

Life After Wheaton

The Undergraduate Class of 2019 →



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CENTER FOR VOCATION AND CAREER



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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.

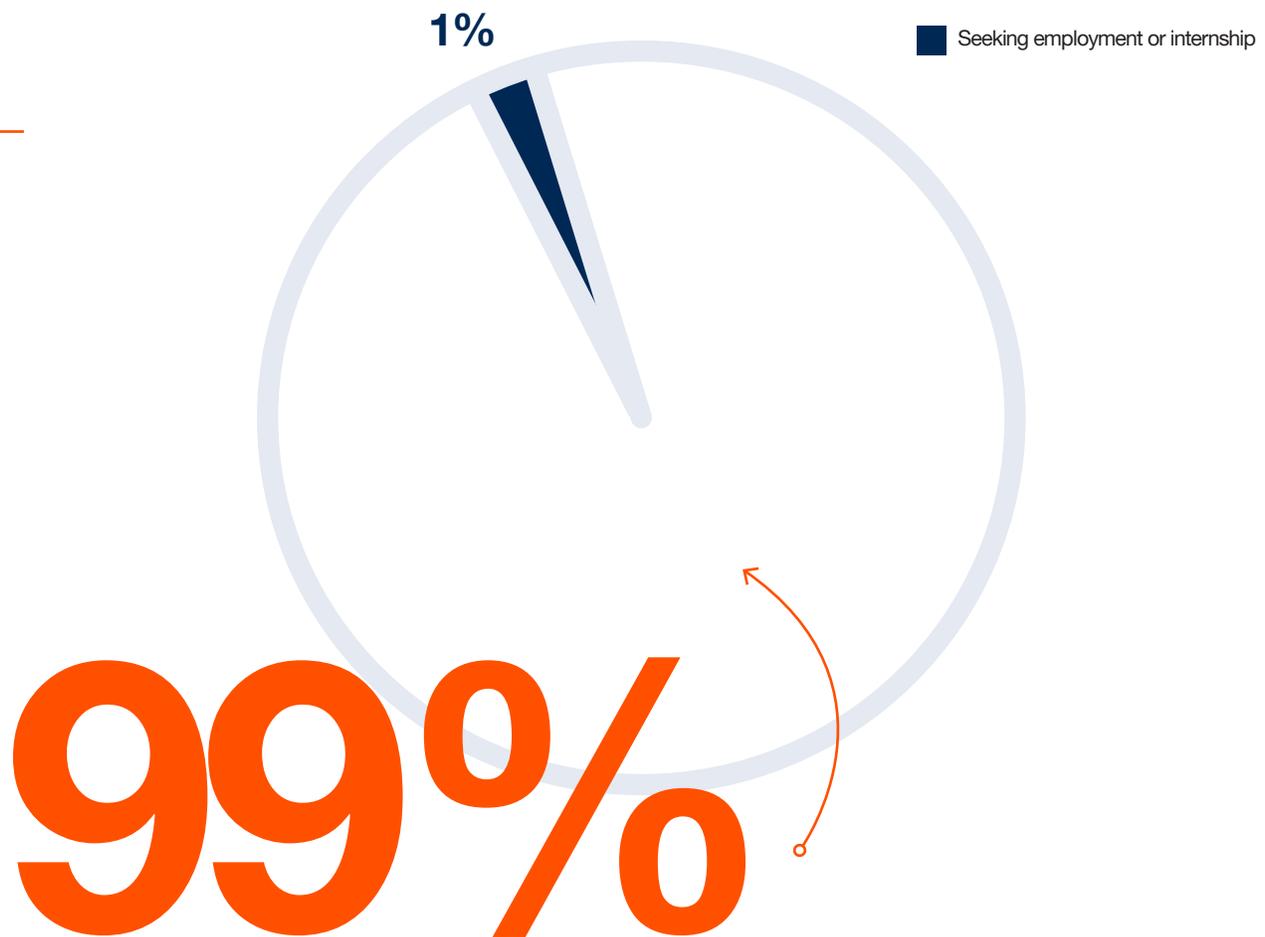
A future where young Christ-followers are flourishing in their chosen fields, developing their skills, and growing in their faith as active participants in the Kingdom is a bright one.

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!

Survey Methodology

This survey is conducted according to guidelines from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the professional association for college career services. NACE's First Destination Survey captures information on how new college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. The annual initiative provides clear, concise, and consistent data on the outcomes associated with a college education on a national scale (naceweb.org). In addition to providing outcomes for specific graduating classes, the First Destination Survey is designed to provide data trends over time to inform the discussion about the value of higher education. The standards and protocols allow collection of information from an electronic survey conducted by the Center for Vocation and Career, as well as job information from sources like LinkedIn.

