Life After Wheaton
The Undergraduate Class of 2019

Wheaton College
For Christ and His Kingdom

CENTER FOR VOCATION AND CAREER
Wheaton College prepares our graduates for a lifetime of serving Christ and His Kingdom. In a rapidly changing society, agility becomes a highly valuable skill, and one which readily develops in our liberal arts students.

A recent report from The Washington Post looked at the long-term value of a liberal arts education. Anthony P. Carnevale, director of the education and workforce center at Georgetown, says, “...in the United States it’s more typical to have a major and a variety of other classes. It turns out in an economy where there are a lot of changes...that combination makes you more flexible...and gives you more opportunity in the long run.”

Why does a liberal arts education have such a lasting impact? The Post article goes on to reflect on the liberal arts experience of Erika Hagberg, director of global sales for Google, this way, “in the small classes...she had to have done the work, be ready to answer tough questions, appreciate multiple perspectives and be able to explain her ideas effectively.” The same is true for the students at Wheaton College, and this preparation ensures our graduates are equipped for the workplace of today and tomorrow.

The Center for Vocation and Career gives students an opportunity to develop their skills, explore their interests, and understand their workplace values. Our students learn how to articulate these to prospective employers and graduate schools, so they can make informed decisions about where they will live, work, and study.

A future where young Christ-followers are flourishing in their chosen fields, developing their skills, and growing in their faith as active participants in the Kingdom is a bright one.

So how are we doing? Take a look at the following pages and see where the graduates of the Class of 2019 have landed. I think you’ll enjoy discovering where a Wheaton education can lead!
Class of 2019
First Destination Survey Results

99%
of the class landed* within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 86% in 2018 (NACE).

*employed, interning, furthering their education, or pursuing other adventures of their choice
Where are Wheaton graduates working?

**Top 12 Industries**

- Business & Professional Services: 18.6%
- Non-Profit: 12.1%
- Healthcare: 10.3%
- K–12 Education: 10.3%
- Financial Services: 9.3%
- Internet & Software: 9.0%
- Church & Parachurch Work: 6.0%
- Higher Education: 5.3%
- Construction & Manufacturing: 4.5%
- Government & Public Policy: 4.0%
- Creative & Media Fields: 3.3%
- Sports & Leisure: 2.8%

**ALUMNI PROFILE**

**Daniel Rivera ’19**

Major: Communication-Interpersonal

Landed: Business Development Consultant at Groupon

Daniel Rivera, who graduated as a communication major from Wheaton, described one of the professional skills he gained in college as “learning to be a sponge,” always absorbing new information and skills. Rivera was involved in several organizations, both on and off campus—Unidad, the Latin dance club, a marketing internship, and working at the study abroad office, to name a few. One of his most influential experiences was his involvement with the Student Alumni Board (SAB) where he had the opportunity to navigate different social circles with different types of people. The alumni networking skills he honed through his involvement with SAB, and his many other campus experiences, helped him land his current job as a Business Development Consultant at Groupon. “I love that I was able to transfer all of my different experiences at Wheaton to my day-to-day life here as I interact with people in such a big company.” Besides proofreading LinkedIn messages to future employers—and telling friends to do the same—Rivera’s advice to students is to “figure out a few takeaways of your experience and be able to not only explain them, but highlight and promote them.”
Organizations employing the class of 2019

Accenture
Allstate
Amazon
AmeriCorps
Anthropologie
Aon
Barra Group
Bellas Artes School of Music
The Boeing Company
Cambridge Financial Advisors
Capital One
Capital Strategies Investment Group
CBIZ
Chatham Financial
The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Chicago Public Schools
Chick-fil-A
Christianity Today
Church of the Resurrection
University of Chicago—Clinical Addictions Research Lab
Club Automation
Colorado Christian University
Compass Mortgage
Condata Global
Cornerstone University
Covenant Classical School
Crabel Capital Management, LLC
Creative Associates International
Deloitte
Denver Public Schools
Duke University School of Medicine
DuPage County Health Department
Edward Elmhurst Health
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
Epic
Expo Chicago
EY
FedEx Services
Feed My Starving Children
First Trust
Flexera
FONA International
Frankfurt Public Library
Freedom House
Fulcrum Research Group
Gordon College in Orvieto
Great Lakes Urban
Groupon
GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
Hawaii State Department of Education
High Shelf Press
Highland Park Presbyterian Church
Hireology, Inc.
HomeAdvisor
HubSpot
IBM
Illinois Tool Works (ITW)
International Justice Mission
Invesco
Investortools
Jill’s House
JingCheng International High School
Joni and Friends
Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates P.C.
Kathy’s Music
Kimberly-Clark
Kirkland & Ellis
LaSalle Network
LeaderTreks
Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes
M&C Saatchi PR
Major Trading Inc.
McMaster-Carr
Medtronic
Meier Clinics
Mennonite Central Committee
Naperville Community Unit School District 203
Neurospine Center of Wisconsin, S.C.
New City Church
Northrop Grumman
Northwestern Mutual
Outreach Community Ministries
Paro.io
Pawley’s Island Presbyterian Church
Performance Trust Capital Partners
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Project: VISION
Promus Capital
Pui Tak Center
Rice Dairy LLC
Riverbridge Investment Management
Rockford Christian Schools
Royal Business Bank
RQ Construction, LLC
Sacred Harvest Foundation
Samaritan’s Purse
Santiago Christian School
Scribe America
Sidley Austin LLP
Singapore National Eye Center
Slalom
Southwest
Spark Hire
Spectrum Brands, Inc.
St. Louis Public Library
Starcom
State of Illinois Office of the Governor
Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc.
Summit Ministries
Synergy Physical Therapy
T. Rowe Price
Teach For America
TeachBeyond
Thrivent Financial
Trilogy, Inc.
True North Equities
Uber
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Institute of Peace
U.S. Senate
Wakefield Asset Management
The Walt Disney Company
Warner Music Group | Elektra Music Group
Washington Elementary
Wheaton Eye Clinic
World Health Organization
World Relief
Young Life International

