

# LIFE AFTER WHEATON

*The Undergraduate Class of 2024*



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Our annual Life After Wheaton report gives us the opportunity to tell the story of how a Wheaton College education prepares students for their first next step after graduation. As we share the story of the Class of 2024, it bears remembering that this class started their college career at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic: their first semester was marked by social distancing, masks, and remote learning. These students persevered with optimism and grit, traits that clearly serve them well as they compete for early career roles.

- The Class of 2024 held internships at **366** locations throughout their time at Wheaton
- **26.4%** are continuing their education through graduate programs at **65** schools
- **211** different employers hired our 2024 graduates for full-time work

Graduates of the Class of 2024 have launched into a broad range of roles; from pastoral residents to medical residents, software consultants to interior designers, legal assistants to early childhood teachers. Regardless of industry, role, or job function, Wheaton College continues to equip graduates well for life after Wheaton.

The Center for Vocation and Career has the privilege of reporting this data, but we do not do this work alone. The landed rate on the following page represents a campus-wide labor of love to fulfill the College's mission: *to serve Jesus Christ and advance His Kingdom through excellence in liberal arts programs that educate the whole person to build the Church and benefit society worldwide.* Furthermore, these outcome numbers represent merely a snapshot in time for the Class of 2024. We will continue to cheer on these young alumni as they take their first vocational steps for Christ and His Kingdom.

### Survey Methodology

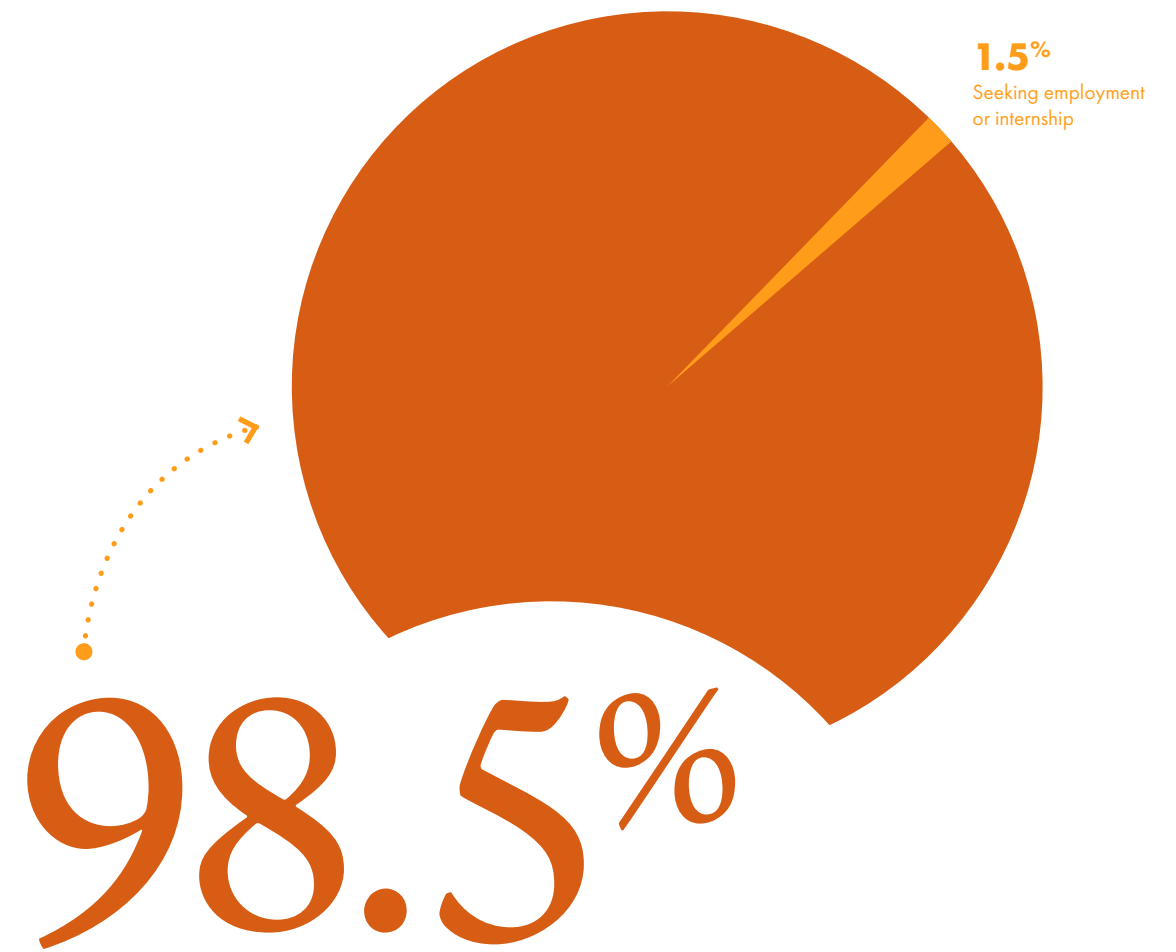
This survey is conducted according to the most recent guidelines from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the professional association for college career services. NACE's First Destination Survey provides a standardized tool to measure how new college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. Following NACE guidelines allows institutions to provide clear, concise, and comparable data on outcomes associated with a college education on a national scale (naceweb.org). To align with NACE standards and protocols, we include all latest known outcomes and reports on each graduate's primary area of activity as collected from an electronic survey administered by the Center for Vocation and Career, as well as verifiable job information from sources such as LinkedIn.

