through classes to build and support my academic knowledge.

I do agree with this statement.

This statement is the epitome of KSC. I have learned a great deal about myself and my community. I feel that I
have become a more active citizen and have gained the tools to continue doing so. I have always tried to produce
meaningful work and the professors at KSC expect and encourage it. I am very satisfied with my educations at
Keene State College.

Yes I do. My experience at Keene State College has been nothing more than everything I could have wanted out
of college. By coming to this college I believe I am leaving with a better understanding of myself and also the
impact that I want to make on others in the real world. I would not change anything about my choices I made
these past 4 years and the memories I have will and can never be replaced.

I do. Keene State College has taught me to engage in my community as well as my ideas and inner creativity
in order to accomplish meaningful work. I have learned about myself as well as the world around me and the
different people in it that has made me feel like an dream is worth the change and worth the possibilities.

I agree with this statement because Keene State has taught me to "think outside the box" and that the more
creative and unique you are with what you do will only help you in the long run.

I feel KSC has honed my ability to think critically and creatively by allowing me to not only take classes within the
Safety major, but various electives as well. Looking back on the years I've been here, I can't recall anytime where
I was strongly encouraged to engage in active citizenship, except for a few history/politics classes that encourage voting. However, I know the college provides the opportunity for students who are interested in community service to do so. Mission statement aside, I couldn't imagine studying at a different school. Note: The professors I have met in the Safety program are very encouraging in terms of getting an internship and starting a career. It is clear that several of the safety professors are passionate about their field and they serve as great inspiration.

Yes, I was able to think critically and creatively to do my work to my best ability.

I believe that this is true I am a management major and i have been taught to think critically and creatively to solve the problems that teachers have challenged me with.

I thought that my major especially helped in regards to helping me to think critically and creatively, but I want to see more overall from KSC. Critical thinking is the most vital concept that collegiate-aged scholars need to fully understand before going into the real world.

Yes, I feel that I been taught to thin outside of the box. I have been taught to think in all different directions.

Yes I do feel that the mission and value statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC. I was encouraged to think critically and creatively in all my classes. I engaged in active citizenship as professors from KSC encouraged all their students to go Vote on election day, which I probably would not have done otherwise. I also took a course which required me volunteering at 100 nights homeless shelter. I will pursue meaningful work when I graduate, as I have been doing so in school for the past four years.

Not really, Most of my classes I had to take were a little pointless and most teachers read straight from the textbook.

Yes, I feel that I have had some very interesting and engaging courses and professors here at Keene State College. I think that they have inspired me to be more open and have a wider range of knowledge. I am not quite sure what i would ideally like to be after I graduate, but feel that I have a good foundation to stand on after completing my college education here.

Yes, for the most part. I feel that I have learned at lot at KSC and it will help me in my future endeavors.

Yes I agree. I have had various opportunities to critically think about my work and to be as creative as possible.

Yes, I have had a wide range of classes that have taught me many different aspects of thinking critically and creatively. From ITW class freshman year to taking the class "other ways of knowing" I have a great understanding of needing a strong education to pursue meaningful work. Even volunteering at the community kitchen for a psychology class has made me think in a different light.

No Keene state makes every step of coming here impossible to get aid, and classes.

Yes and no. I have found that teachers are often too lenient with students, allowing them to turn in late assignments, etc. Students wind up feeling like they can get away with a lot, and do as little work as possible. This is certainly not the attitude that students should have as citizens. Students should be held to a higher standard.

Yes. I graduated from a technical high school, there i did not get the education that could prepare me for college. When entering Keene i had barely any study strategy or critical thinking method. As a communication major and philosohy minor here at keene, critical thinking was definetly established.

Yes.
My education major involved me spending a large portion of the year and a half in a school setting. This work has opened my eyes to what meaningful work can be done with children and what that work can do to help the community.

ya i guess
For the most part, yes. I feel that I have grown so much in my four years at KSC and I feel that I am 85 percent prepared for the future. On the other hand, I feel as though some of my time at KSC could have been used differently. I feel that I have taken a number of courses that were interesting, but to no use to me. I would have rather taken more courses that correlated with my field of study, life skills, or general education.

My experiences at Keene have most certainly helped me to take prepare myself for graduate school and for certain aspects of my future. While I have had a number of wonderful professors, I feel that some need to censor what they say to students. During my freshmen year, I was told by a psychology professor that I should be in the program and I should find a different major. Having defeating professors, especially during one's freshmen, is very confusing and in all honesty, I was put in a state of hopelessness. This experience is not to speak for all professors here. As stated above, there are many quality professors here where it is obvious they actually care for the students. It is important to be supportive and helpful. If you are going to be a professor, be one because you want to be one. It's not all about money.

Keene has certainly expanded the ways in which I think and I most certainly have a more open mind. I am thankful for the Psychology program, but like with each program here, it has its flaws. Keene really is a wonderful school but my only hope is that the professors will someday take students who really try hard seriously. Too often, I have heard instances of where professors look down upon the students because of practices outside of the classroom. Not all who attend Keene are 'partiers'. Some of us really do want to learn and for those of us who do, it is really painful to hear that we are not cut out for the program. I am happy that I have a strong 3.7 GPA and that I was able to fight against the odds set before me my freshmen year but that shouldn't of happened. I hope people continue to enjoy Keene for all of its wonderful respects and I hope that professors can someday understand just how much of an impact they really have on our lives.

Sure.

This statement reflects my experience at Keene State College because I have taken many ISP courses, which are concrete examples of this quote.

Yes, my professors have all challenged me to look at the coursework from both a critical as well as a creative perspective. They have allowed me the freedom to use my own strengths and talents to accomplish my assignments and they have provided numerous opportunities for me to express my views. They have pushed my limits on what I thought I knew about my discipline and provided ways in which I could interact with other students to study the topics in depth and with dialogue and online discussions. Group work, in-class and out of class interactions with colleagues, multi-intelligence assignments and hands on feedback on my writing has been extremely helpful. Professors have been willing to email, Skype, meet personally or talk by phone about numerous aspects of the curriculum and have provided multiple opportunities for me learn in a variety of venues.

Yes, I feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC. I have been extremely impressed with the education department.

I agree. I find Keene State to be a school that values citizen ethics and encourages students to incorporate them in their lives, whether at work, in school or at home.

I think essentially there is a climate of engagement here at KSC which does promote the Mission statement, but there seems to be some difficulty in actively expressing the values. This is the sense that often, there is a lack of easily attainable opporunity in campus sponsored endeavors fitting with the said mission statement. I think it might be best to work towards making the "meaningful work" element more accessible, and more than merely just a nice little statement in stone. If somebody wishes to participate in some program (there aren't many that are commonly known about, to my admittedly limited knowledge of the subject) then there should be a clearly identifiable, common path for individual students or community members to follow. Its discouraging, I think, when there isn't enough awareness about certain programs or how to get involved. Other than this, as I said, KSC does well to promote a climate of learning and community participation of sorts.

Yes

Yes, throughout my education courses, I have learned to think more creatively and critically than I ever had in the
past. I feel like I am an active part of the community and making an impact on peoples lives, pursuing what is meaningful to me - teaching youth.

| Yes |

I think some teachers surpass this mission statement and maintain the KSC values, whereas others fail horribly. Accumulatively, over the course of my four years at Keene State College, I would say this statement is overally reflective of my experience. My suggestion would be to have a greater surveillance of students perspective of professors especially those who are protected by tenure.

This statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC because my professors are passionate about what they do and it has inspired me to be as passionate in whatever it will be that I do with my life. I think that the staff at KSC is the reason that this statement is true for me.

Yes, I loved every minute of my Keene State education.

yes, I feel special to attend a school with so many dedicated teachers who promote learning! coming from Long Island NY, I can see so much more dedication to students than I've seen before. Thank you for providing such knowledgeable people to guide me through my two years at Keene State.

Yes, I feel like I am prepared to become an active member of society when I graduate, and also the experiences I have had outside and in school have helped me grow.

I feel that for the most part this statement does reflect my experience here at Keene State College. My professors have challenged me to think critically and work hard and develop my own thinking. I have been very involved in the Christian Impact Club, which has always given me meaningful work to do, and has been a part of preparing me for what I hope to do in the future. I hope to be a full time missionary within 8 years. My degrees in history and education will also be very useful regardless of what profession I am in throughout my life, as I feel they have both helped me learn to think about things in a different way and understand people better. I am very thankful to Keene State College for the education that has been provided for me in the four years I have studied here.

Parts of the mission were met during my 4 years at Keene State. I was particularly encouraged by professors in the management department to pursue meaningful work in helping to create a more honest and transparent business environment and to help businesses I am involved in to foster a socially and environmentally responsible ethic.