Salary Data**

Average Full-Time Salary: $43,055
Range of Full-Time Salary: $20,000–$240,000

*This is a partial list of employers for 2019 graduates

**Based on available student-reported actual salary information (base salaries only). Excludes part-time positions, internships, fellowships, and residential positions where housing is part of compensation package. National average Liberal Arts & Sciences salary of $43,919 (NACE)
Where did they land?

Employed 72%

Enrolled in graduate school or professional school 23%

Military service 1%

Pursuing other adventures 1%

Volunteer, missionary or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Teach For America, etc.) 2%
Where are they now?

Other Countries

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- England
- Ethiopia
- Honduras
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Philippines
- Scotland
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Vietnam
Ziyue Gu ’19
Major: Sociology
Landed: PhD Student in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland

Ziyue Gu, a sociology major at Wheaton who served as the president of Koinonia, was surprised to find a home in academia as a full-time Ph.D. student studying Criminology and Criminal Justice. After several internships in NGOs (non-government organizations), Gu was sure she wanted to work at an NGO. It was her sociology classes and professors, however, who convinced her to apply to graduate schools. “My professors at Wheaton have literally changed my life,” she said, “and being able to teach and prepare to be a professor is such a privilege and rewarding experience.” One of the most important pieces of advice that she brought with her to the University of Maryland was from Dr. Henry Kim about the importance of self-care. “I’m really working on changing my undergrad mindset of ‘school is life’ to ‘school AND life,’ because now school is not simply a life stage, but a career choice and a job.” Her advice to students seeking postgraduate studies is that loving what you do is important for successful graduate-level learning.
What are they studying in graduate school or other educational endeavors?

Class of 2019 by field of study

Addiction Neuroscience  
Archaeology - Classical and Near Eastern  
Art & Art History  
Biochemistry  
Biostatistics  
Chemistry  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Deaf Education  
Dentistry  
Divinity/Theology  
Geology  
Higher Education & Student Development  
Human Development & Psychology  
Humanitarian Disaster Leadership  
Law  
Library and Information Science  
Marriage & Family Therapy  
Mathematics  
Medicine  
Music Performance  
Nurse Practitioner  
Nursing  
Occupational Therapy  
Opera  
Outdoor Adventure Leadership & Ministry  
Philosophy  
Physical Therapy  
Psychology  
Social Work  
Teaching  
TESOL & Intercultural Studies  
Theatre

Arizona State University  
Baylor University  
Boston Conservatory  
Bowling Green State University  
Colorado State University  
Emory University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Newcastle University  
Northwestern University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Rice University  
Rush University College of Nursing  
Saint Ambrose University  
Thomas Jefferson University  
University of Alabama  
University of Central Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois  
University of Iowa  
University of Maryland  
University of North Carolina  
University of Texas  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Washington University in Saint Louis  
Western Michigan University  
Wheaton College  
Yale University

*This is a partial list of where 2019 graduates are pursuing advanced degrees.*
Where did they intern before graduation?

Internships completed by the class of 2019

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Below is a partial list of internship sites.

