Hope graduates are educated to think about important issues with clarity, wisdom and an awareness 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 2017.

CLASS SNAPSHOT

96% participated in experiential learning opportunities, such as internships, off-campus study and collaborative student-faculty research.

91% planned their futures with mentoring from faculty/staff.

86% of those employed full-time are employed in their field of study.

94% of those who applied were accepted to their first or second choice graduate school.

The Hope College Graduate Survey is administered annually by Alumni and Family Engagement, Boerigter Center for Calling and Career (formerly known as 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 2017, 62% of the graduating Class of 2017 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.
94% in the workforce or graduate school within six months

71% Employed
19% Graduate School
4% Voluntary Service
6% Not Employed, Seeking

Top Ten Majors (by number of graduates):
1. Management
2. Education
3. Psychology
4. Communication
5. Biology
6. Nursing
7. Exercise Science
8. English
9. Engineering
10. Accounting

Employment and Graduate School by Region:

- Rest of Michigan: 8% Employed, 11% Grad School
- Southeast Michigan: 53% Employed, 22% Grad School
- West Michigan: 9% Employed, 16% Grad School
- International: 10% Employed, 4% Grad School
- West Michigan International: 7% Employed, 16% Grad School
- Chicagoland: 4% Employed, 8% Grad School
- Rest of Midwest: 5% Employed, 11% Grad School
- East: 2% Employed, 3% Grad School
- South: 2% Employed, 3% Grad School
- West: 2% Employed, 3% Grad School
84% are satisfied or very satisfied with their employment

Very Satisfied: 50%
Satisfied: 34%
Neither: 13%
Dissatisfied: 3%

Recent Employers
- Abbott Laboratories
- American Airlines
- BMO Harris Bank
- Center For Women in Transition
- Commonwealth/McCann
- Consumers Energy
- Dow Chemical Company
- Ernst & Young
- Gentex
- GMB Architecture + Engineering
- Haworth
- Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital
- Herman Miller
- Holland Hospital
- Hudsonville Public Schools
- Mayo Clinic
- Pfizer
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Spectrum Health
- Steelcase
- Teach for America
- U.S. House of Representatives
- Walt Disney Company

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Recent Graduate Schools
- California Polytechnic State University
- Columbia University
- Duke University
- Erikson Institute
- Gonzaga University
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University
- London School of Economics
- Michigan State University
- Purdue University
- University of St Andrews, Scotland
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Colorado
- University of Chicago
- University of Florida
- University of Iowa
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oxford
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Wayne State University
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81% of the Class of 2017 said that Hope equipped them to be aware of Christian ideas and theological perspectives when thinking through decisions and complex issues.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

CAMPUS RESOURCES

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HANDSHAKE

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