I did not feel I was encouraged to take an active part in the community on campus. Professors who are involved in clubs on campus should be promoting their favored organizations to all students. Rarely was I asked to take part in community service activity, and the only events I was invited to were ones taking place in my dormitory. It is hard to teach people to think critically and creatively. I wish I had been involved in more projects with the Management and French departments that would have encouraged more creativity.

Although Keene State has not posed a great amount of academic challenges in my experience, I feel that it has prepared me for my future as an educator. The courses specific to my major, as well as one or two elective courses, have addressed my specific interests and learning style. I believe that this statement applies to some aspects of Keene State College and some students, but not all. One must be open to experiences that require one "to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship and to pursue meaningful work."

Yes.

Yes, I have learned a lot about my field of study, and about myself. I know where I want to go with my life and the type of person I wish to be because of KSC.

Yes.

I think this statement holds true but I think in the area of pursue of meaningful work the college could do more to help students with job placement after school.

yes I have thought more critically than creatively though.
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I think the mission statement completely correlates with my overall experience over the past four years, I learned more at KSC then I ever thought I was capable of.

Yes

Yes, throughout the abundance of courses that I have taken here at Keene State College have forced me to ask the question, "Why?", and find an answer for that question. That means research, collaboration with other students and professors, and look at the situation from many different points of view.

Yes, to some degree it does. I feel that I have learned a lot from studying at Keene State College, and my studies have helped me pursue meaningful work. I know how to analyze and solve a problem in my field of work, but the only thing I lack is experience. I would recommend that all students have a certain amount of hours to be completed in an internship before they graduate so they can experience a real life situation in the career they are pursuing.

Yes and no. Some classes were wonderful, and others were not. Some professors cared and others did not. When I had good classes with good teacher I think that statement is true

Having to take electives and not just classes for my major has opened my eyes to a lot of areas I have become really passionate about. My time here has made me more aware of different issues that are present around the world and what I can do personally to help change them. I feel KSe has made me more engaged in active citizenship and has made me what to make a difference.

yes

The problem with Keene State is inherent in the structure of the college and within the structure of American society in general. The homogenized population of students and teachers provide an extremely limited strata for which to achieve growth culturally, critically and personally. The staff working at the college, for the most part, seem disinterested and apathetic. Like wise the white, middle-class students act entitled largely because none of those mentioned have ever actually worked an honest day.

The college itself functions as a business first and an educational institution second. There is a significant disjoint between what the students need to attain authentic success and what the Keene State ideals offer. This is a college which spoon-feeds the student population; perpetuating the over developed sense of self worth and the dependence on others which is visible plainly.

I have seen meaningful work emerge from this school. There are most certainly students who think critically and creatively as active members of this community. However these students are in the vast minority and are certainly affected by the decadence of those around them.

I suppose the statement reigns true as long as the "students" portion may be construed to mean that there are a few individuals who, despite the challenges posed by their environment, push on to strive for greatness. As is the case for _____, when students are given responsibilities and held to a higher standard they may achieve far beyond expectations. In order for students to truly grow they must be treated as students (adults striving for higher education), without tones of condescension.

I agree with everything except the "pursue meaningful work" piece. Throughout my time at KSC I feel I have been required to take classes which do not pertain to what I want to do. As a former Health Promotion and
Nutrition option that switched to Exercise Science option in the Health Science Dept. I feel that I lost my desire to pursue "meaningful" work because I want to work in the Fitness industry, and I felt like the community health field was the only thing being taught to me. With that being said, I realize the new Exercise Science option will be more geared towards exercise rather than community health, and I look forward to seeing how that program develops!

I do feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC. I would have liked to have had more class based service learning, but I am very pleased with my academic experience. I think the majority of the professors on campus are incredible. ____, ____ , ____ , ____ , ____ , ____ , ____ , and ____ (to name a few) were amazing. What I learned from these teachers is invaluable. My friendships with some of them will last for many years to come. I loved my experience at Keene State.

Definitely. Keene State has always been a safe, nurturing place for me. I have had my intellectual boundaries pushed to their limits, and wouldn't trade KSC for any other school.

Yes

Very much so. All courses fulfilled these requirements.

Yes I have learned a lot and taken a variety of classes.

Yes, I feel this statement very accurately reflects the things I have learned at KSC. One of the most profound things I have become interested in while spending my time at Keene State is the idea of sustainable business practices. I feel that KSC does a very good job of preparing students for the changing world that we live in and prepares us to tackle the problems of the future creatively and actively.

I feel that KSC has academically prepared me for my future, especially in pursuing a career in my field of study. I have been pushed to think critically and creatively in numerous classes that I have attended, which will benefit me when trying to organize and problem solve given situations in my future.

I think that KSC doesn't push their students hard enough to engage in active citizenship. They are more rooted in helping students think critically and creatively, and pursing meaningful work. I never was encouraged by the college to be an active citizen...i took on that role myself. But my experience here was well worth it that I wouldn't trade it in for anything!

I feel that this statement does accurately reflect my experience at KSC. Opportunities do not automatically fall in a persons hand, and although I have had to search for opportunities, they are here at KSC. I have learned that taking advantage of the courses, and the research presented here in my major has increased my overal knowledge and appreciation for this school. It have allowed me to become a creative thinker, and to join clubs that I am passionate for. I have met many great people at this school and will remember my time here into my future years.

I learned alot about critcal thinking. I learned that before you jump into life you have to assess it to an extent.

I do feel this does pertain to KSC but I have had to take many classes outside of my major for the ISP program and while I can see how that would help me overall learn about more fields I feel it would have been more benificial to take more classes within my major and minors.

Yes I agree and think that Keene State has made me think creatively and have interest in my field of study. The courses that were offered for psychology were very interesting and I learned a lot. I think this statement accurately reflects my experiences here at keene state.

I feel that learning a subject that has meaning to yourself will help you in the future. Learning under many professors that care will prepare you to think on your toes. It is a part of our life when we are full of responsibilities as adults. KSC helped prepared myself for what I can run into in my future.

Yes, KSC has helped me to see what I want to do in my future and has taught me how to obtain those goals.

Yes. Thank you Keene State!
I find this statement to be true. KSC has offered everything I have needed or wanted to prepare me for the future. I would suggest KSC as a great college!

I have been well prepared to continue a field of work outside of my education at Keene State College.

I have put in more time and effort into this college experience than anything else in my life. I handled over 8 classes a semester, participated in three student organizations and lived in Living and Learning communities for two years. Yes, my Communication classes allowed me to think critically and creatively. Yes, my active citizenship in campus wide programs and student organizations have been rewarding. And yes, I have pursued actual, meaningful work when I think about the hours I spend rehearsing and practicing my music. Therein lies growth in a person the moment they realize how much they are able to take on year after year. Thanks, KSC.

I do think this accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. During the last four years I have learned a great deal through not only academics, but also the community, volunteer experiences, and traditions here in Keene. This is a great college to broaden your horizons if you let it.

Yes, They do a great job with all of the faculty and staff helping to promote this.

Yes I do. When I think about myself prior to my KSC experience, it almost astounds me how little I knew about the world. KSC has opened my eyes to the world and taught me to think critically and analytically on a broader spectrum.

I think this statement is accurate i feel that keene state has allowed me to take my feild of study and really apply it to real life and how i can graduate from this school and move on into the feild really knowing what to expect. I feel the work i have done i have put my all into and am very satisfied with what Keene state has given to me in the past four years.

Yes.

I do feel that this statement is accurate. In most of the classes I have taken at Keene State the professor really seems to care about what that class can do to help us after college. I feel that every class had meaning which made me want to work harder.

The only real part of this mission statement I encountered was the emphasis on critical thinking, and (to some degree) the active citizenship component. I do not think KSC focuses or encourages students to pursue careers, get employment, or to reach for anything "meaningful". I think some faculty try, but as an English major, I feel completely and utterly unprepared to go out into the world and get a job- I just have no experience or specific skills to get the attention of potential employers.

In order to better prepare students, I think that more majors should make an effort towards providing students with internships. In the event that that is not possible, departments should strive to give their students the tools and experiences that will help them to better succeed. I would also like to see more accessible and plentiful information on graduate school available to all students. If such information was possible, one of my friends likely would have taken the necessary extra math classes required for Master's programs in his major. As it is, he will have to get a job and return to school part-time for a Master's degree to even be a possibility.

These years at KSC have prepared me for real world issues and situations. I have developed skills in my field of study, and figured out where my passion lies.

