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 2015.

### Class Overview

- **Employed:** 70%
- **Graduate School:** 21%
- **Not Employed, Seeking:** 5%
- **Voluntary Service:** 0%
- **In the workforce or graduate school within six months:** 95%

### Employment and Graduate School by Region

- **West Michigan:** 5% | 8%
- **Rest of Michigan:** 5% | 7%
- **Chicagoland:** 48% | 18%
- **Southeast Michigan:** 11% | 11%
- **Rest of Midwest:** 9% | 14%
- **International:** 6% | 8%

### Job Satisfaction

- **Very Satisfied:** 34%
- **Satisfied:** 13%
- **Neither:** 45%
- **Dissatisfied:** 8%

- **Choice of Grad School**
  - **First Choice:** 85%
  - **Second Choice:** 6%
  - **Other:** 9%

**SAMPLE EMPLOYERS**
- Bethany Christian Services
- Coca-Cola
- Deloitte
- Dow Chemical
- Ford Motor Credit
- General Electric
- Gentex
- Gordon Food Service
- Herman Miller
- Holland Hospital
- Holland Public Schools
- IKEA
- LG Chem
- MSU Bioeconomy Institute
- Northern Trust
- Spectrum Health
- Starcom MediaVest Group
- Steelcase
- University of Michigan Health System

**SAMPLE GRAD SCHOOLS**
- Central Michigan University
- Colorado State University
- DePaul University
- Fuller Theological Seminary
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grand Valley State University
- Kings College London
- Loyola University
- Mayo Medical School
- Michigan State University
- Northwestern University
- Princeton University
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Washington University
- Wayne State University
The Hope Experience

- 92% of the Class of 2015 participated in experiential learning.
- 57% of the class had at least one internship experience. 26% had more than one.
- Of the members of the class that had an internship, 41% received academic credit. 64% of internships were paid.
- 40% studied abroad and 16% had a domestic off-campus study experience.
- 34% of all students reported that networking connections (often with alumni) helped them secure employment.

- 84% of those employed full-time are employed in their field of study.
- 74% agree that Hope equipped them to be aware of Christian ideas and theological perspectives when thinking through decisions and complex issues.
- 87% shared that they connected one-on-one with a faculty or staff member about their future vocational path.
- Communication skills, academic major, internships and the value of a Hope degree were cited as the top four factors contributing to employment.

Experiential Learning Participation

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Top Ten Majors (by participation)

- Education Certified (12%)
- Nursing (6%)
- Psychology (11%)
- Exercise Science (5%)
- Management (10%)
- Social Work (5%)
- Biology (7%)
- Chemistry (3%)
- Communication (7%)
- Political Science (3%)

About the Graduate Survey

The Hope College Graduate Survey is administered annually by Alumni and Family Engagement, the Career Development Center and 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 2015, 73% of the graduating Class of 2015 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.