Abington Hospital
AdVision Finance
Advocate Healthcare
Alliance Academy International
Allianz Taiwan Life
Allina Health Sports and Orthopedic Specialists
Allstate Insurance
Amazon
American Enterprise Institute
American Museum of Natural History
Anglican Relief and Development Agency
Arpin International Group
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Bailie Lumber
The Bank Consulting Group
Bank of America
Berlin City Mission
Bob’s Red Mill Natural Foods, Inc.
Bondwave
Boston Private Bank & Trust Company
Bower Elementary School
Brevard Music Center
By The Hand
Center for Mesoamerican Research (CIRMA)
Center for Public Justice
Chatham Financial
Chiang Rai International Christian School
Chicago Bears
Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Chicago Dental Society
Chicago Fire Soccer Club
Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives
Chicago Public Schools
Chicago Sky
Chick-fil-A
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh
Chinese Association for NGO Cooperation
Citgo Petroleum
City of San Diego
Club Automation
Consul General of Israel to the Midwest
Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office
Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Crestwood Family Farms
Crimson Design & Construction
Culture Matters, Inc.
Doble Engineering
Door of Hope
Dress for Success
DuPage County Department of Probation
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
European Combatant Command Headquarters - U.S. Army FBI
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Fidelity Investments
The Field Museum of Natural History
First Trust Portfolios
Foster & Foster Actuaries LLC
Fulcrum Research Group
Gallagher
Georgetown University - Advancement Office
Geraty Investments
Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare
Global Green USA
Go Ministries
Governor of West Virginia
Grant Thornton LLP
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Guggenheim Partners
GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
Hartford Symphony Orchestra
HAVI Global Solutions
Hawaii Pacific Neuroscience
His Mansion Ministries
HOPE International
Hospital General de Queretaro
Innovator Capital Management
Integrity Mortgage Company
International Justice Mission
InterVarsity Press
Investortools Inc.
Johnson Controls
Josiah Venture
Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates
Kids Across America
Kids Alive International
Kijabe Hospital
Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
Lawndale Christian Health Center
Le Domaine Forget de Charlevoix
Letuce Entertain You Restaurants
LifeWay Christian Resources
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office
Mars Inc.
McKinley Capital Management
Montgomery County Public Defender
Morton Salt
Motorola Solutions
Museum of Contemporary Art
Naperville Youth Symphony Orchestra
National Air Transportation Association
National Museum of African American History and Culture
National Right to Life
Natural Fiber Welding
Northern Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (USDA)
Northwestern Medicine
Ojai Music Festival
Opportunity International
Outreach Community Ministries
OWP Pharmaceuticals
Performance Trust
Philips Healthcare Research
Phoenix Art Museum
Puente del Pueblo
Re:New Project
Reach Records
Republican National Committee
Robert R. McCormick Foundation
San Diego County District Attorney’s Office
San Francisco V.A. Medical Center
Sanders Commercial Real Estate
Santa Barbara Symphony
Singapore Press Holdings
SongFest
Southwest Airlines
Stanford University School of Medicine
Stanley Black and Decker
State Farm
State of Michigan, Attorney General
Stellar Pride
Sunshine Gospel Ministries
Swedish Covenant Hospital
Sweetwater Center for the Arts
Thrivent
True North Equities
Tyndale House Publishers
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Congress
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Public and Indian Housing
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Navy
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Senate Curator
UBS
UNICEF USA
University of Chicago
Ventura Manufacturing
Wallprotex
The Walt Disney Company
Watermark Properties
Wheaton College
World Relief
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Young Life
Zhongxin Bank
ZRG Partners
83% of the class completed at least one internship during their time at Wheaton.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Brian Connelly ’19
Major: Business/Economics and Art History
Landed: Digital Marketing Coordinator at Warner Music Group

Brian Connelly, who graduated with a double major in art history and business/economics from Wheaton, viewed his vast array of campus involvement—including College Union, Student Alumni Board, Solidarity Cabinet, the Wheaton Record, and more—as supplementary to his classes. “Those activities taught me skills like working with a team,” he said, “as well as the idea of executing different tasks, not necessarily for a letter grade, but moving towards the mission of each organization.” But Connelly didn’t just fill his time with classes and extracurriculars. During his junior and senior years, he worked as a freelance graphic designer on retainer for Reach Records, an indie record label based in Atlanta where he gained hands-on experience. After graduation, Brian was soon hired by Electra Music Group, a branch of Warner Music Group. “I’m working with a lot of developing artists whose lives are changing,” he said. “I’ve seen a few different artists actually sign the papers for their first record deal.” His advice for Wheaton students is to not be limited by what everyone else is interested in.

Griffin Walker ’19
Major: Physics
Landed: Technical Services at Epic

Griffin Walker was a physics major at Wheaton, but it wasn’t just math and science classes that kept her busy. In addition to the three years she participated in Zoe’s Feet and her active involvement with the Bridge program on campus, she strove to further her professional skills through an off-campus internship at a real estate office and work as a CVC Student Ambassador. “The first few years I struggled to find the kind of mentorship I was looking for,” she said, “but working in the CVC my senior year definitely changed that, and working for the Bridge program too—the Bridge program is amazing.” Now a Technical Services rep at Epic, she’s been able to apply the public speaking, presentation, and problem-solving skills she gained from her college internships and classes to build relationships with customers. Walker added, “Every day there are problems for me to solve and sometimes that’s overwhelming, but it’s also always engaging.” Her number one piece of advice to current Wheaties? Go to the CVC.