In the architectural profession, I do. However, there are many many courses I had to take in the ISP categories that will not have done more than be a drain on my major courses. Had I not been hyper-selective of the ones I DID take, I surely would have wasted time and money. African music, are you kidding me and apparently I cannot ask questions in the KSC commencement survey. Thinking critically involves asking questions, and I find it odd the question mark is disabled yet all other symbols (!@#$%^&*/.,) seem to function. Indirectly, that sort of says a little about the KSC mentality. I encountered several professors unwilling to engage in meaningful dialogue with ideas contrary to their own, especially one who refused to have a political discussion with "students", even after she spent an entire class period proselytizing the class to vote Democrat/Obama. I feel the standards for admission are pitifully low, given the compulsory ITW course which was little more than an eighth
grade grammar review. I referred to the course as "the thirteenth grade" due to the fact that it was a reteaching of what should have been a prerequisite for collegiate admission. However, that probably says more about the public school system than it does about the USNH. The operative word is "promising students" and yes, I feel KSC affords enough resources for dedicated students to succeed. The architecture program will benefit greatly once the new facility is completed and operational, because right now the Adams Building is a god awful hunk of concrete and broken windows. The resolve my classmates show in working many cold nights on stools older than they are is a testament to their eventual success.

Yes this reflects my experience due to the fact that I now feel very engaged in the world and I am in great pursuit of work experience in my field of study.

Yes, Keene has been an enjoyable and challenging environment. My major being film studies, the film faculty has taught me so much I cannot even begin to explain. I am very grateful.

Yes, I feel it does to an extent, I feel some teachers need to be more serious and fair when giving homework or papers, or even giving tests. Different students have different strengths and weaknesses and if a student puts forth that they want to succeed, the teacher and student should get to work together so that can happen. Not one teacher I've had would have been willing to do so, and I tried. I went in not confident with school, and I'm leaving the same.

Yes, I think that my Keene State College experience has been very educational and rewarding academically, emotionally, and culturally. I have been taught to think critically and analyze real-world problems. I have also learned the importance of accepting cultures and helping the community.

Yeah, my biggest problem with Keene is that some Staff and Faculty are ___ Ignorant to student, like ____. Biggest _____ Face to face liar I have ever met.

For the most part I do feel as though this statement reflects my experiences as KSC. I did have professors who did not live up to this standard and show no interest in challenging or assisting students to become better citizens or even do well in whatever class I had with them.

I believe that my time at Keene State College has prepared me to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work. During my time at KSC I found the area of study that gave meaning to my life, as helping others through my education in Psychology will assist me in pursuing meaningful work. This statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC as I have grown as a person and developed a deeper appreciation for the world around me.

KSC has been a wonderful experience for me. I've made many friends which I now consider close. That has been through playing baseball here for 2 years and meeting many others outside of that. KSC is one school that I feel like many students live off-campus. This keeps many of the students away from campus. I feel that when I
did live on campus, I would take part in athletic events on campus more often. Living off-campus, I find that once I get home, I usually don't head back to campus unless I need to go to the library, Spaulding Gymnasium or the dining commons. I think in some aspects it does reflect my experience at KSC, but it certainly isn't completely accurate.

At Keene State, there have been a number of classes that have pushed me to think critically and creatively, whilst giving me support in how to do such. Especially my ITW: Follow the Leader, as well as any class with ________. I personally hold myself responsible to do my best when needed, especially in my own artwork and papers. Though, this is not to say all courses have pushed me, as a number of them felt like filler and were extraneous to my learning. As expected, some courses were much easier than others, and my engagement in them was less than it should have been.

I cannot recall once course here at KSC that has pushed me, or even encouraged me, to engage in active citizenship. Most courses have been solely for myself and my learning. Though I have taken courses on and about social problems and are aware of them, the courses that raised this awareness did nothing to offer viable solutions or ways I can be of service to the world. I understand my role and my rights as an American citizen, have a sense of humanity, acknowledge my place in the environment and my responsibility for its preservation, and my role as a human being in society. Though, how much KSC has contributed to this knowledge and understanding is uncertain to me.

As mentioned before, I hold myself accountable for my own work. I am critical of it, and produce it always with the intention for it to be meaningful, otherwise there is no point in even doing it. Meaningless work is mindless. While I have had classes that want me to regurgitate academic information back to them, I generally put much thought and purpose into works that reflects upon me as a thoughtful, intelligent, and talented individual, rather than just me as a student in academia.

At first, as a freshman, I was hesitant about Keene State: I felt the other students here were preoccupied with partying, and did not have interest in bettering themselves, their knowledge, or their skills for becoming a valuable and worthwhile member of society. I found that the people like that are few and far between. After freshman year though, those who were not interested in such were "weeded" out, essentially, and over the following years I came to be acquainted with some talented and self-motivated individuals. It dawned on me that it is up to the individual to push themselves above and beyond; not just to succeed or pass, but to excel in their own lives. The college is there as the groundwork, laying out the options for you, but it is your drive and passion to take life by the balls and make it yours. To never be satisfied with the minimum. Sure there are plenty of seniors who still have the minimalist approach, but that is them and I am me. We are all individuals, and I accept whatever makes someone happy, as long as it is not hurting others. Now, after four years, I have grown fond of Keene. And though my experience at other colleges is quite limited, KSC is a fine school that I am glad to have attended.

I think the classes I took at KSC agree with the mission statement, but I wish I was more prepared for a specific career.

Yes.

Yes, while at KSC I have learned new and creative ways to solve problems which I was faced with. I have also been more active in the community by doing volunteer work that I would not have done otherwise if I did not have to for class. By doing the volunteer work it opened my eyes to new things.

My college classes have done nothing to help me "think creatively," in fact I feel that creativity is looked down upon. Also you do not have to think critically when you learn the same things over and over. The classes within Majors and Minors are so repetitive; you watch the same movies, do the same lessons, in three or four different classes.

Yes, I loved the research aspect of my studies. The faculty encouraged creative thinking and collaboration. I am quite satisfied with my experience and that Keene provided me with the opportunity to transfer my course work from Granite State into an institution that gave me full credit and allowed me to use them to meet master's degree program requirements. It is a great collaborative effort between the two colleges.

yes, i think the school could have a greater emphasis on community service, a lot of my classes talked about going
green and protecting the environment but they never made it clear in detail how we can go about doing that.

yes. I can think outside the box and solve problems critically. I am hungry for knowledge and experiences gained outside of school.

Yes, this statement reflects my experience at KSC, because I am already motivated to think critically and creatively with social and political awareness.

In all honesty, I feel that the expectations for students at KSC are somewhat low. I am a hard working student and put forth a lot of effort into my studies. However, there have been times when I "slacked" and did not hand in my best work and still received top scores. I have never been one to party, even on weekends. It is a wonder how my classmates are able to party weekends and weeknights and not participate, and still receive high scores. I know this does not hold true for all students. I know that some in classes, students would be challenged and have to work their butts off to pass. But there are many classes that people know to take, or a professor to take, so they have an easy semester and pass. I myself have been in classes in which I did not remove my books from the shrink wrap, did zero reading, and still passed with an A.

Yes. Keene State faculty are always encouraging students to become more involved in the world around them and apply the knowledge that they have learned.

Through the integrative studies program, students are required to explore many different fields of study before graduating. I believe this is extremely beneficial to the education we receive- it opens our minds to new ideas and topics that we might not pursue otherwise. Many organizations also promote and support volunteer work and giving back to the community, which I think is extremely important.

Through out my studies, as a communication major and a philosophy minor, I have dealt with learning about issues that require me to think critically and creatively. However, I can not indicate whether or not other majors have done the same seeing as how I have not partaken in them. However, my studies have reflected on social constructs, social justice, rhetorical influences, and thinking about the world from an individual perspective. All of this has been apart of my specific studies.

Yes, this mission statement speaks clearly and truely to the education that I have received from KSC. I attended Bryant University as well as Assumption College before entering KSC as a physical education major, and the education that I received from KSC is the most well rounded and complete education by far. I have learned life skills, skills pertinent to my major, and received an education that will have benefits lasting a lifetime.

Yes, I love keene. I will tell everyone I can to attend!

I do believe that this statement reflects my time at KSC. Although there have been times where I have thought that college hasn't prepared me for the "real world", I have realized that those thoughts mainly resulted from me being nervous about entering that world. I have come to understand that KSC has taught me many lessons that I may not even realize I now know.

For the most part, yes. Although I feel I think more critically and creatively after receiving an education from Keene State I do not feel that I was encouraged much to engage in active citizenship. I also don't feel that my senior project is very meaningful or relevant to my field of study. I am personally displeased with the Communication departments decision to switch the requirements for Senior Project in the middle of this academic year.

I would say that Keene State definitely guides students in being aware of occurring and arising world problems and potential solutions for them.

