Life After Wheaton
The Undergraduate Class of 2017
I am pleased to present the results of the First Destination Survey for the Wheaton College undergraduate class of 2017. Wheaton’s Christ-centered liberal arts education is designed to help prepare students for meaningful vocations throughout their lives, whether that includes full-time employment, graduate school, an internship, or other adventures. We want all students to have the opportunity to develop their skills, explore their interests, and understand the values that will influence the context for their vocational pursuits.

The Center for Vocation and Career at Wheaton College is becoming one of the preeminent liberal arts career centers in the country and these metrics allow us to benchmark against other top-ranked schools. Effectively preparing our graduates for life after Wheaton is one way we hold ourselves accountable and gauge our effectiveness; this report is one of the tools we use to measure our success.

In reviewing these survey results, you will see how our students are using their liberal arts education to embrace a rich diversity of career opportunities, reflecting how well the College has prepared them to serve Christ and His kingdom.

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**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.

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**Class of 2017 First Destination Survey Results**

91% of the class landed within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 81% (NACE).

- 7.58% seeking employment or internship
- 1.85% seeking admission, for further education, but not currently enrolled
- 1.47% pursuing other adventures of their choice
Where are they working?

Class of 2017 by industry

Advertising
Aerospace and Defense
Arts and Entertainment
Asset Management
Aviation
Banking
Biotech
Business Operations
Church Ministry
Commercial Real Estate
Construction
Consulting
Consumer Electronics
Consumer Packaged Goods
Counseling
Customer Service
Data Communications

Emergency Medical Services
Energy
Engineering
Environmental Services
Finance
Fine Art
Food and Beverage
Government
Horticulture
Hospitality and Tourism
Insurance
Information Technology (IT)
Journalism
Law
Library Science
Manufacturing
Marketing
Media
Military
Museums
Music Performance
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
Non-Profit
Parks and Recreation
Professional Services
Primary Education
Public Relations
Publishing
Research
Sales
Secondary Education
Social Work
Software Development/Programming
Sports and Entertainment
Technology
Telecommunications
Transportation and Logistics
Veterinary Services

Organizations employing the class of 2017

Breakthrough Urban Ministries
1871 Dairy
Accenture
Acuity Mutual
Amazon
American Enterprise Institute
American Junior Golf Association
Apex Energy Solutions
Ascensus
Atlantic Project
Bain & Company
Bank of America
Bastian Voice Institute
Belmar Arts
BISCO
Bloomberg
BrightStar Ambulance
Chatham Financial
Centria Healthcare
Corner Corporation
Chicago Public Schools
Coyote Logistics
Dell/EMC
Epsilon
First Trust Portfolios
GfK
Global Immigration Associates, PA
Google
Grant Thornton
Havas
Hepta International
IBM
IJM
Investorgetools, Inc.
Iris Worldwide
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Kathleen Zellner & Associates
L’Arche
Lawndale Christian Health Center
Legal Aid Society of Hawai’i
Lockheed Martin
McKinsey & Company
McMaster-Carr
Merrill Lynch
Michigan Science Center
Mission Eurasia
Morgan Stanley
Motorola Solutions
National Institutes of Health
Neuroscience Group
Nicaragua Christian Academy
Northwestern Medicine
Octagon Worldwide
Office of Governor Bruce Rauner
Ogilvy & Mather
Path Construction
Princeton in Asia
Prudential Capital Group
Pulaski Christian School
PwC
Samaritan’s Purse
Silicon Valley Bank
Sitka Biosciences
Sonoscan
Sunrise Mountain Ranch
Target
Teach for America
Teknion Data Solutions
Tesla Motors
The Hoss K. & MacNeil Foundation
The Salvation Army
Tyndale House Publishers
U.S. Bank
U.S. Army
Uber
United States Geological Survey
University of Minnesota
USA Today
Vanguard
Westminster Presbyterian Church PCA
Willow Creek Church
Yelp
YMCA
Young Life
Zurich Insurance
Where did they land?

62.79% Employed

20.37% Enrolled in graduate school or professional school

4.55% Pursuing Other Adventures

2.02% Military Service

0.84% Volunteer, missionary or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Teach for America, etc.)

