Graduates are educated to think about important issues with clarity, wisdom, and a deep understanding of the Christian faith. They make an impact at organizations, companies and graduate schools around the country and abroad. This summary of the annual Graduate Survey gives a six-month snapshot of the Class of 2014.

**Employment and Graduate School by Region**

**Employed | Grad School**

- **West Michigan**: 5% | 5%
- **Rest of Michigan**: 5% | 5%
- **Chicagoland**: 10% | 19%
- **Rest of Midwest**: 47% | 22%
- **Southeast Michigan**: 5% | 9%
- **Rest of the U.S.**: 6% | 6%
- **International**: 4% | 2%

**Job Satisfaction**

83% satisfied or very satisfied

- Very Satisfied: 39%
- Satisfied: 44%
- Neither: 13%
- Dissatisfied: 4%

**Choice of Grad School**

89% in their first or second choice

- First Choice: 80%
- Top 2: 9%
- Top 3: 6%
- Other: 5%

**Sample Employers**

- Apple
- Community Action House
- Dow Chemical Company
- Gentex Corporation
- Gordon Food Service
- Hearst Magazine
- Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital
- Herman Miller
- Kellogg’s
- Los Angeles Children’s Hospital
- LG Chem
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- San Diego Padres
- Spectrum Health
- Teach for America
- Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
- US House of Representatives
- Walt Disney Company
- Wedgewood Christian Services

**Sample Grad Schools**

- American University
- Baylor University
- University of Chicago
- Duke University
- Grand Valley State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- University of Notre Dame
- Purdue University
- University of St. Andrews
- Valparaiso University
- Wayne State University
- Western Theological Seminary
- Yale University
**A NETWORK OF RESOURCES**

**1,000s**
1,000s of internships a year

**$5 MM**
$5 million in active grants that support student research

**200+**
200-plus study-abroad programs in 60 countries

**32,000**
Over 32,000 alumni in every state and over 80 countries

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**Career Development Center**

The Career Development Center assists students and alumni with all aspects of career planning, including choosing a major/career, exploring interests, developing effective searches, or applying to graduate schools. The primary mission of the office is to integrate academic and career interests in order to prepare students for lives of leadership and service in a global society. Learn more at hope.edu/career

**Alumni Association**

The Hope College Alumni Association hosts an online career center where you can work on your resume, join and use the Career Resource Network, volunteer, find job postings, connect with social media and sign up for events. Connect at hope.edu/alumni

**JobStop**

Students and alumni can browse hundreds of internships and job postings on Hope's online job board. Start searching at jobstop.hope.edu

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**Experiential Learning Participation**

- Internship
- Off-Campus Study
- Service Learning
- Research
- Student Teaching
- Clinical Rotation

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**Experiential Learning & Networking**

- Over 92% of the Class of 2014 participated in experiential learning.
- 57% of the class had at least one internship experience. 23% had more than one.
- Of the members of the class that had an internship, 65% received academic credit. 42% of internships were paid.
- 37% studied abroad and 15% had a domestic off-campus study experience.
- 79% of those employed full-time are employed in their field of study.
- The value of a Hope degree, academic major, and networking connections were cited as the top three factors contributing to employment.
- 39% of all students reported that networking connections (often with alumni) helped them secure employment.

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**Top Ten Majors (by participation)**

- Education Certified (13%)
- Exercise Science (7%)
- Psychology (11%)
- Nursing (6%)
- Management (9%)
- Chemistry (4%)
- Biology (8%)
- English (4%)
- Communication (7%)
- Social Work (4%)

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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 2014, 75% of the graduating Class of 2014 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.