Within my major of Communication I feel that there could have been more opportunities to engage in community service events to benefit the community. I have the personal interest in making a difference to the community, so individually I have taken initiative to act as an active citizen but there are many who are not intrinsically motivated to act in the same way and would benefit more from encouragement from KSC courses and professors.
Yes it is very accurate.

Keene State is a good school for the money you spend, but that really what it is; worth the money. Keene does not offer much because it is inherently a small institution that is funded mainly by tuition, not by private investors or endowments. I am/was a Biology major and a Chemistry minor, I would like to proudly boast for my professors in those two areas and how intelligent, professional, and above and beyond they performed. I may be partial to my field of study and understand their thought process better. However, the general performance of adjunct faculty and professors across disciplines (i.e. the Humanities and Interdisciplinary classes) were completely sub-par. There was no pride in their field, no effort to help students, and just no passion for Keene whatsoever. Having said that, I cannot stress how wonderful the Professors and Adjunct faculty in the fields of Biology and Chemistry were.

I think that KSC is a great school. I do feel, however that they did not prepare me for what is next in life. The internships and practicum that I did were all set up by myself and if I had not pushed for them I would not be prepared for what is ahead. I think the professors that I have had here are great and have a lot to offer, however I think that the professors that have made an impact on my life and future career were only available this last year of college. I am currently the only honors psychology student at KSC, and i think this is because the college does not push academics as much as it should. I love KSC, but i do not think I am prepared as much as I should be for graduate school or the "real world"

I agree with this statement. The teachers here at KSC are 90% of the time truly really great teachers. I bettered my knowledge here and learned how to articulate myself and my ideas much more effectively. My studies here have given me the motivation I need to pursue a career in my field of study.

I do believe that KSC is reaching their mission. I believe that the courses at Keene State have caused me to think critically and become more creative. I believe that these skills will help me to live a better life.

yes, almost all of my teachers and classes i have taken have done everything they can to expand my knowledge at the fullest.

Promising students? I guess im confused on what that means. What if a student isn't 'promising', how do you help them really? KSC does have a lot to offer for students who are struggling in courses and with personal problems, but i feel that KSC needs more to offer for students who need help with outside of school issues. Students pay a good amount of money to come here, and problems in the classroom are not the only problems students encounter. I have had and seen plenty of personal experiences with advisors and professors that have no sympathy or lenience for students who have more on their plate than the average student. I think that Creatively, KSC can do a better job with students who struggle with the work load and time lines that are recomended for passing and graduation.

Yes, there is certainly effort from most faculty and staff to help students do so.

I wish that KSC had prepared me for "what's next." I was lucky to have one teacher in particular (____) that took time to help and answer questions about graduate school and the process and the best course of action to take. KSC needs to have a seminar class devoted to helping soon-to-be graduates figure out what to do and "engage in active citizenship and pursue meaningful work."

I have an unbelievable educational experience at KSC.

Yes, I believe this is an accurate statement. Throughout my four years at Keene State I have been given the opportunity to participate in various school districts exposing myself in the profession I wish to enter upon graduation. I have been active in the community and various organizations to further my education in real world settings, and Keene State has provided me with these opportunities.

yes

sure
Yes, that statement accurately explains my experiences at KSC, through the faculty would push and make you strive to accomplish your best.

yes because.

My experience has allowed me to do most of my work while thinking critically and creatively. I enjoyed the major I pursued and the courses and my experience allowed for me to be well prepared for my future.

Through my classes at Keene State I was required to think critically and creatively in a variety of courses. I feel like I have the tools to pursue meaningful work and my education here at Keene State has prepared me for my next step in life.

I do agree with thinking critically and creatively. I also believe that Keene State promotes the pursuit for meaningful work. However, I was not actively engaged in Keene State activities that did not involve my studies. I feel this may be due to the fact that I work often and I have lived in Keene my entire life.

I think that for some people it does, and for others it doesn't. It depends how that student applied themselves throughout the four years. Personally, I do think that it applies to me.

Yes, I feel as though Keene State College has prepared me to think critically and creatively in various aspects of my life and has helped me become a more active citizen in my community which has given meaning to the work I do throughout my day.

I believe Keene State's Mission and Values accurately reflect my experience at KSC because I could not be more excited and motivated to begin my field of study. KSC reassured me I was in the right field.

I agree that the KSC Mission and Values are accurate. I have enjoyed my time at Keene State College over the last four years because of the different situations I have been in. I have enjoyed my teachers, which has made learning easy and enjoyable. I have also done some community service work through my classes which was great because it allowed us to get experience in different age groups. My capstone class along with my practicum class have really made me think about my future and my options.

I absolutely agree with this. I feel like I have practiced creative and critical thinking in all of my classes. I felt that I was already doing meaningful work in my practicum and I am excited to continue to pursue this after I graduate.

Yes. I think you get what you put into college. A lot of people I know who are satisfied with their education also put a lot into it, in and out of the classroom. The key word is "promising students," I think this means that you need to fully engage yourself in your school work to be successful and pursue meaningful work.

Yes, my experience at Keene State College has opened me up to new perspectives which has allowed me to think more critically in both academic and non-academic settings.

I have had a very positive experience at KSC. My science curriculum was demanding and required me to dedicate time to labs and other assignments. My education curriculum was less demanding but very focused on students physically practicing what they will be doing in their careers. In both cases I was expected to complete work on time and it was held to a high standard of quality. After speaking with a majority of my friends in other majors such as English, Mathematics, Psychology, etc they seemed to have been held to similar standards. However, after speaking with several friends enrolled in subjects such as Political Science their curriculum seemed far less rigorous with lax standards for timeliness and quality of work. This frustrates me that certain programs have such low requirements and students in these programs are allowed to slack, pass in sub par work, and, in the end, receive the same degree as me.

Beyond academics, I believe that my decision to be involved at KSC greatly advanced my education here. I would argue that at least half of the total education I received from KSC came from my extracurricular activities and on campus work experiences outside of the class room. These experiences are priceless and many students do take advantage of them. However, I believe that student involvement should not be considered just an extracurricular activity. It should be strongly encouraged and incorporated into the recruitment process. KSC has so much to offer students outside the classroom and I believe is you highlight these opportunities you will attract more...
students who will do more than just go to class and do their work. They will also give back to the Keene State Community during their time here. It will also make more students feel personally connected to the campus and more likely to continue to contribute to KSC after graduation.

Yes, the environment at KSC is perfect for learning to become an active member of society.

Keene State’s curriculum is about using your team building and critical thinking skills inside and outside of the classroom. Every class I have ever taken has always strived to make us work individually and part as a team while incorporating the thought process of critical analysis. As a Communications major, these are both qualities that the classroom prepares students heading into the work field environment. All my professors have emphasized these qualities are essential for your career in the future.

Yes, because I learned more here in 4 years at Keene State than I did in high school and I think Keene is going to prepare me for the real world because I got to direct a film and I saw how the process works and I know how to apply myself in the future.

I do think that the statement above accurately reflects the KSC experience I’ve had over the past four years. The education here at KSC has supplied me with the interest to want to do more and it has given me direction as to what I want to do after my time here is done.

Yes!

Yes I agree

Think critically and creatively: I have had some great professors such as Dr. ____ , Dr. ____ and Dr. ____ who have encouraged their students including myself to think critically about social and historical issues. Their classes brought me to a higher level of thinking and have helped me develop better problem solving and critical analysis skills as well as encourage me to look at the world through different perspectives and I am very grateful for that.

Engage in active citizenship: I personally have not been encouraged to engage in active citizenship outside of my social science education courses.

Pursue meaningful work: I am very pleased with the Methods and the Student Teaching opportunities that the school provides. Experiences such as these, has definitely prepared me for the post college workforce into the career that I have been working so hard towards, for the past four years.

Yes

Yes

I do feel this statement is accurate. While I was at Keene State I was encouraged to think critically as well as creatively in the majority of my classes. Through my experiences I feel I am now ready to achieve different things in my life that I never imagined I would be able to. I appreciate my time at KSC and feel I am completely prepared for what life throws at me.

No, Although the basic idea is there, there are teachers who just aren't willing to help. When you have a program of studies you love and a professor who isn't willing to help you to grow in that area it is impossible to feel you've truly learned anything. It's also hard to have someone tell you that the work you love and have put your heart and soul into is something that they suggest you don't continue in your field of study of with less than four months left of your college career it's hard to see how you've learned anything and easy to think that it was a waste of time.

The safety studies program is so great. I have had GREAT experiences with every staff member in the program, and would highly recommend it to anyone! I learned a great deal over the past 4 years, and look forward to starting my life after college.

