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.

**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 2017 First Destination Survey Results

91%

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

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

Class of 2017 by industry


Organizations employing the class of 2017

Breakthrough Urban Ministries
BFI 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
Gartner
Global Immigration Associates, PA
Google
Grant Thornton
Havas
Hope International
IBM
IJM
InvestorTools, 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
Mckinsey-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
Samartan’s Purse
Silicon Valley Bank
Stro Bionesciences
Sonoscan
Sonrise Mountain Ranch
Target
Teach for America
Telecom Data Solutions
Tesla Motors
The Ross 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

Bloomberg
Ogilvy
 Accenture

McKinsey & Company

Epsilon

IBM

Amazon

Google

Grant Thornton

Havas

Hope International

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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?

- 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

- Landed
  - 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.)

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

Class of 2017 by field of study

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Where are they studying?

Bella University
Boston College
Columbia University
Dallas Theological Seminary
Duke Divinity School
Emory University
Fordham 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
Yale University
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.