**459** SURVEYED FOR THIS REPORT

- 419** Student Responses
- 27** Sourced Data (from employers, faculty, LinkedIn, etc.)
- 3** No Response (not counted in this report)

# CLASS OF 2024 FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY RESULTS

**based on information from 99.35% of the Class of 2024**



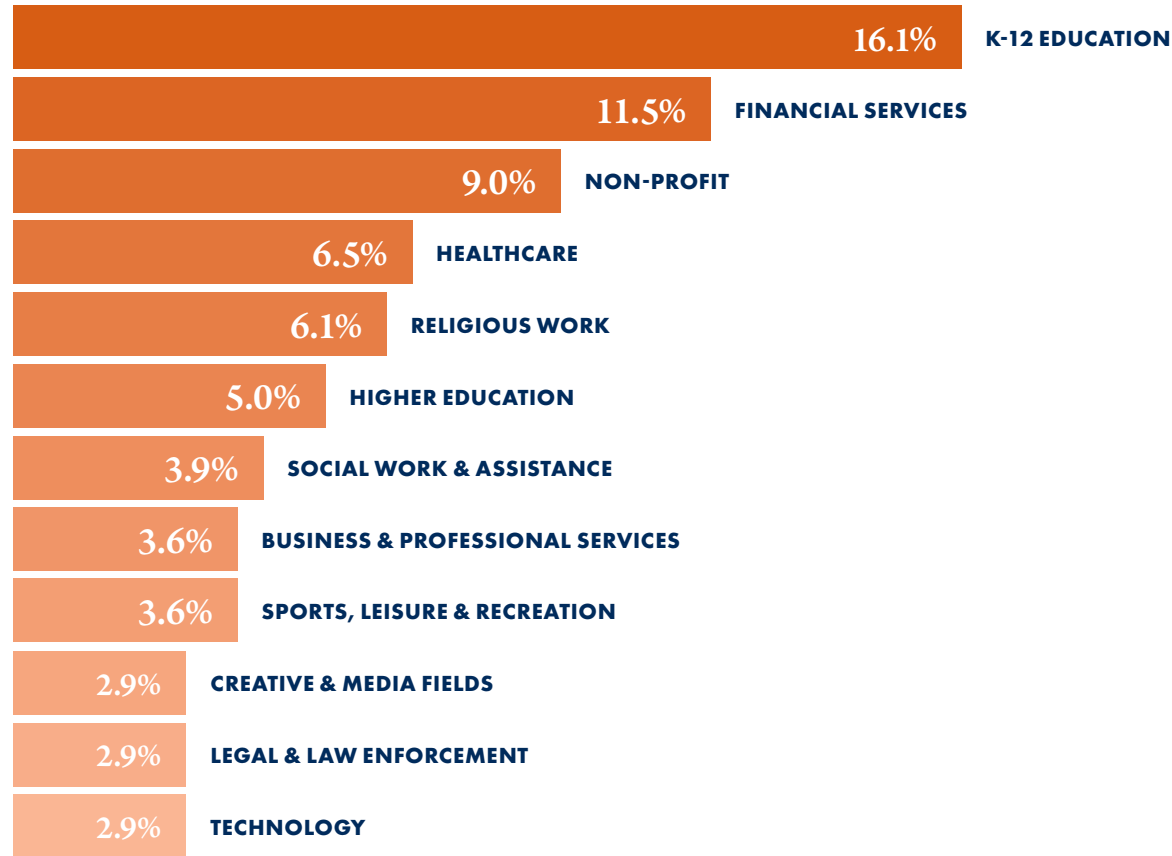
**of the class landed\* within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 84.7% in 2023 (NACE).**