I believe what I have learned at keene is meaningful despite the scores I gave to the questions asked earlier. I defiantly feel I have learned since entering Keene State but at numerous times throughout my education here, I feel I could of used better methods of preparation for my major. I felt a lot of the work I did was busy work and nothing that made me think outside of the box, which tended to make me bored with what I was learning.
Yes, I think throughout my classes I have been pushed to think critically and creatively. It has made me put all my effort forward and try my hardest which allowed me to see what I am capable of.

I feel that I have been more critical and I have learned to challenge ideas to find what fits best in a certain situation. Meaningful work is exactly what I intend on doing.

Yes! I've definitely had to think critically and creatively throughout my experiences at Keene State and will continue to do so. I'm excited to pursue meaningful work in my field and do something great with my life. Keene State has definitely pushed me in the right direction.

Yes because it was a diverse learning experience.

No. I am graduating 1/2 letter grade short of honors and I am not happy to be honest. At KSC, they REWARD those who FAIL a course by letting them retake it and replacing the failing grade, and letting that disappear for good. I asked to retake a course I got a BC in, and they wouldn't offer me the same reward. What does that say to a student...I will tell you, it says don't try hard and we will reward you, and do try hard only to be punished. This is coming from a kid who presented at a National Conference, not just some dink in the crowd. Most of what I was taught here, minus some of my education classes, was redundancy, which is not something someone who pays the amount of money I did, should receive.

Yes

I feel this mission statement accurately reflects my experiences at Keene State College. In the Physical Education Department, I have learned so many values that I will take with me for the rest of my life. I feel prepared to go on with my career as an educator. One of the best decisions I have made in my life was to go to school at KSC.

I agree that my time at KSC has helped me to see the value of open-minded and critical thinking. Understanding that people see the world through various paradigms has taught me why different people think what they think and do what they do. I would say that my experiences are reflected in KSC's mission statement.

Yes! I believe that the Keene State mission and values has accurately reflected what I have experienced over the past four years. It has molded me into a decent graphic designer and opened my eyes to the world around me. I never had a class that I thought left me bored or thinking it was a complete waste of time, which I am very fortunate for.

KSC has not only taught me a lot about myself, as an individual, but in how what I am pursuing for a career is beneficial to all those I will meet. Pursuing a career in Education is one of the most rewarding fields of study, and I believe that Keene State recognizes this and pushes you to try your best and better yourself. Whether through jumping out of your safety net and meeting other people, joining an organization, or attending campus-wide lectures, films etc. you become better immersed in the Keene community and aware of your potential. Keene State has been an awesome learning experience for me, and I don't regret a thing. It was one of the best choices of my life because not that it is 4 years later and I will be leaving Keene State, I know that they have prepared me for my future and I take pride in knowing that Keene State will always be part of who I am. I have pushed myself farther in my academics than I ever have, used out-of-the-box ideas and engaged with my fellow classmates and the Keene community. An education at Keene State College does not mean just getting decent grades and occasionally attending class. Keene State is the college to grow as an individual through physical and mental means and learning to love yourself and gain confidence. I can say looking back at my four years at Keene State that I am pursuing meaningful work and it is because of my experiences here, that I know I can succeed with whatever comes next in my life. I am more than just a female, more than just an education major or English minor, I am now part of the KSC alum and can look back and give the same knowledge I was taught and received to other people. I am proud of choosing Keene State for my college and at the same time I do agree that the college picks you as well. I am a better person for coming to Keene State college and my ethics, morals, theologies and view on others has changed drastically through living and attending school here. Thank you!

Yes I do. I feel my teachers for the most part are always trying to help me. They wish to see me succeed.

Yes I do feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience at Keene State College. Academically, I feel
that the classes I have taken have prepared me for the real world by challenging me to think and write critically and creatively which was a struggle for me in high school. I have participated in community activities in order to participate in social activities and make a difference in the community. I take the work that I have done at KSC very seriously keeping in mind that the work I do in college will only help me in the long run.

Yes, I believe my career at Keene State College has helped me grow as an individual--with my own perspectives developed with the assistance of how to effectively express my beliefs, both critically and creatively. KSC has given me good outlines and direction in my learning process, and I feel their Mission and Values statement can accurately defines my experiences here.

I believe that it reflects my experiences, but I feel as if I had to go out and search for those experiences. They did not come to me naturally. I'm the kind of person that wants to make a change and I'll go where I'm needed to make that change happen.

Yes I do. Keene State does a terrific job in incorporating your field of study with other courses and majors. The ISP courses are a great way to open new horizons and ideas.

On an academic level I do not feel as though Keene State College has helped me grow in the way it states in their Mission Statement. However on a social level I have grown tremendously and have figured out exactly what I would like to do in life which is work in Student Affairs.

I would agree that this statement reflects my KSC experience, with the exception of active citizenship. That being said, I never lived on campus, so the experience might be different for those who did. Some professors tried to make campus events/town events mandatory, but because they were nice enough to realize that some people have jobs, other class times, etc, the mandate was usually dropped...

Not really, I only encountered a few teachers that I really got to know and that pushed me to my full potential. Some of the others were just there to lecture and did not provide the guidance I was looking for.

Instead of meaningless electives, I should have had more courses pertaining to my major of architecture. Also, we should have had an AutoCAD class each semester, which would have assured proficiency in a much-needed requirement for the field of architecture. The architecture program is a waste of money, time, and energy.

Yes, I think my time at KSC has provided me with an opportunity to grow and think about things beyond myself and to stretch myself in ways that I would not have otherwise.

To an extent, the integrated learning program ends up screwing you over more than it helps you. I believe there should be a program like this but it definitely needs to be tweeked or be made per person to each student's needs. Meaning the rules need to be flexible because a lot of times this program causes students to take classes that are unnecessary and don't allow them to take the correct class.

Yes, I feel most professors I have had at Keene State have encouraged me to pursue meaningful work that I enjoy and feel is important to helping others not just in my own community. They have encouraged me to do the best I can and pursue whatever I may want to do. I have even had one professor tell me how much of a good thing she feels I'm doing in completing college given how neither of my parents graduated high school. However in rare instances I have had professors that did not make me feel welcome in their class room and in one instance a teacher ask if I would drop their class because I was distraction. I don't feel this was the case, the fact is it was a women's studies class and I was a male who voiced an opinion she did not agree with.

95% of what I have learned at this college was taught outside the classroom. The education is not what I value, it's the experience. If this college wants to improve itself try giving those who teach the benefits they need. Too many teachers live close to the poverty line. Think about the way you treat the teachers at this college, think about the students, think about the Keene community. The only thing this college thinks about is one word. Retention. Stop being a business and you will become a college again.

I feel that this statement is true if students do their part and become active learners and citizens of the world.
The students must put as much effort and enthusiasm into the work and college experience as they want to get out of it. I have been challenged by my professors, courses I have taken, and experiences I have encountered. All of these things have helped prepare me to become an active citizen of the world and realize my career calling.

Yes

Yes, as a student of the humanities and an interested and active member of the college I have experienced the above statement.

I feel that many teachers did this effectively and I believe that I will continue to continuously improve over the course of my life by learning new material and engaging in more community based activities.

Yes, I feel this statement is very accurate in the nutrition program because in the nutrition option in the health science degree, we are constantly critically and creatively thinking. What is also required is many hours of community service, volunteering within the community, and our practicum experience which gave me a great hands on experience in the field of nutrition.

My educational experiences were great at Keene State College and I loved the campus and community. I took my work very seriously and my professors were always there when I had any questions. The only critique I have of my education here is that I feel like I am not completely ready for what I'd like to pursue as my career. I am a communications major and would like to get into Public Relations and/or Promotion. While I learned a lot about the theories and background of communication, I haven't really learned anything that will serve as useful for my desired career. And there aren't too many opportunities for internships in this area for that kind of work because Keene isn't a big city. I would have really liked to take a course or an independent study/internship provided by the school to prepare me for my career. KSC needs to broaden its educational programming and class selection to offer courses that will prepare students for all kinds of different jobs within their major. After I graduate, I will probably need to find a part time job somewhere and do an internship to give me a better understanding of Public Relations.

The professors certainly try to foster such an atmosphere, but often times they fail due to student apathy and/or low standards held by said professors.

All information taught to me through your ISP program (excluding ____, ____ ) was spoon fed to the class and I. We were never asked to apply any of our knowledge, just to memorize. Nearly all of the gen ed classes I took at this school were so uninspiring, that I considered it a chore to go to the class. The graded work was incredibly meticulous and just felt like assignments completely designed to give us a grade, rather than to provide a deeper understanding of the material.

I do not believe that this reflects the management program. I feel that we could have been more prepared by being required to have an internship, or some sort of required community business work like many other majors on campus, including the nutrition program.

Yes, I do think I feel ready to pursue meaningful work. I want to change the world.

