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LIFE AFTER WHEATON

The Undergraduate Class of 2021



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As we waited for the numbers to come in for the Class of 2021, we held our collective breaths. After all, this was the class whose internships had been cancelled in the summer of 2020. They were the ones who spent a large portion of their junior year in lockdown and navigated a dual-modality college experience for much of the 20-21 academic year.

When we shared the news with our team, a cheer went up as we celebrated that **98.9%** of this class had landed, a number very close to our pre-COVID numbers after a dip to 96.7% for the Class of 2020. Our Center for Vocation and Career team had done all we could to make up for those lost internships, for the decrease of in-person connections with our alumni and employers, and for the disruptions in the ways we typically join in the journey with students through their vocational process. It was gratifying to see how God had blessed these efforts.

And these students leaned into their new reality. They built on their flexibility, their creativity, and their resilience in the face of challenge. They found jobs. They were accepted into graduate programs. They went off on adventures to continue engaging in opportunities for growth.

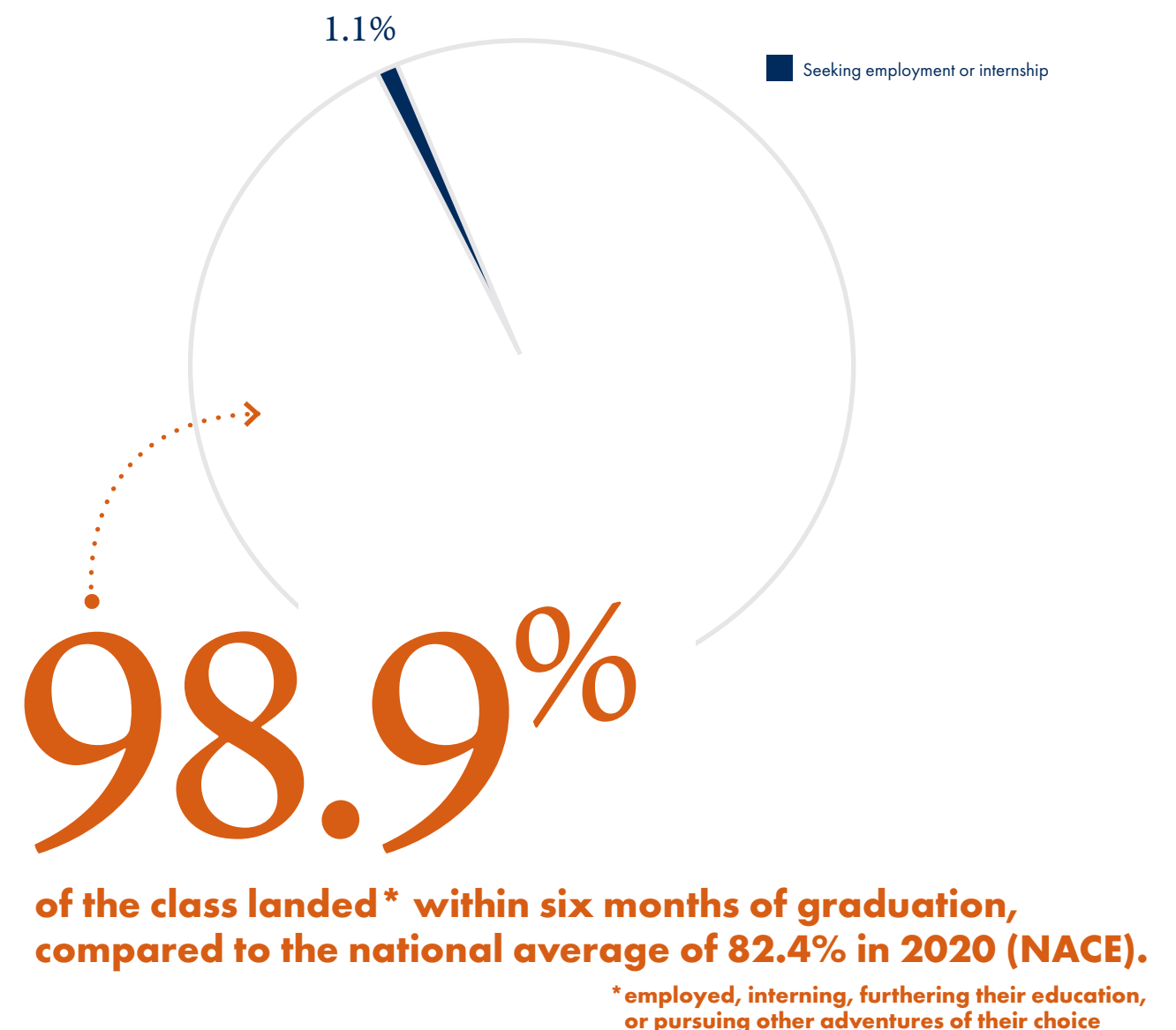
If we have learned one thing in these times, it is that little in life is certain. Graduations might be outdoors in the rain. Internships might be virtual. And employers are just as likely to interview candidates online as they are to do it in person. But one thing remains true, our students have a Creator who is active, compassionate, and eager to see us become all he knows we can be.