*\* employed, interning, furthering their education, or pursuing other adventures of their choice*



# WHERE ARE WHEATON GRADUATES WORKING?

Top 12 Job Sectors



## ALUMNI PROFILES

### JOSH YODER '24

*Major: Biology and Spanish*

*Landed: Clinical Research Technician and Recruiter at Brigham and Women's Hospital / Harvard Medical School Sleep Disordered Breathing Lab*

During his four years at Wheaton, Josh was actively involved in Discipleship Ministries, served on the Pre-Health Ministry Team Cabinet, participated in Decision Point (formerly National School Project), and enjoyed regular participation in intramural sports. Now working in Boston, Josh engages with patients preparing for overnight sleep studies, recruits participants from healthcare databases, and ensures quality data collection and analysis. Though different than the activities he engaged in as a student, Josh credits his liberal arts education at Wheaton with preparing him for his current role and for teaching him to “never stop asking deep questions and seeking meaningful answers.” More specifically, Josh values how faculty and staff modeled that education exists for God's glory and the good of others. While he plans to return to graduate school eventually, he is embracing the learning opportunities his job provides now. Josh's advice to current Wheaton students: “Simply take the next right step, seeking learning opportunities and developing meaningful connections, all while ultimately trusting in God's good provision.”

## ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYING THE CLASS OF 2024\*

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Washingtonian Magazine

Timothy Financial

Sunrise Senior Living

Stone Financial

Republican National Committee

Riley Hospital

Paulsen Wealth Management

Notable Notes

His Mansion Ministries

Innovator Capital Management

Fusion92

Every Nation

Daikin Applied

Country Financial

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities

Center for Restorative Justice

Caldwell Banker

Athletico Physical Therapy

Alliance Defending Freedom

Wagenmaker & Oberly LLC

U.S. House of Representatives

Tyndale House Publishers

Blue Trust

Invesco

Endeavor Health

Thrivant

The Lausanne Movement

Performance Trust

Outreach Community Ministries

Library of Congress

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Law Offices of Kathleen T. Zellner

INOVA

By the Hand Club for Kids

Apex Companies

Glenbard North High School

### Salary Data\*\*

**Average Full-Time Salary: \$51,744**

**Range of Full-Time Salary: \$20,000 – \$100,000**

\*Partial list of 211 employers who hired the Class of 2024.

\*\*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.



# WHAT ARE THEY STUDYING IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS?

*Partial list of the Class of 2024 fields of study*

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|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Accounting                        | Dental Medicine                           | Law                       | Physics   |
| Aerospace Engineering             | Drug Design and Experimental Therapeutics | Leadership and Culture    | Public Diplomacy                                      |
| Applied Health                    | Education                                 | Music                     | Security Studies                                      |
| Biology + Biomedical Research     | Finance                                   | Marketing                 | Social Work   |
| Business Administration           | Food Science                              | Marriage & Family Therapy | Special Education                                     |
| Chemical Physics                  | Higher Education and Student Development  | Mechanical Engineering    | Speech Language Pathology                             |
| Civil Engineering                 | Historical Building Conservation          | Medicine (MD)             | TESOL—Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages |
| Clinical Mental Health Counseling | History                                   | Neurology                 | Theology  |
| Clinical Psychology               | Humanitarian Disaster Leadership          | Nursing                   | Veterinary Science/Medicine                           |
| Communications                    | Industrial and Organizational Psychology  | Occupational Therapy      |   |
| Computer Science                  |   | Optometry                 |   |
| Culinary Arts                     |   | Painting                  |   |
| Data Science                      |   | Physical therapy          |   |



