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### Getting Ready for the Workforce

#### Expectations of the Class of 2017

- 82% said their education prepared them well
- 89% considered job availability before selecting a major
- 82% completed an apprenticeship or internship

#### Reality Experienced by 2015/16 Graduates

- 48% found it difficult or extremely difficult to find a job
- 54% accepted a lower salary or compromised on job benefits
- 79% saw their apprenticeship or internship lead to a job

### Finding That First Job After Graduation

#### Expectations of the Class of 2017

- 93% expect to find a job in their field of study
- 98% need training to further their career
- 45% graduate with student loan debt

#### Reality Experienced by 2015/16 Graduates

- 61% work full time in their chosen field
- 79% receive training from their first employer
- 13% repay their student loan with employer assistance

Source: The Accenture Strategy 2017 University Graduate Employment Study surveyed 6,016 students in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the U.K. and the U.S., who are graduating this summer in 2017, and 6,004 students who graduated in 2015 or 2016, between the ages of 18 and 24, to compare the percent rate of students preparing to enter the job market with the experiences of recent graduates already in the workforce. Survey conducted in January/February, 2017.

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