We'll be watching the Class of 2021...as they continue along their journey of becoming.

Survey Methodology

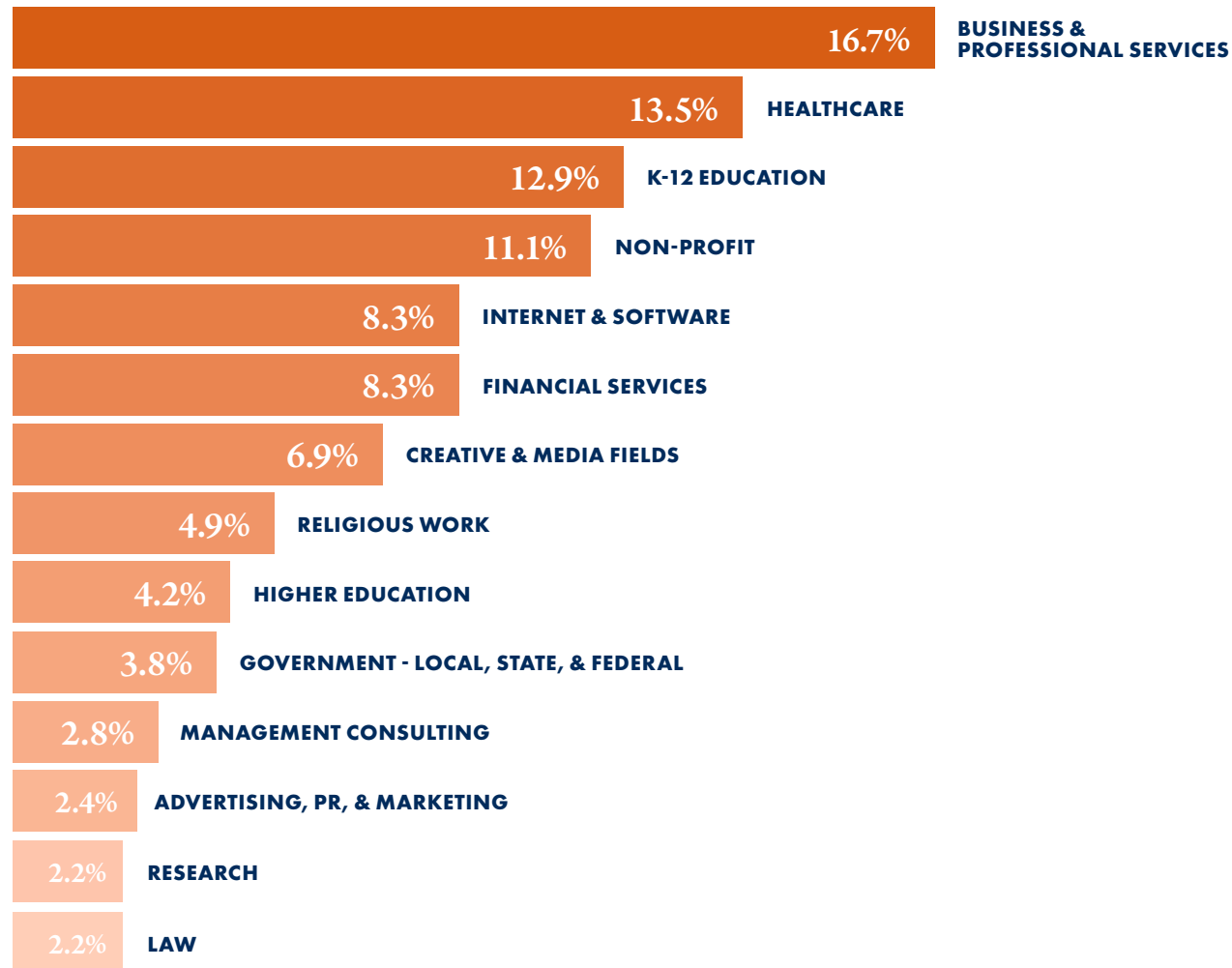
This survey is conducted according to guidelines from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the professional association for college career services. NACE's First Destination Survey captures information on how new college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. The annual initiative provides clear, concise, and consistent data on the outcomes associated with a college education on a national scale (naceweb.org). In addition to providing outcomes for specific graduating classes, the First Destination Survey is designed to provide data trends over time to inform the discussion about the value of higher education. The standards and protocols allow collection of information from an electronic survey conducted by the Center for Vocation and Career, as well as job information from sources like LinkedIn.