Not so much the statement of "to engage in active citizenship" just because I haven't had any courses, other than that of Education, that have persuaded me to do much outside my area.

Yes i feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience here. I also think it would reflect my experience even more so if I had gone to Keene State for every year. But being a transfer student showed me how wonderful the staff, environment and people are here at Keene State. When I came here I had no intentions of getting a degree in Sociology and now I am so happy that I took a course in it when I got here. It opened my eyes to a new world!

I do believe that this statement accurately reflects my experience and time here at Keene State College. I got to do so many wonderful things thanks to KSC like volunteering at local soup kitches to being involved in intramural sports. I felt like I really gave back to not just my college but to the community of Keene and I am very thankful for getting the opportunity to do these great things.
Yes, I came to KSC for the teaching program and I am fully satisfied with the experience I received. I feel that this statement reflects the practice of the program and the goal of the professors here at KSC. I am prepared to go into the teaching field and do meaningful work and make a difference in the community I choose to be a part of.

I do think the mission accurately reflects my experiences at KSC because my college career has developed me into the adult that I have to be for the future in my career. I have completed courses where the work and studies have prepared me to succeed in the business world. Also, some of the classes that I have taken required me to think outside the box and be creative.

Keene State College has definitely helped me learn to think critically and creatively. I think that the KSC mission and values are very true when it comes to my experience at KSC. I have done my best to get involved and participate on campus, which I am very proud to say that I have.

Yes, because KSC challenged me to critically think as well as be creative within many general education courses as well as throughout my major. Engaging in active citizenship has been through experiencing volunteer work on campus or through KSC as well as doing group activities with the Student Dietetic Association (SDA). It has taught me that pursuing meaningful work is very important and to put everything I have into all that I do.

Yes, I feel as though I have gained knowledge from teachers, staff and peers that have helped me in my academic career, my personal life as well as my future. I have acknowledged a set of morals that I am now strongly aware of and supported by. I believe Keene state, both the academic portion and the student life have helped me grow as a student as well as a human being.

I feel as though I would have liked to have been a little more challenged by the course work required for my major and that the required classes should be seriously evaluated in relation to the validity to each major. I also lived 30 minutes away and didn't spend much excess time on campus but feel if I had KSC would have met the goals of its mission statement.

I think that I have learned how to better think critically and creatively, especially through my methods/student teaching experience. I have also learned how much my work affects other people both immediately and in my community.

I believe that through my college experience teachers have taught students to not only strive to learn as much as they can but to question what they are told. I personally learned how to determine the difference between opinion and fact. In the last year i have learned how to apply the information that was taught to me earlier on to real life situations and real events that are happening not only in our own country but the whole world.

I don't particularly recall being pushed to get involved in active citizenship, specifically. However I feel that being a responsible student living off campus and working within the community teaches such values.

Yes, I feel that KSC has taught me how to take on challenges and conquer them.

Yes that statement is accurate, I was challenged to critical and creative thinking in most of my classes. Citizenship if its meant by how you deal with your peers I think it helped me prepare for my future and team based projects.

Yes my experience at KSC has required me to think critically and creatively and later in my collegiate career to take part in active citizenship. I don't know about pursuing meaningful work, I would phrase it "the pursuit of making your work meaningful." The reason is that I chose my field of study is that I want to do something I enjoy and something where I can become successful at and have an impact, not because I want to engage in a field of study that someone thinks is more meaningful than another that I would chose. "To pursue meaningful work" seems like there is an option that is not meaningful.

Yes I do.

The different experiences I have had come my way while attending KSC has greatly made me think critically.
Most students at KSC will probably have the same feelings about thinking critically.

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added to my desire to teach and continue in my field.

I believe that this statement actively depicts my experiences at Keene State College. Attending KSC has educated me in thinking critically, and has undoubtedly influenced my desire to enter a field of work that is meaningful to me. As a student at KSC, I can honestly say that my college experience has played a significant role in my self-growth and current career goals. My experiences at KSC led me to take more initiative in the pursuit of my ambitions, and has enabled me to mature both intellectually and socially. While KSC’s Mission Statement accurately reflects my time spent as a student at KSC, it does not comprise the entirety of my experiences at KSC and the ways in which this school has aided in my self-discovery and passion for learning.

Yes

yes, KSC has challenge me throughout my years here, and has better prepared me for the "real world"

Yes, throughout my years at Keene State College I have been given many opportunities to progress and succeed.

Yes

Yes, I do agree I feel the courses I have taken here at KSC have helped in many ways even if they weren't classes for my major.

I do feel that this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC. I had a great experience here, I really grew up and learned to do things as an individual and am sad to see it end but will never forget my time here and the people I met and the things I learned.

I do feel this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC. The courses I have taken at KSC have helped me think of new and different ways of completing tasks, and have also helped make me better at working in teams that main goal is to reach a common objective. I now feel that I have the skills and knowledge to become successful in the job or career that I pursue after graduating from KSC.

this statement is true for me keene help me out a lot in molding me into the man i've become today.

Honestly, I think that the building blocks are there. The teachers are wonderful and many of them are concerned about the students that they teach and want them to grow. The programs here need work though. I am a double major of subjects that aren't really related, and I noticed that it's not just with one department. In Psychology, there isn't much talk about preparing for school afterwards. Only one teacher made an effort to encourage the students to take the GRE and to pursue graduate school. This is shocking, considering the job market and the lack of jobs available for people with only a bachelors in Psyche. In my other major, I can understand why my expectations were not met. I'm glad I took the opportunity to push myself into a double major because if I had followed my original path, I would most likely would not be getting a job after graduation.

Also- Consider revising this survey. Not only is it strange, it is REALLY biased.

Yes very much. Keene State College has helped me grow as a person so much both physically through athletics and mentally through my studies and social groups. I am a better person after attending KSC. I have done exactly what this statement reads to the fullest. I had great experiences that will help and shape my future as a human being. Thanks.

No, because I think more students need to be involved in the campus life and that their needs to be more activities on campus to engage the students. I know on the weekends there is not much to do at Keene State College on campus unless you want to go see a sporting event. However, most weekend nights there is nothing to do which makes the students look elsewhere for activities that are not on campus and can be destructive. This does not engage the students in active citizenship, but instead turns them away. I think there needs to be a more diverse things on campus to do and more events going on for the students. This is a campus that revolves around athletics and it would be nice to see other events happening as well.

Being a student at Keene State, I was put in various situations that aided my growth as an individual. As part of the physical education program, the professors prepared me to take on anything in my path as a professional. I am forever grateful for the effort and commitment of the Physical Education Faculty at KSC and the countless
hours they helped in preparation of my career.

Yes I feel as though my life has significantly changed here at Keene State. I’ve made friends that I will never forget and learned lessons that have forever changed me. Keene has taught me so much about myself and has prepared me for the future with great confidence.

I think that is highly based on how each student uses his or her education here. Every college hopes to prepare promising students, but lately KSC has been admitting so many more students then the school can afford that I believe the quality of some classes has suffered from over-enrollment.

As for preparing students to think critically and creatively, yes, I agree KSC does, yet I never had the opportunity to engage in community service work because I was never part of an organization on campus that did.

Over all however I do believe that KSC has taught me to think outside of the box, become more of a critical thinker and to become a better person.

I think it depends on what the student is majoring in. In the psychology department, most definitely. I have enjoyed all of my internships and look forward to serving my community through what I’ve learned here at Keene State College. However, I know there are many journalism majors who haven’t even written an article for the school newspaper, so I guess it all depends.

Yes.

I do feel this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. The wide array of interdisciplinary classes allow you to gain different perspectives on subjects you would normally think only one way about. Also, the interdisciplinary requirements force you to take classes outside of your comfort zone, and expend your horizons.

Yes I believe that this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC as I am prepared now and ready through all that I have learned to pursue meaningful work.

KSC does a good job preparing students to be citizens in a changing world; to be openminded and use skills wisely in pursuing careers.

I feel that the faculty that the school has secured for various academic programs have been effective at teaching and passing on their experience. As is typical, I had some disagreements with certain faculty in general, though this did not affect my education. That being said, there seems to be a stark disconnect between the chairs of the ENST program and the Geology program. It seems as though the Geology program is falling by the wayside and its chair does not want to admit this. It leads to this disconnect making it hard for ENST majors to double major or minor in Geology. Overall it was a good experience learning at KSC.

Second comes the support staff. All of the staff in the various offices in the Eliot Center have been nothing but helpful to me. The staff incorporated in the food services, however, need to learn their place. They are ultimately working for me and my fellow students, though my fellow students mostly fail to recognize this. The DC and some LLoyds staff feel as though they are better than the students they serve. True is the fact that injustices done to students mostly go unreported but something must change. I canceled my meal plan this semester because of the attitude of the DC staff, though since they have a veritable monopoly on the on campus dining I cannot see many others doing the same as I. Just some food for thought.