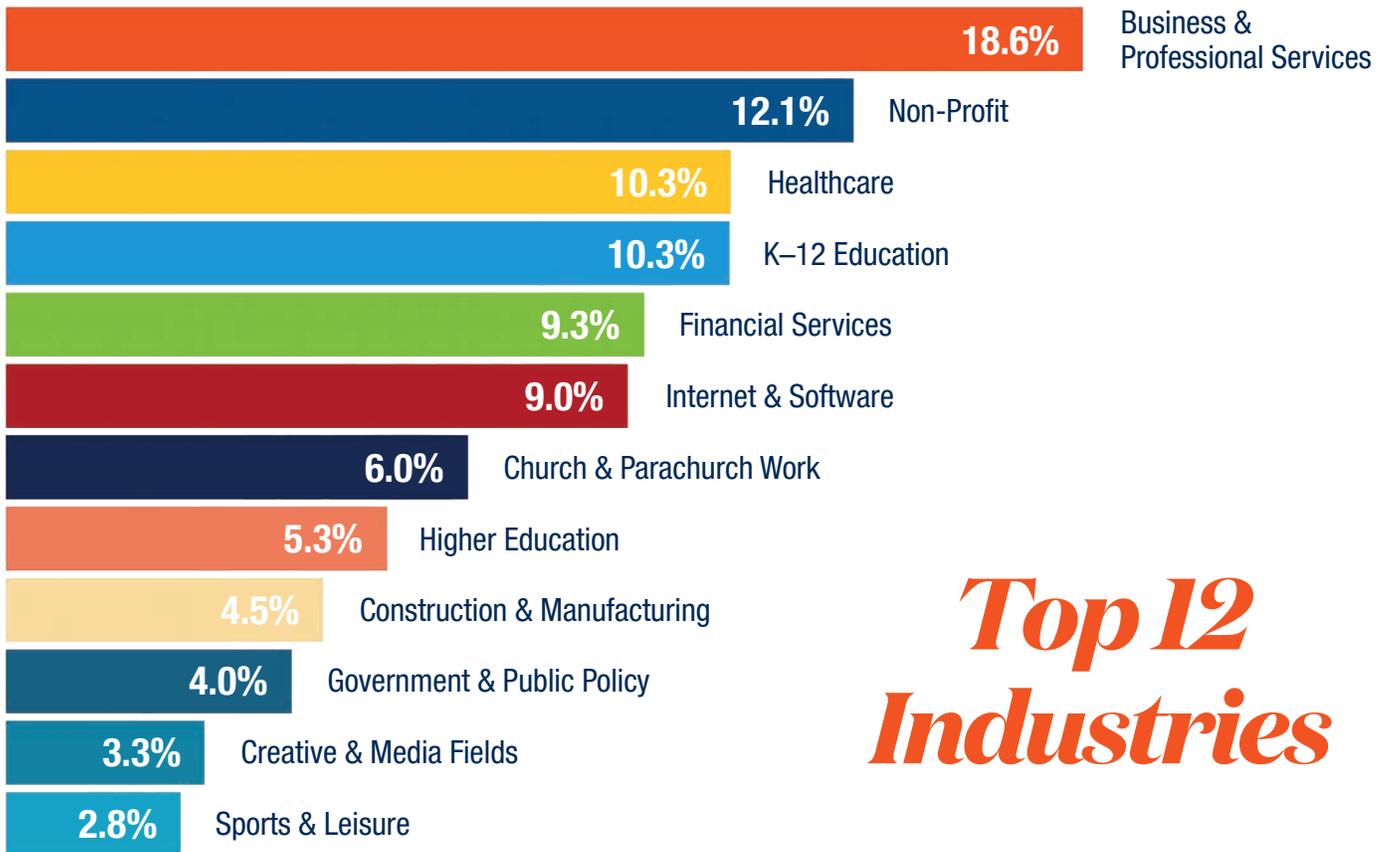
Class of 2019 First Destination Survey Results



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

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
Barna 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
Crate&Barrel
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
Frankfort Public Library
Freedom House
Fulcrum Research Group

GLIN **LinkedIn**

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

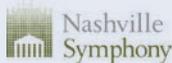
Illinois Tool Works (ITW)
International Justice Mission
Invesco
Investortools
Jill's House
JingCheng International High School
Joni and Friends
Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates P.C.
Kathy's Music
Kimberly-Clark
Kirkland & Ellis
LaSalle Network



LeaderTreks
Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

lyft

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

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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

Schneider
Electric

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

usbank

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?