CLASS OF 2021 FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY RESULTS



WHERE ARE WHEATON GRADUATES WORKING?

Top 14 Job Sectors



ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYING THE CLASS OF 2021



American Enterprise Institute
American Medical Association
Americaneagle.com
AMITA Health
Argonne National Laboratory
Bank of America
Bellas Artes School of Music
Bill Hood and Sons Art and
Antique Auctions
By The Hand
Chatham Financial
Chicago Public Schools
Cisco
City of Austin
City Year
Club Automation
Columbia Grain International
Community Unit School
District 200
Crossway
David C Cook
Denver Rescue Mission
Drug and Alcohol Addictions
Center
DuPage PADS
Edward-Elmhurst Health
First Trust Portfolios
Guaranteed Rate
Harvard University
His Mansion Ministries

Institute for Market
Transformation
Investortools
JP Morgan Chase
KeyBank
Kwik Trip, Inc.
Mennonite Community
Committee
Nicaragua Christian Academy
Paz y Esperanza
Performance Trust Capital
Partners
PNC Financial Services
Prescott's Medical Devices
Ryan Homes
Samaritan's Purse
San Diego Public Schools
Sekolah Pelita Harapan
State Farm
Susan B Anthony List
Teach For America
Tyndale House Publishers
U.S. Army
U.S. Bank
United States House of
Representatives
United States Senate
Urban Impact Foundation
Wheaton College
WORLD News Group
World Relief

Salary Data**
Average Full-Time Salary: \$47,332
Range of Full-Time Salary: \$20,000 - \$180,000

*This is a partial list of employers for 2021 graduates.
**Based on available student-reported actual salary information (base salaries only). Excludes part-time positions, internships, fellowships, and residential positions where housing is part of compensation package. National average Liberal Arts & Sciences salary of \$52,010 (NACE).