## ALUMNI PROFILES

**ABBIE STRACK '24**

*Major: Applied Physics*

*Landed: Associate Systems Engineer at Northrop Grumman*

Abbie's Wheaton journey was a blend of technical exploration and community leadership. She served as a teaching assistant for introductory physics courses and the engineering lab, participated in the LiDAR project, conducted research with Dr. Kelly Vazquez, and served on the cabinet for the Society of Physics Students. As a business manager for MuKappa and a mentor with Ladder, she fostered meaningful connections with her Wheaton peers. These experiences paved the way for her current role as an Associate Systems Engineer at Northrop Grumman, which she found after attending a department Internship Night and connecting with a representative from the company. She credits her liberal arts education for equipping her with non-technical skills like writing, which enhance her day-to-day work. Now, she thrives in an environment where she is tasked with testing the functionality of complex systems. She enjoys contributing technical expertise and being part of a team that continuously aspires to improve. Her advice to current Wheaton students is heartfelt: "Embrace opportunities when they come up."

## Where are they studying?\*



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|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Wheaton College                       | Kennesaw State University                           | University College London                |
| Adler University                      | Kingston University                                 | University of Chicago—Kent School of Law |
| Arizona State University              | Liberty University                                  | University of Edinburgh                  |
| Baylor University                     | Lincoln Memorial University                         | University of Illinois Urbana Champaign  |
| Brody School of Medicine              | Loyola University—Chicago                           | University of Iowa                       |
| Butler University                     | Northern Illinois University                        | University of Minnesota                  |
| California State University—Fullerton | Northwestern University                             | University of Pittsburgh                 |
| Case Western Reserve University       | Notre Dame University                               | University of Rochester                  |
| Colorado School of Mines              | Oklahoma University Health Science Center           | University of San Diego                  |
| Columbia University                   | Princeton Theological Seminary                      | University of Southern California        |
| DePaul University                     | Reformed Theological Seminary Charlotte             | University of Tennessee                  |
| Duke Divinity School                  | Royal Veterinary College                            | University of Wisconsin-Madison          |
| Elmhurst University                   | Rush University                                     | Washington State University              |
| Fordham University                    | San Francisco State University                      | West Virginia University                 |
| Fuller Theological Seminary           | Schreiner University                                | Western Michigan University              |
| Georgetown University                 | Seminole State College of Florida                   | Western Theological Seminary             |
| Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary   | Southern Illinois University School of Law          | William & Mary                           |
| Grand Canyon University               | The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University | Yale Divinity School                     |
| Illinois College of Optometry         | The Ohio State University                           |  |
| Illinois Institute of Technology      | The Pennsylvania State University                   |  |
| Illinois State University             | The University of Colorado Boulder                  |  |
| Indiana Wesleyan University           | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School                 |  |
| Kansas City University                |   |  |

\*Partial list of schools where 2024 graduates are pursuing further education.



## WHERE DID THEY INTERN BEFORE GRADUATION?

### Internships completed by the Class of 2024

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Here is a partial list of our 366 internship sites.



