Hope 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 Report gives a six-month snapshot of the Class of 2020.

Class of 2020 Snapshot

- Employed: 76%
- Graduate school: 16%
- Not employed or in graduate school, seeking: 7%
- Voluntary service or military: 2%
- Not employed, not seeking: 1%

Percentages exceed 100% because survey responders could select multiple responses.

Class of 2020 Top Majors

- Business
- Biology
- Psychology
- Exercise Science
- Engineering
- Accounting
- Communication
- Education
- Nursing
- Spanish

84% of the class of 2020 graduates who are employed full time, are employed in their field of study.

Class of 2020 Employment & Graduate School by Region

% Employed | % Graduate School

- West Michigan 51% | 10%
- Chicagoland 9% | 7%
- Southeast Michigan 12% | 16%
- Other Michigan 5% | 10%
- Other Midwest 8% | 28%
- Southwest US 3% | 8%
- Southeast US 5% | 10%
- Northwest US 2% | 1%
- Northeast US 3% | 3%
- International 1% | 6%
Class of 2020 Overview

- 94% participated in experiential learning opportunities, such as internships, off-campus study and collaborative student-faculty research.
- 97% of those who were in graduate school were accepted to their first-or-second school choice.
- 88% are likely or very likely to refer someone else to Hope College for their education.
- 86% were involved and active in extracurricular activities and organizations.
- 88% connected with a staff or faculty member about their vocational future.
- 96% shared they felt that their professors cared about them as a person.

About the Graduate Report

This study is administered annually by the Frost Center for Data and Research, Alumni and Family Engagement, the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career, and Admissions. Alumni are contacted 5-6 months after graduation by email, mail and telephone. This year we had a knowledge rate of 83%, with 448 survey responses, 89 from LinkedIn and 13 from the National Student Clearing House. For additional requests or data from previous years, please contact the Frost Center for Data and Research at 616.395.7556 or frostcenter@hope.edu.

For more information, visit hope.edu/gradreport
Class of 2020 Employment Satisfaction

78% are satisfied or very satisfied with their employment

- Very satisfied: 47% 
- Satisfied: 16% 
- Neither: 5% 
- Dissatisfied: 1% 
- Very dissatisfied: 31%

Class of 2020 Graduate Schools

- 77% of those who were in graduate school were accepted to their first-or-second school choice

- First choice: 97%
- Second choice: 3%
- Other: 0%

Recent Employers

- Amazon
- Apple
- Bethany Christian Services
- Capitol National Bank
- Center for Autism and Related Disorders
- Ford Motor Company
- General Motors
- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Haworth Inc.
- J.P. Morgan
- LG Chem Michigan
- Meijer Inc.
- Mercy Health
- Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons PLLC
- MVP Sports Clubs
- Ottawa County Children’s Advocacy Center
- Pfizer
- Plante Moran
- Rockford Public Schools
- Spectrum Health
- YoungLife

Recent Graduate Schools

- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Clemson University
- College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University
- Cooley Law School at Western Michigan University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University School of Law
- Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Grand Valley State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Loyola University
- Northwestern University
- Universidad de Alcalá
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wayne State University
- Western Michigan University
Class of 2020 Experiential Learning
Percent of graduates who engaged in each type of experiential learning

- 55% Internship
- 51% Service learning
- 46% Research
- 16% Off-campus study (international)
- 14% Off-campus study (domestic)
- 14% Job shadowing
- 10% Clinical teaching
- 35% Student teaching

Hope College Campus Resources

Boerigter Center For Calling and Career
The principal goal of the Boerigter Center is to teach students how to engage in lifelong practices of career development.
- Discern: Identify strengths and interests, absorb the liberal arts and deepen sense of vocation and core character.
- Prepare: Explore paths, expand intellect, develop skills and extend perspectives through experiences on campus and around the world.
- Pursue: Strategize for life after college, activate networks and achieve next steps.

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

Handshake
Students and alumni can browse thousands of job and internship postings on Hope’s online job board, Handshake. Start searching at hope.edu/handshake.