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Geoscience Currents #78: Graduates' Decision Points for Majoring in the Geosciences, Spring 2013

Alexandria, VA – An important question asked of recent graduates with geoscience majors is why they chose to major in the earth sciences. Recent analysis of over 400 responses from the National Geoscience Student Exit Survey from 71 geoscience departments identified several common answers among the respondents. Of those surveyed, many declared a geoscience major during their formative undergraduate years for a variety of reasons: enjoyment working in the outdoors, a lifelong interest in the subject and desire for career opportunities are among some of the most common.

For the complete Geoscience Currents #78 please go to: <http://bit.ly/15kleLB>. For the 2013 Status of Recent Geoscience Graduates report please go to: <http://www.agiweb.org/workfore/reports.html>. For more information about the National Geoscience Student Exit Survey please contact Carolyn Wilson at cwilson@agiweb.org.

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