Terrible statement. Creatively, active citizenship, and meaningful work? I do not think this reflects a true college experience. Could relate better to the students.

Yes.

To a slight degree it does. KSC offers students oppurtunities to gain work experience outside of the classroom but it should be required in capstone/seminar classes. By having internships/volunteer work as a required pre-req, students will be much more knowledge about their field of study and also be able to more easily enter a competitive job market. Also, the classes that are ment to challenge students to think critically and creatively need to be used through the 4 years here. An IQL or creative literacy class taken the first semester is quickly forgotten
and the skills developed in it weakened. Perhaps students should also take another class required for graduation that will use all the knowledge they've gathered at their time attending KSC.

Yes, very school oriented has created a sense of unity throughout campus which has enriched students college experiences.

I feel like this statement does reflect my experiences at KSC. When I first came to KSC I was much younger and immature. I did not know what I wanted to do with life or where I was heading with my life. Through my experiences and my education at KSC I feel like I have grown and can engage in active citizenship.

Yes

Overall my experience at KSC has been driven by my involvement outside of the classroom. I believe there should be more hands-on experience in the upper level courses. I feel that I can think creatively and critically because of the integrative studies program.

It very much depends on which classes you get to take. If your major requires you to focus 100% on simply pushing through your academic program, you hardly ever have time to participate in anything on campus or even see people outside of your subject area. Other, less strict or time consuming majors give people more freedom, so the choice of participation is up to them.

This statement is accurate when reflecting my experience at KSC because I know what field of study I want to enter a career in after graduation and every course I have had to take or have taken by choice has been an educating experience in every aspect. I grew close relationships with professors and other students, which increased my knowledge the most on world issues. Some classes were more difficult than others but overall, my major requirements were the hardest. My practicum was the best hands-on experience for my education and I am very appreciative of having the opportunity to work in the community's hospital, while engaging to think critically in the "real world".

Yes, Keene has prepared me to pursue a job that is meaningful

I think that the mission statement for Keene State College does reflect my experiences over the past four years. I definitely have engaged in active citizenship by being able to study abroad through a service learning course. With the Honors program, I was able to experience things I never thought I would. I was able to go beyond the classroom and interact with the people of Belize. I got to know what it is like to be a citizen of that country rather than just a tourist concerned with only the positive aspects. I also believe that KSC prepared me academically. I have jumped around between majors, but I feel like after participating in an independent study and the travel course that I have a better grasp on what I could be doing once I graduate. I have done a lot while in Keene. I've been an RA for three years and served on the Class of 2011 Executive Board for the past four years as treasurer and president. I have grown and developed into the person I am today. I am starting to find out who I really am. KSC has helped me grow and learn both academically and personally.

Keene State college has helped shape me as a diverse and educated individual from my academic, social and volunteer experiences.

There needs to be a lot more emphasis in the economics department for real world application. I feel under prepared and nervous about finding a job in my field of study.

Sure

Some of my classes, primarily those pertaining to my elementary education major, challenged me to think critically and be creative, but I feel that the education department should be encouraging students to pursue experiences in education outside of school, as many students do not get experience in a classroom until their junior year.

I definitely feel that Keene State College encourages those things, but they also leave it up to the individual as to how much they want to embrace those things, which i think is a good thing.
Yes. I think Keene State College is a great place to go after high school when you may or may not know exactly what you want to do with your life, because it offers plenty of opportunities to find something that suits everyone. It is a close knit community with a lot of pride, and I could not have been happier to be able to study here. I was lucky to have the opportunity to study away, and it was the best experience of my life. The people at the college were very helpful in getting me there, and making sure that I would be back on track when I arrived back. Keene State is the best!

I've known how to critically think since I was 10. Most of the ISP courses were pointless, and I found what I learned from them had nothing to do with Critical thinking. In exception to my ITW-Literature of Social Justice with ____. That class changed my college career.

Yes the statement accurately reflects my experiences here at Keene State college.

Yes, I got a job before I graduated because of the reputation Keene State College had.

Most of the courses in my undergrad major, as well as the courses in my graduate program all addressed those concepts at one time or another. With few exceptions, all my instructors have been outstanding and have brought a great deal of knowledge and passion for their field to the courses they teach.

Let me be frank. Outside of multi-national corporations and religious institutions (and assuming they aren't intertwined) the "Church of Reason" that is modern education is founded on some of the most unreasonable foundations conceivable to society. But those foundations are an amalgam of every other mistake that Western society has wrought upon this earth, so truthfully I cannot say who or what exactly is to blame -- nor do I believe finding the source would benefit anyone at this point. The inherent assumption that college education is good education is one of the most dangerous assumptions that has been made in contemporary society. However, through the work of the few honest individuals who have not crumpled under the pressure of systematic expectations, new awakenings have been made possible. I stand today, a graduate of KSC with an abundance of fond memories over the past 3.5 years, knowing that there are many of those individuals in KSC's faculty. I was challenged in my education, and while I might disagree with the tenents of its aquisition, it has allowed me to grow as a member of an international community of free-thinkers who stand up for what they believe in. This is not to say that KSC does not encourage complacency, in fact, I found most often that the absent-minded meanderings of the general student body to be the solitary motivation for me to complete my degree a semester ahead of schedule -- people watching on Appian way was what most allowed me to understand what Nietzsche meant by "the slave mentality," but then, I suppose that's why you have a job; sheep need to be herded.

If you're shocked by my attitude, you shouldn't be -- it comes from the mind of a critical thinking citizen, with no other intention than changing the world for the better. I have been inspired to accept nothing short of creative pursuit, and to do so with work that holds meaning. As a result I will likely never find a job, but I suppose I'll die happy knowing why.

I believe that the KSC Mission and Values statement accurately reflects my KSC experience but in the aspect of engaging and active citizenship I believe a more fitting description for myself is that I have become more citizenship aware as a result of my experiences here at KSC.

Yes, but no matter what KSC does, the student must do their part in critical thinking. I do not feel that all students do. Some are like bumps on a log. I wish there was more participation in some classes. To give credit where due... some classes have great participation.

Not in any way. too much of a party school.

I do feel that the above statement accurately reflect what I have gained out of the KSC experience for a number of positive reasons. For starters I have matured age wise tremendously. Keene State managed to shift my personal and political beliefs. I understood the difference between determination and arrogance. I enriched my personal life by knitting a web of close and personal friends and future colleagues. Finally, I came to further appreciate the self sacrifice my parents are continuing to make on my behalf!

KSC has been able to help me realize my potential and establish my independence. While an excellent academic
institution there are many distractions at KSC; it is very easy to get caught up in the party scene and lose focus on receiving an education. However, I feel that I have been mature enough to distance myself from any distractions and make the most of the opportunities provided.

Yes, to a point. My High School was actually more effective at getting me to volunteer myself than Keene. Other than that, I feel that I have been academically challenged and I have learned a lot from my experience in classes.

Yes I do believe this statement reflects my experiences at KSC because I have built a long standing relationship with people in the community off and on campus. I have also learned to be who I am now through my experiences in keene.

Yes, I do. I belive that being away at college as well as learning is part of the whole experience. Learning academically as well as learning about myself has prepared me for the "real world".

Through out my years at Keene State, I have been challenged with my major and my coarse work. I feel that I got my moneys worth at Keene State.

KSC gave me a chance when most colleges said no. Although KSC is not a perfect place, and there is always room for improvement, I always know that the school is willing to work with the students, and is actively trying to improve. KSC has taught me so much, and cemented me as a person. Although I am sad to graduate and leave, I know that I will be going on to greater and better things because of the things I've learned here at KSC.

Yes, this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. The courses I have taken have helpe me become a more effective educator by reflecting on my classroom practice and being able to modify it so all students learn.

I believe that KSC, above all else, promotes the ideal that we are individuals floating in a world of individuals. KSC gives the oppurtunity to engage and discover both the self and the world. It has been a great experience. KSC has given me the chance to learn to no assume the world. It is all a variable. It is all there. And it will always work out.

Yes. Overall, this statement is fair, and accurate of my experience at Keene State.

I do believe this accurately reflects my experience at KSC. A substantial portion of my education was was through hands on work in the classroom, which I believe definitely challenged me to think both critically and creatively, and made the work I was doing much more meaningful.

Yes, because since I started at KSC, I have been seeking meaningful work in order to see where my help is needed more, and where I can be most useful.

Yes

I would agree that this statement accurately reflects my experience at KSC.

Yes, the Master's Program has been developed to be very practical to those of us already in the field. The program is really focused on making public education a better process through meaningful conversation and practical learning opportunities.