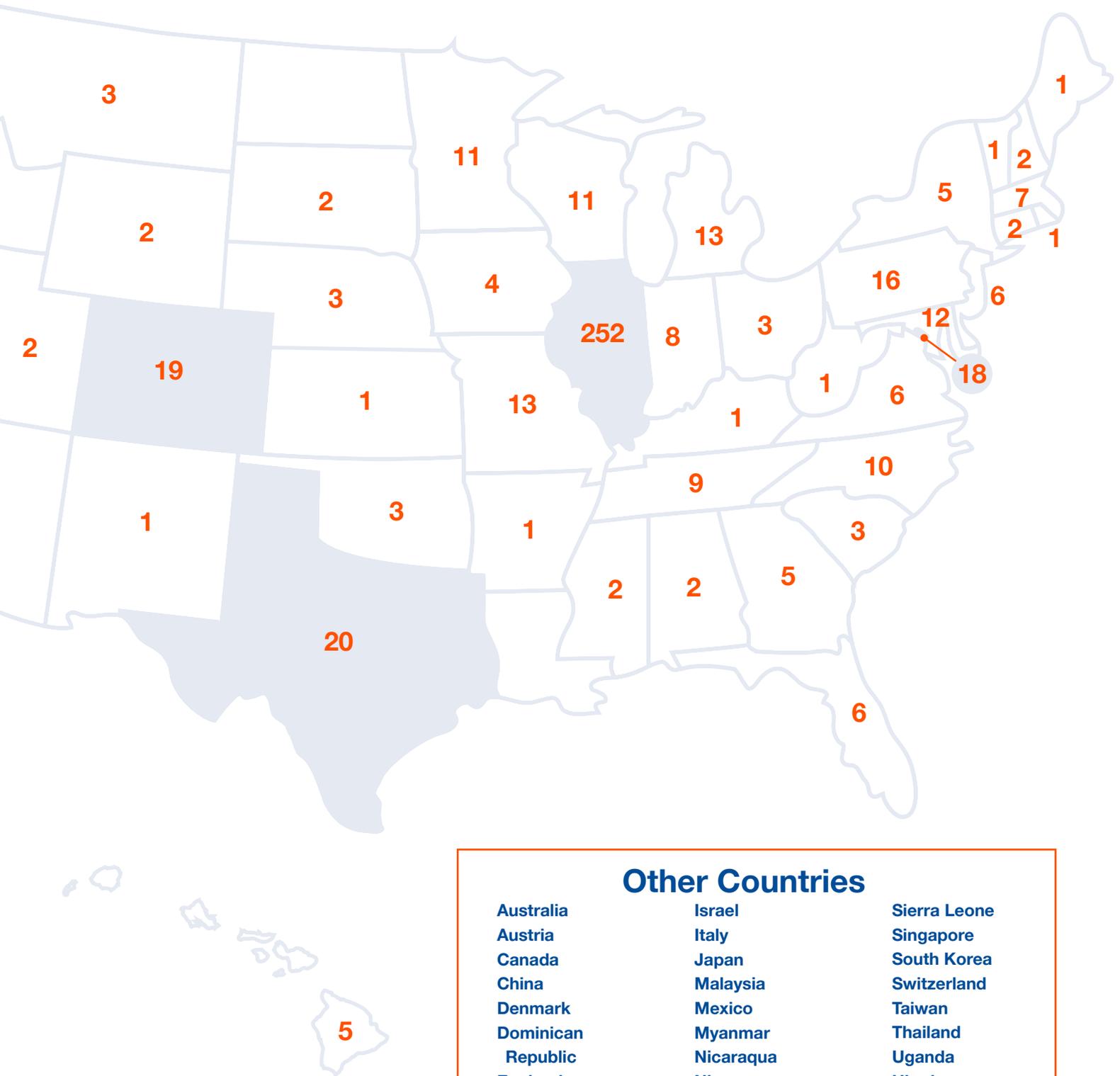
Full or part-time employment, including:

- Employed as an entrepreneur
- Employed in a temporary/contract work assignment
- Employed as a freelancer
- Employed in a postgraduate internship or fellowship
- Employed in all other work categories



Where are they now?

Top 5 States where Class of 2019 Landed



Other Countries

Australia	Israel	Sierra Leone
Austria	Italy	Singapore
Canada	Japan	South Korea
China	Malaysia	Switzerland
Denmark	Mexico	Taiwan
Dominican Republic	Myanmar	Thailand
England	Nicaragua	Uganda
Ethiopia	Niger	Ukraine
Honduras	Philippines	Vietnam
	Scotland	

ALUMNI PROFILE



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.

Where are they studying?



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Yale



JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Northwestern University



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



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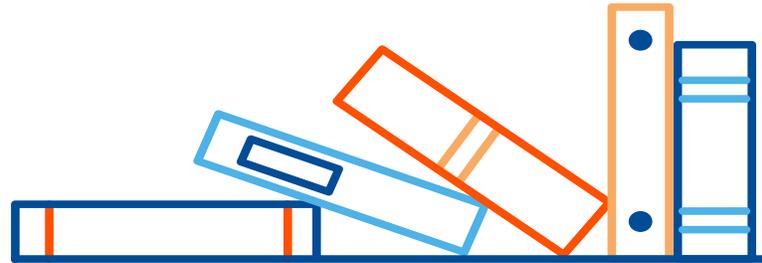
What are they studying in graduate school or other educational endeavors?

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.

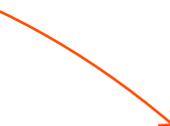
Where did they intern before graduation?

Internships completed by the class of 2019

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



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



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