

# The Internship Advantage

## How Interns from Southern Flourish

Analysis of the 2018 *Southern Experience Survey*, which is administered to sophomores and juniors, revealed that students who participated in internships ...

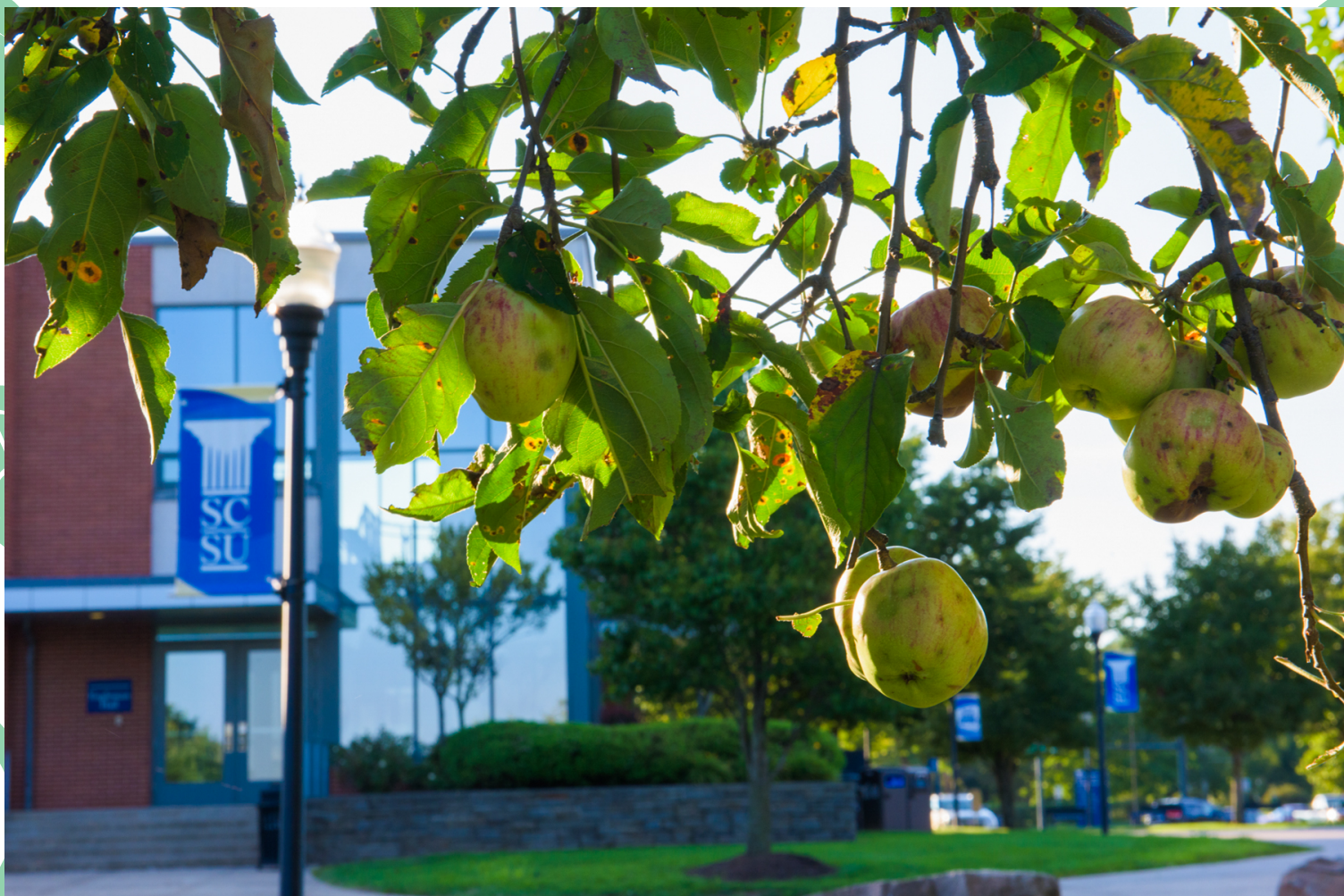
Formed more  
generative  
relationships  
with faculty and  
staff

Agree at a higher  
rate that they  
intend to graduate  
from SCSU

Agree at a higher  
rate that they made  
the right choice in  
choosing Southern

Feel that Southern  
is preparing them  
for a career

Have an  
enhanced sense  
of belonging



# Interns

*The differences in scores of the interns and their peers were not due to chance.*

# Peers

## Relationships with Faculty and Staff

Tend to agree more that advisement is only for course selection

Are less confident they know someone at SCSU who would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for them

Lower rates of agreement that they have a support system at SCSU that they can rely on

Tend to agree that they receive useful guidance at SCSU about their future

Tend to feel that if they were to have some kind of crisis, they know there is a faculty or staff member at the university who will help them

Higher rates of having in-depth conversations with faculty members about their future

Report higher rates of feeling that at least one faculty member has taken an interest in their education

## Career Preparation

Typically feel less strongly that they are taking the necessary steps to obtain their desired careers

Agree less that Southern is preparing them for a career after graduation

Higher rates of agreement that they have a clear idea of what they will be doing in the next 5 years

## Thriving at Southern

Tend to feel less confident in their choice of intended major

Lower tendency to have a "game-plan" that is effective for tackling homework assignments

Lower rates of agreement to the statement, "I will graduate from Southern."

Higher rates of agreement that their major is a good fit for them

Strongly agree they have a sound plan to address their financial needs while at SCSU

Lower rates of getting distracted in class by feelings of anger

Tend to feel that they made the right decision in choosing SCSU

## Sense of Belonging

Tend to be less involved on campus and in Southern organizations

Lower rates of feeling that SCSU is a big part of their lives

In classes, they tend to get contact information from at least one classmate