



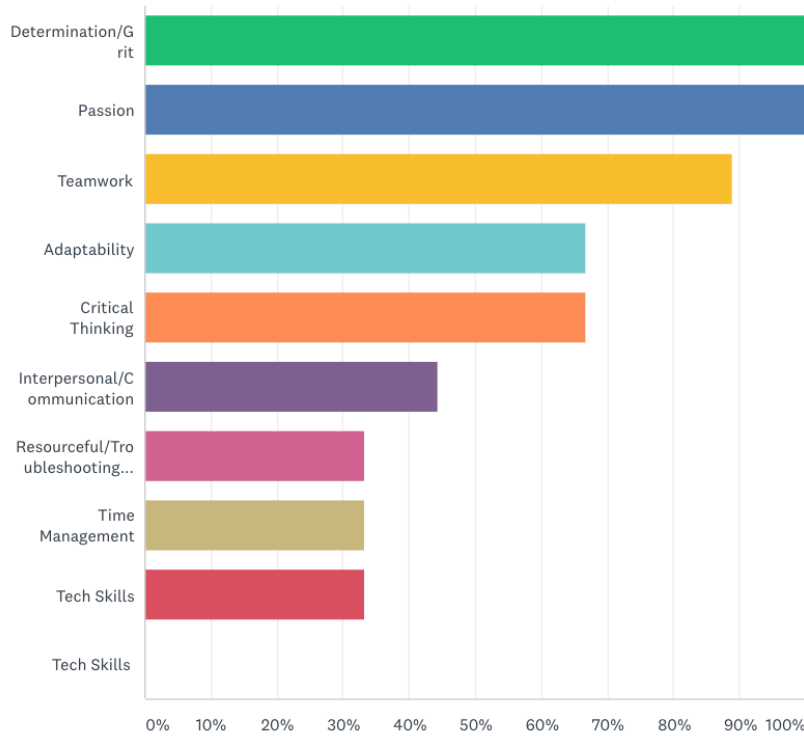
**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Sustainability Survey BETA 2020
Cape Cod Academy**

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute had the pleasure of circulating its Sustainability Survey to the students of Cape Cod Academy in Massachusetts. The survey tackled questions that aimed to gauge interest in the Blue/Green Economy, how ready students are for those jobs and the kind of resources they seek. Respondents were primarily within the 14-15 years of age.

Summary

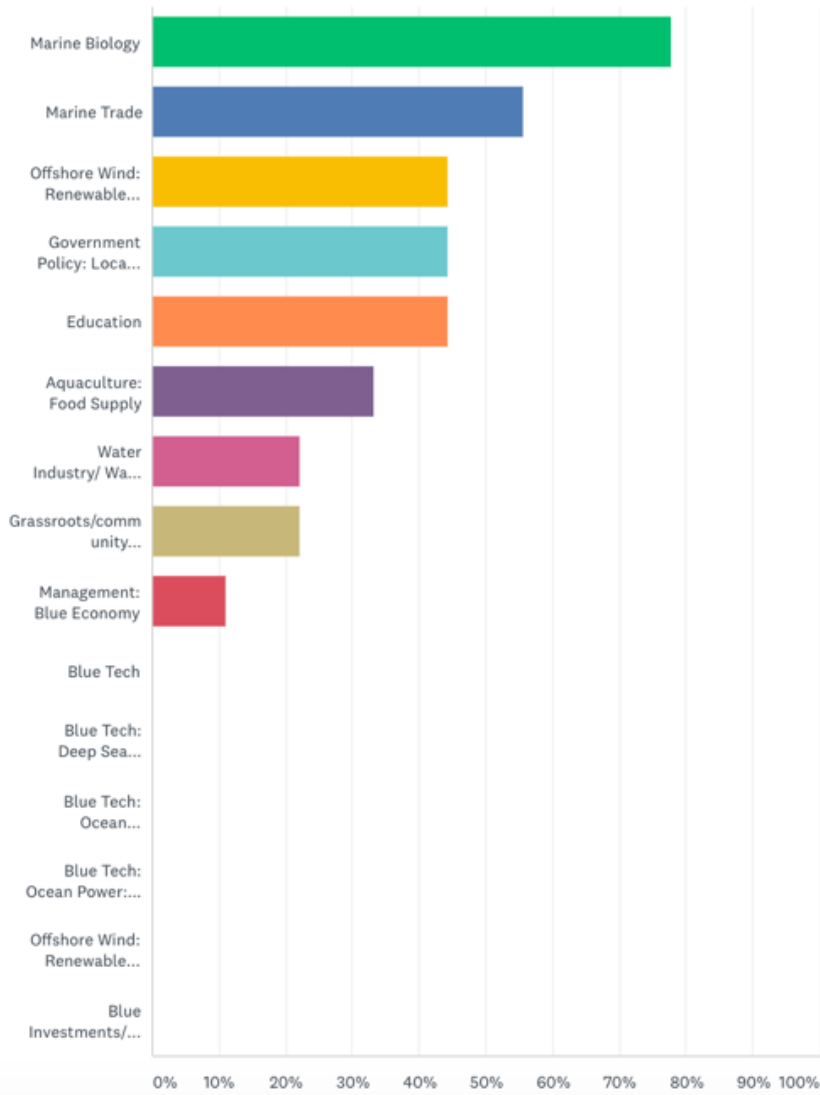
On average, students listed as their greatest attributes:

1. Determination/Grit
2. Passion
3. Teamwork



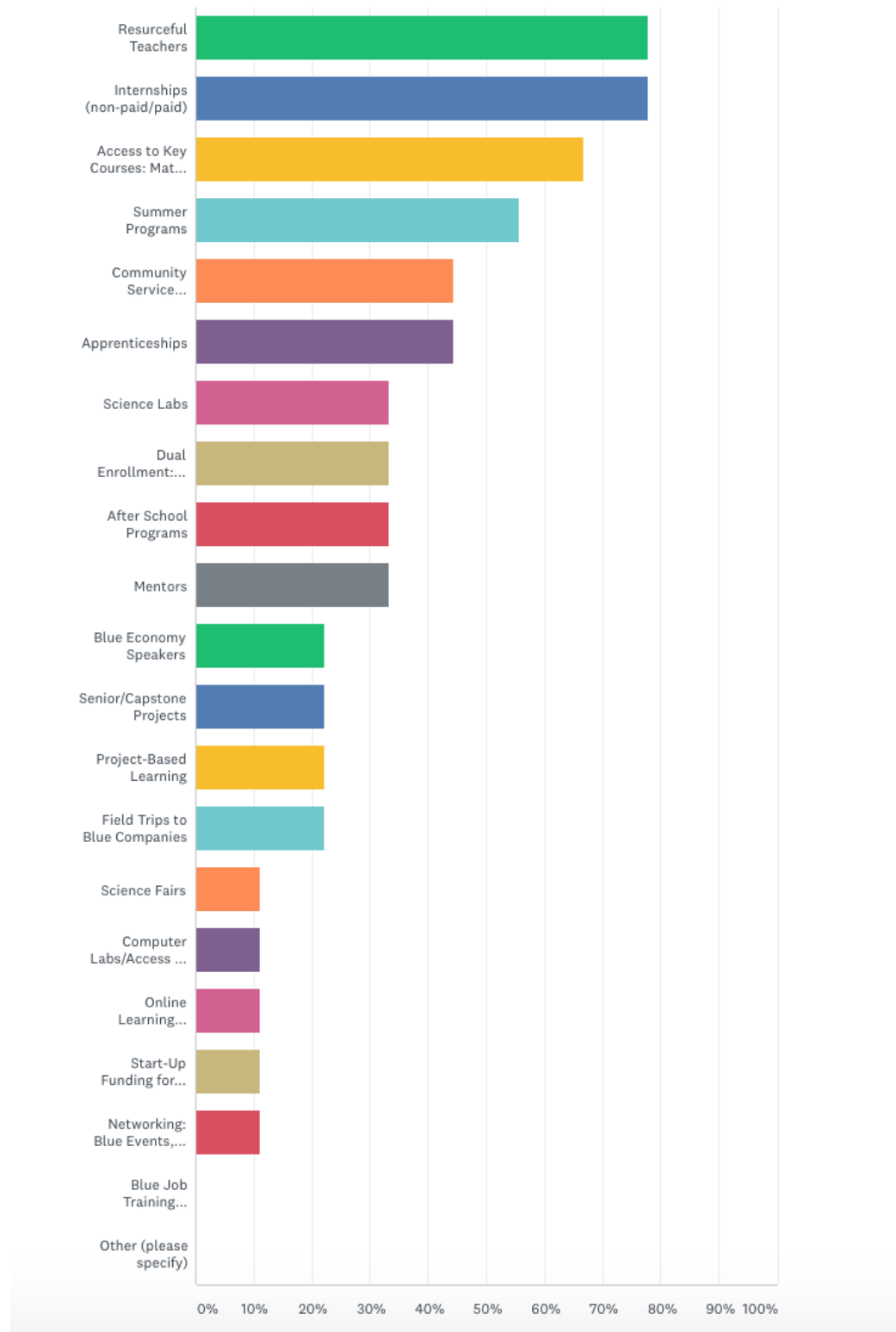
Their top 5 career choices within the Blue Economy were:

1. Marine Biology
2. Marine Trade
3. Offshore Wind
4. Government Policy
5. Education



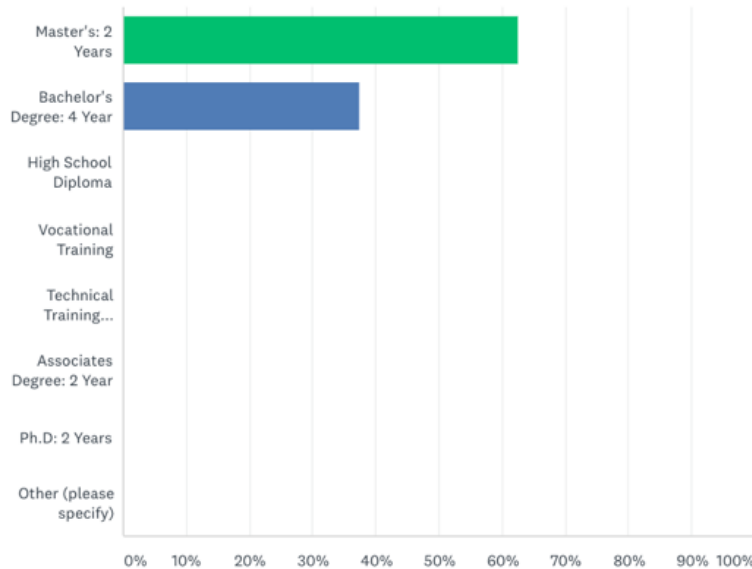
Top 3 resources that students found important:

1. Resourceful Teachers
2. Internships (Paid/Non-Paid)
3. Access to Key Courses: Science, Math



In trying to gauge interest in the Blue Economy, one of the first questions asked ***How Eager Are You To Get A Blue Job/Career To Help Rebuild The Planet (1-10)?*** While the student responses to this ranged from 2 – 10 on a numeric scale, the average response was 7, with a majority of the students (67%) answering 7 and above.

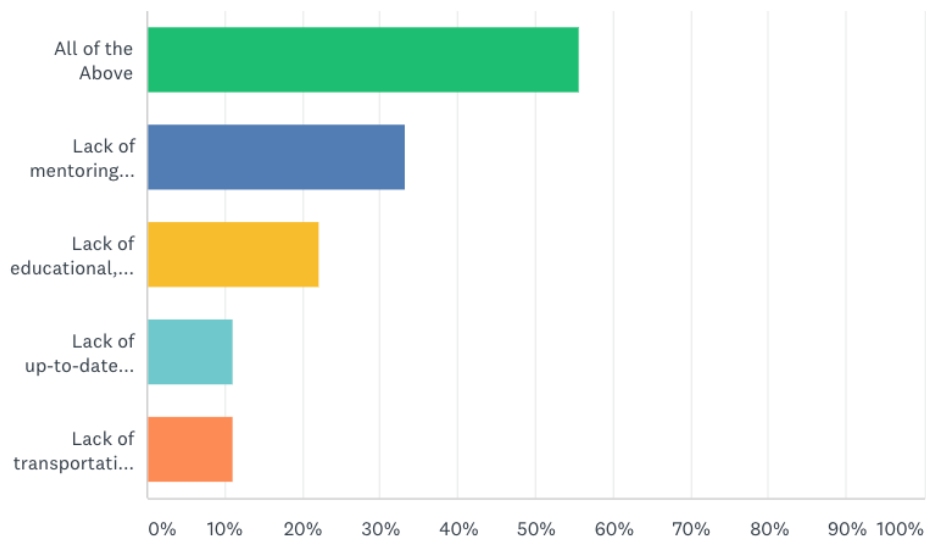
All of the responses planned to achieve at least a Bachelor's Degree, with 62.5% of students selecting a Master's Degree as the highest level of education they wanted to achieve, and the rest all selecting a Bachelor's Degree. As such, none of the responses expressed interest in a vocational/technical training or associate degree.



The survey also listed five challenges and asked students to pick the top challenge:

- Lack of Mentoring Support to Explore Blue Careers
- Lack of Educational, Training and Internship Opportunities
- Lack of Up-to-Date Information about Blue Jobs in your Community
- Lack of Transportation and Resources to Apply for/Research Blue Jobs.
- All of the Above

Students overwhelmingly chose **All of the Above**, with 42% of the responses. Lack of Support was second with 25% of the responses, while lack of Opportunities was picked 17% of the time, and finally, lack of information and resources each received 8% of the responses.



Overwhelming, the Institute’s Sustainable Survey data shows that Youth are interested in pursuing a career in the Blue Economy. Most popular out of these careers are careers in Marine Trade, Marine Biology, Offshore Wind, Government Policy and Education. However through the survey, it is clear to see that our youth lack mentoring support, educational and internship opportunities, information and resources as well as access to key educational courses in STEM.

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