There are many things that Keene State 'prides' itself on. Thinking critically, engaging as an active citizen, celebrating diversity, etc. are some examples of these. Unfortunately, like these, the mission statement only applies to a small percentage of students. Many students believe they've gained an understanding of these but haven't. This may sound like a great mission statement but there is no substance to back it up.

Yes, I do believe that the above statement reflects my experiences at KSC.

I believe that KSC holds true to its mission statement and core values 100%, and is brought to life through the classes that college offers.

Yes

Yes, because a large majority of my classes relate back to this mission.
Yes, i just wish i got some sort of reward for good grades.

I feel that it is accurate because I have thought critically and creatively in every course that I have taken. I have also engaged in "active citizenship," especially related to my major.

Sure

I believe KSC prepares students to do all of these things by offering and expecting students to take a diverse selection of classes including ISP, major, and electives and also offering a diverse and extensive number of clubs and activities that allow students to pursue passions they may have or may develop through connections made at KSC.

Yes, KSC has been the best experience imaginable for me. The education and experience at KSC I have received, the interaction with students, faculty, and the community has shaped me into an even better and more responsible young woman. I am excited to graduate from KSC, but also very sad to leave because there is so much knowledge I am leaving behind. I can't wait to share my experiences with other people in the world and to help make the world a better place through the skills I have acquired here. Thank you to all who have helped me through the years here at KSC.

Yes

I will be a teacher, That requires to me to be everything in your Mission Values, right?

Yes I believe it does because I learned so much and gained a lot of experience for the real world.

I think that Keene State prepares its students as much as it can. I think some of the professors can be more active with their students, have more relationships and use less power points as a way of teaching.

Yes

The statement above is a great way to explain my experiences here at KSC. My professors have pushed me to a place where I have never been in my academics and that has prepared me for the real world.

Yes, I do feel that this statement accurately reflects my experiences at KSC. I have been challenged in the majority of my courses to think critically and creatively, I have been encouraged to engage in active citizenship and have done this through volunteering and becoming a member of an amazing sorority where I have learned to be a leader. I have also pursued meaningful work by volunteering, by learning to teach elementary aged students, and by participating in a Habitat for Humanity trip to El Salvador. I plan to continue all of these endeavors throughout my future teaching career and throughout my life.

Yes, I believe that my education and experience at KSC has made me a more well rounded person and has caused me to be more aware of the world around me.

No. The keene state college atmosphere truly embodies the "continuation of high school" attitude that has made college education next to useless in this country. KSC did nothing to improve me as a student, I was lucky to get a few professors who could offer valuable information in some specific areas. If not for them, this experience would have been a complete waste. Keene, and every other college in this country, need to drastically raise admission standards, cut enrollment at least in half, downsize and upgrade in quality, and return to the elite atmosphere that college is meant to be.

I would say that this statement does accurately reflect my experiences at Keene State College. Most of the classes that I took at school, especially the one's that were apart of my major made me think critically and creatively to find the answers. I had to do the research and put in the time in order to successfully complete my course work. I did not do as much active work with the school or community that I would have liked but from the students that I saw working with the school or around the community it seemed that what they were doing made a major difference and a better place for all of us to live. And as far as pursuing meaningful work, I wish to find work that I love where it doesn't feel like work but rather something I love to do, and I believe Keene has helped me and given me the tools to go and find that career for myself.
Yes—Keene State College has prepared me for the real world and I would encourage all those to go to Keene State College.

I feel that the mission does reflect my experience at Keene State. Unfortunately the current economic crisis in our country will shape graduates' future in pursuing meaningful work. That being said, Keene State prepares students to utilize the core skills of, reading, writing, and critical thinking which allow students to adapt to different career choices.

In the beginning the Safety Studies program was weak and extremely easy to do well in. I believe ____ and ____ has significantly brought more needed attention to the bachelor of science in safety studies and for their students to think critically and by creative while engaging with other students.

Above all else the most important thing stressed to me at KSC is that no matter what, it is important to try and make a difference at some level.

Somewhat. I don't feel I was pushed by the school to engage in active citizenship although I did participate through other organizations.

Yes it is an accurate statement for KSC.

It reflects my final year here and the work I put into it.

Yes.

I do. My courses challenged me to think critically and creatively through papers, readings, and projects. The classes a learning community and involves everyone. The professors also encourage students to be involved in other activities on campus and off campus.

Yes I believe it does. The students I have met at Keene State all seem to be really good people who reflect this quality.

yes

I do think that many of the courses at KSC encourage students to think critically and creatively. I think that there needs to be more of a focus on engaging in active citizenship. I do think that the courses and other organizations affiliated with KSC allow students to pursue meaningful work.

I think my instructors encouraged me to think deeply and critically about issues in education and exposed me to current issues that directly affect my school.

It could be accurate, but most of the students that i've come in contact with here don't even think of Keene State as a real college. Most people call it just an extension of high school with bigger papers. I think also the ISP course teachers also treat the students like we're still in high school also. Too much slack is given, and we as students take advantage of the slack and in turn don't learn a thing. So no until the teachers make some changes in their teaching styles then it's not accurate.

I feel as though this quote does reflect my experience at Keene State College. While working in the special education field, I constantly thought critically on how I could meet the needs of each and every student I worked with. I was able to use the knowledge that I learned from taking classes at Keene State and use it at the elementary school I worked at. This includes differentiating lesson plans, modifying homework, etc.

I believe that this statement is true of Keene State in the sense of preparing students to think critically and creatively, and to pursue meaningful work. It has pushed me to think outside my box on areas I thought I already "knew" about.

Yes I definitely feel that Keene State reflects the mission that it sets forth. I found that the professors and my peers worked hand in hand to create both a creative and learning environment— one where students are educated in a way that directly prepares them for their futures.
no, only because I entered to learn and i'm going forth to serve.

Yes, KSC has taught me a lot over the last four years and although I am scared, I feel that I am ready to enter the "real world."

It does, at least within the work i have done in the biology department between courses and individual research. The rest of the college, no so much.

Yes, I do. My professors have always encouraged the classes to think critically and creatively.

In my major classes, most definately yes because of the type of issues raised in education and art. Some of my general education classes were less than thought provoking but I found the overall experience to be inspiring.

Yes, I think I am plenty capable of thinking critically and creatively. I engage in activities in my school and community and help out people in need. I am going to graduate school so I can peruse my dreams of becoming an art teacher, and I wouldn't be where I am today with out KSC and the surrounding community.

The "thinking critically" piece to the mission statement really applies to certain majors. With teaching, it is not as much thinking critically but observing, practicing, and SELF-critiquing.

Absolutely. Of course, the Master's Program of School Counseling is all about meaningful work. I would not be entering this field if I didn't believe in doing something important and proactive. The program aligns well with the KSC mission, always pushing students to think more critically, creative and preparing students to be catalysts for change. Hopefully, the graduating class will take on this role seriously and work towards a more just education system.

I agree. Most of my professors were really passionate about getting students to understand and apply the material learned in class to our everyday lives.

yes.

More can be done to prepare students to work in their field of study and how to integrate sustainability practices into businesses. More can be done in classes to encourage students to understand future career opportunities and a variety of ideas related to their field of study.

Yes I Do

Yes, however I feel that KSC should offer more internships/practicums across all majors so that students can gain experience and a taste of work in their related area of study that would further prepare them for life after their education at KSC has ended.

yes in each class i took at Keene the professors expected us to think critically and creatively.

Yes

Yes.

Yes

Yes, i feel that each one of my professors aimed their coursework towards that goal and achieved it in different ways. They are very driven to see us do well, and we need to see that in ourselves as well.

Active citizenship is something that the town of Keene can claim, but i have not seen a mentality of active citizenship in my fellow students actions while attending KSC.

Yes, the statement reflects my experiences at KSC.

Yes. I was encouraged to engage in work outside the classroom to expand my knowledge in the safety field.

Yes, I personally felt encouraged to think critically and creatively.

somewhat
Yes, I agree with this statement 100 percent. Throughout my four years here, I have learned various skills and techniques that will be extremely useful in the future. I have also taken a variety of classes for my major as well as electives. I think that by doing this, it has better prepared me for the future. I really enjoyed the integrative studies program as well. Without this program, I probably would not of learned as much as I did over the years.

My KSC experience does reinforce this statement, yet I do not think the academic curriculum has practically prepared me in my field of study in Economics; most, I think, is due to a lack of non-linear theory in the curriculum. Therefore, Calculus as a prerequisite would be beneficial to the program.

Yes, this statement clearly states my experience with KSC. I feel that the school did an excellent job in preparing me to be an active and participating citizen wherever I end up living.