1.85% Seeking admission to graduate school, but not currently enrolled

7.58% Seeking employment or internship

Where are they now?

Other Countries
South Korea
Canada
Italy
Republic of Singapore
Japan
Colombia
Dominican Republic
Taiwan
Hong Kong
Who is continuing their education at this time?

Class of 2017 by major

Percentage of students by major who are currently pursuing further education.

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<th>Majors</th>
<th>% Continuing Education</th>
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<td>Ancient Languages</td>
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<td>Anthropology</td>
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<td>Applied Health Science</td>
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<td>Liberal Arts Engineering</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>Music</td>
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<td>Physics</td>
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<td>Secondary Education</td>
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<td>Sociology</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
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<td>Urban Studies</td>
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What are they studying in graduate school or other educational endeavors?

Class of 2017 by field of study

| Accounting                          | Marriage and Family Therapy |
| Architecture                         | Medicine                   |
| Biblical Counseling                  | Medieval Studies           |
| Biblical Exegesis                    | Nursing                    |
| Biotechnology                        | Occupational Therapy       |
| Church Ministry                      | Optometry                  |
| Computer Science                     | Pedagogy                   |
| Dentistry                            | Philosophy                 |
| Ecogeomorphology                     | Physical Therapy           |
| Education, Primary and Secondary     | Physics                    |
| Electrical Engineering               | Physiology                 |
| Environment & Sustainability         | Public Health              |
| Fine Arts (Writing)                  | Religion                   |

Where are they studying?

Berea University
- Rosemead School of Psychology
- Boston College
- Columbia University
- Dallas Theological Seminary
- Duke Divinity School
- Emory University
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana University Dental School
- Jerusalem University College

Johns Hopkins University
- Juilliard
- Michigan State University
- College of Human Medicine
- New England Conservatory
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Rush University School of Nursing
- Texas A&M University
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- University of Chicago
- University of Connecticut

University of Illinois
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Jane Addams College of Social Work
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Yale University
- Yale Divinity School
Where did they intern before graduation?

Internships completed by the class of 2017

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. 78% of the class of 2017 had at least one internship during their time at Wheaton, compared to the national average of 56% (NACE). Below is a partial list of internships sites.

Activate Healthcare
Agape Childcare Development Center
Aid for Women
Amazon
Bastian Voice Institute
BDE Playhouse Pediatric Therapy
Bellande and Sargis Law Group
Berlin City Mission
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association UK
Blackfish Gallery
Blue Star Technology
Center for Public Justice
Central Union Mission
Charles Schwab Corporation
Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives
Chuck FeA
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Columbia Asset Management
ConAgra Foods
Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest
Cornell University
Credit Karma
Current Publishing
Denver Art Museum
Denver Rescue Mission
Digital Promise Global
District Office of Congressman Peter J. Roskam
Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.
Federal Maritime Commission
FMC
Forest Foundation
Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network
GM PowerTrain Uzbekistan
Greater Europe Mission
Haiti Outreach
Harvard University
Heritage Bank
Institute for Global Engagement
Institute on Religion and Democracy
Integrated Ministries for Ethnic Minorities
International Care Ministries
International Health and Development Network
InvestorsGroup
InvestorCentury, Inc.
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Law Offices of Kathleen T. Zellner and Associates
Lawndale Christian Health Center
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute
Miami Summer Music Festival
Microsoft
Mintel
Morgan Stanley
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
National Cancer Institute
New City Arts Initiative
Northwestern Mutual
Oasis Crisis Intervention Center
Opera Matic
Opportunity International
Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary
Pax y Esperanza
People’s Resource Center
Pioneers
Prudential Financial
PwC
San Diego Padres
Shirley Hamilton Talent Agency
Sight & Sound Theatres
Stanford University Children’s Hospital
Steiger International
Teknion Data Solutions
TG&G Advisors
The Carter Center
The Salvation Army
The White House
Traverse Symphony Orchestra
Tru Colour Bandages
U.S. Department of State
United Mission to Nepal
United States Air Force Academy
United States Senate
United Way
University of Minnesota Neuroscience
Vanguard
Watermark Equity Group
Wells Fargo
World Relief
Young Life Africa/Middle East
Zurich Insurance