Hope College Graduate Survey

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Yelp

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Duke University
Fuller Theological Seminary
Grand Valley State University
Johns Hopkins
Loyola University
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Princeton University
Yale Divinity School

Class of 2012
94% Employed or in Grad School within six months
68% Employed
18% Graduate School
8% Grad School and Employed
5% Not Employed, Looking
1% Not Employed, Not Looking

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Experiential Learning & Networking

- Over 80% of the Class of 2012 participated in experiential learning.
- 60% of the class had an internship experience.
- Of the members of the class that had an internship, 69% received academic credit. 31% of internships were paid.
- 22% of the class had a domestic off-campus study experience and 33% studied internationally.
- 82% of those employed are employed in their field of study.
- Academic major, the value of a Hope degree, and internship experience were cited as the top three factors contributing to employment.
- 36% of all students reported that networking connections (often with alumni) helped them secure employment.

Experiential Learning Participation

Top Ten Majors

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About the Graduate Survey

The Hope College Graduate Survey is administered annually by Alumni and Parent Relations, the Career Development Center and the Office of Admissions. Graduates are contacted five to six months after graduation by email, mail and telephone and asked to complete the online survey.

During October and November of 2012, 91% (656) of the graduating Class of 2012 (724) participated in the survey.

For departmental level data and analysis or to see survey data from previous years, please contact Herb Dershem, Director of Institutional Research, at dershem@hope.edu.