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| Advocate Aurora Health                   | HoneyRock  | Outreach Community Ministries                       | The Compass Church                   |
| ALDI US                                  | HOPE International   | Performance Trust Capital Partners                  | Trinity Episcopal Church             |
| Ameriprise Financial                     | Huck Bouma   | Pittsburgh Symphony                                 | Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth |
| Argis Solutions                          | Innovator ETFs   | Purple  | Tyndale House Publishers             |
| Athletico Physical Therapy               | Intel Corporation  | Realize Design                                      | U.S. Department of Energy            |
| Baker Tilly US LLP                       | International Justice Mission                                      | Renewal Church                                      | U.S. Senate                          |
| Bank of Montreal                         | InterVarsity Press   | Rochester Honkers Baseball                          | University of Arkansas               |
| Barnhart Crane and Rigging               | Invesco Ltd  | Rochester Institute of Technology                   | University of Chicago                |
| Breakthrough Urban Ministries            | Investortools  | Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation | University of Michigan               |
| By the Hand Club                         | Jane Addams Resource Corporation                                   | Ruder Finn  | University of Minnesota              |
| Cars.com                                 | Joni and Friends   | RXO Logistics                                       | View Marketing                       |
| Chicago Hope Academy                     | Karsten Manufacturing  | Samaritan's Purse                                   | Washington Elementary School         |
| College Church in Wheaton                | Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates                                   | Sanders Commercial Real Estate                      | Westside Children's Therapy          |
| Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks   | Lanier Theological Library   | Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office        | Wheaton College                      |
| Cornerstone Family Health                | Lawndale Christian Health Center                                   | Shamrock Foods                                      | Winona IT                            |
| Crossway Publishing                      | Library of Congress  | Snell & Wilmer                                      | Wintrust Financial Corporation       |
| D 200, Wheaton/Warrenville               | Love Thy Neighborhood  | South Elgin High School                             | Woodberry Associates                 |
| Duly Health and Care                     | Matrix Design LLC  | South Side Community Art Center                     | Woodmen Valley Chapel                |
| DuPage County Division of Transportation | Mayo Clinic  | U.S. State Department                               | World Journalism Institute           |
| ECHO Inc.                                | Modern Luxury Media  | State of Illinois                                   | World Relief                         |
| Ecolab                                   | Moody Bible Institute  | Stenger Family Office                               | Young Life Hong Kong                 |
| English Language Institute of China      | Mukono Church of Uganda Hospital                                   | Sunshine Gospel Ministries                          |                                      |
| EY                                       | NBC sports   | T2 Capital Management                               |                                      |
| Favaro & Gorman, Ltd.                    | Neuqua Valley High School  | Tabernacle Presbyterian Church                      |                                      |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis      | Northrop Grumman   | Tel Shimron Excavations                             |                                      |
| First Trust Portfolios                   | Office of Rep. Josh Brecheen (OK-2), U.S. House of Representatives | The Art Spark                                       |                                      |
| Glen Ellyn Bible Church                  | One On One   | The Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii                     |                                      |
|  | Oneway Ministries  | The Chronicle of Higher Education                   |                                      |

66%

of the class completed at least one internship during their time at Wheaton.

# of internships completed while a Wheaton student



## ALUMNI PROFILES

### NATE SOCK '24

Major: Mathematics  
Landed: MS in Business Analytics at University of Rochester, Simon Business School



"Be curious and pursue as many new experiences as possible," Nate advises current Wheaton students. Now pursuing an MS in Business Analytics at the University of Rochester's Simon Business School, Nate lives out his own advice. He discovered a passion for data analytics after taking a Data Science class during his first semester at Wheaton. Encouraged by conversations with his professor, he chose to major in Mathematics, and the analytical skills he built during his undergraduate studies are now a solid foundation for his graduate work. Active both on and off the court, Nate was a member of the Men's Basketball team and served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. These experiences enriched his college life and honed his leadership and teamwork skills. At the University of Rochester, Nate's program focuses on statistics, programming, machine learning/AI, and applying these tools to solve real-world problems. He appreciates the program's strong focus on career development and values learning alongside classmates with years of professional experience. Nate is grateful for the professors at Wheaton who challenged him and helped him discover his interests and strengths.

### EYERUSALEM CHENEY '24

Major: Political Science  
Landed: Georgetown University, Security Studies



During her time at Wheaton, Eyerusalem served in student government each of her four years, including time as co-president of the senior class. She was a Resident Assistant, worked on-campus as a library desk assistant and CVC ambassador, and worked off-campus at a local coffee shop. As she recalls her time at Wheaton, it is the mentors that left the deepest impact. "They supported me in times of spiritual need, they prayed with me, they spoke God's truth over me, and believed in me when I didn't believe in myself." Eyerusalem credits her time at Wheaton as the reason she is the deep-thinker she is today. "[My classes] made me realize how little I knew about the world, as well as pushed me to learn about God and his people more." A Faith, Politics, and Economics study abroad trip confirmed her decision to pursue the field of foreign policy, an idea initially birthed from living abroad. Encouraged by a fellow alumna, Eyerusalem applied for and was accepted into a highly-selective fellowship with the State Department, and is currently a Georgetown Security Studies student preparing for life as a diplomat. Eyerusalem encourages every student to find a mentor on campus. As much as she valued her peer relationships, "it's important to have individuals you love and respect who are rooting and praying for you as you become an adult and find who you are."

*Congratulations to the Class of 2024!*



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