Alumni Profiles

BRIAN DE LA CRUZ '21

Major: Business Economics
Landed: Business Operations Coordinator at the American Medical Association

As a first-generation transfer student, Brian pursued his passion for helping marginalized students through his work with the National School Project, in addition to his marketing assistant role in the admissions department. "Since high school, I've understood that being first-gen, I need a network," he said. Brian worked with a mentor throughout high school and college, who pointed him to the American Medical Association, where he served as an intern before joining full time as a Business Operations Coordinator. Brian uses the people skills he developed at Wheaton to coordinate the day-to-day operations of his department. As for advice, Brian said, "Don't feel afraid to network. You will develop people skills and put the people skills you learn at Wheaton into practice. You're gonna be shocked at the advice folks share." Brian is honored to be able to continue to serve underrepresented and marginalized people by bridging gaps in health equity.

MAGGIE MCDIVITT '21

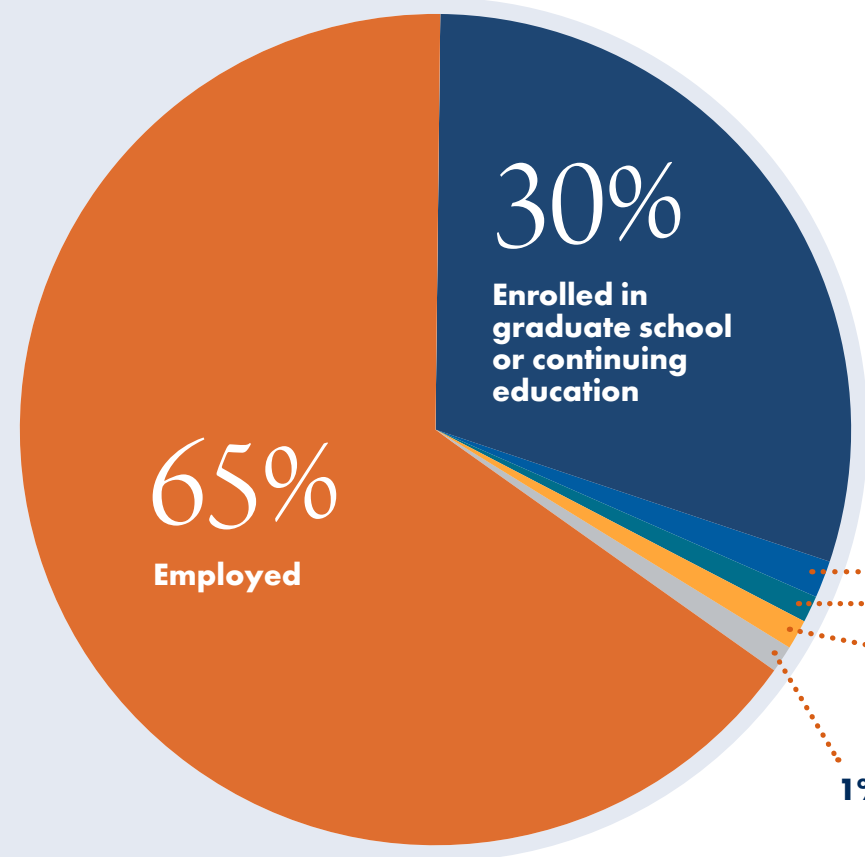
Major: Psychology, Minor: Political Science
Landed: Associate Consultant in Business Delivery Leadership, Slalom

As a transfer student, Maggie made Wheaton her new home by getting involved in Residence Life staff and working at Sam's. These experiences pushed Maggie towards a career in consulting which would allow her to work directly with people in an environment shaped by challenge and learning. In the spring of her senior year, Maggie joined the CVC's Consulting, Tech, and Finance Career Community, where she was able to network with Wheaton alumni in the consulting industry and eventually land a job with Slalom as an Associate Consultant. With limited experience in the consulting world, she was initially unsure about how she could utilize the skills and knowledge from Wheaton at Slalom. However, Maggie said Wheaton prepared her well to succeed in her new role: "I know how to do research, how to ask good questions, and how to figure things out for myself and I think that Wheaton taught me how to do those things very well." Maggie's advice to students is to "Be fearless and go after what you really want to do. Truly anything can happen, and my situation is a prime example of that."

HOW DID THEY LAND?

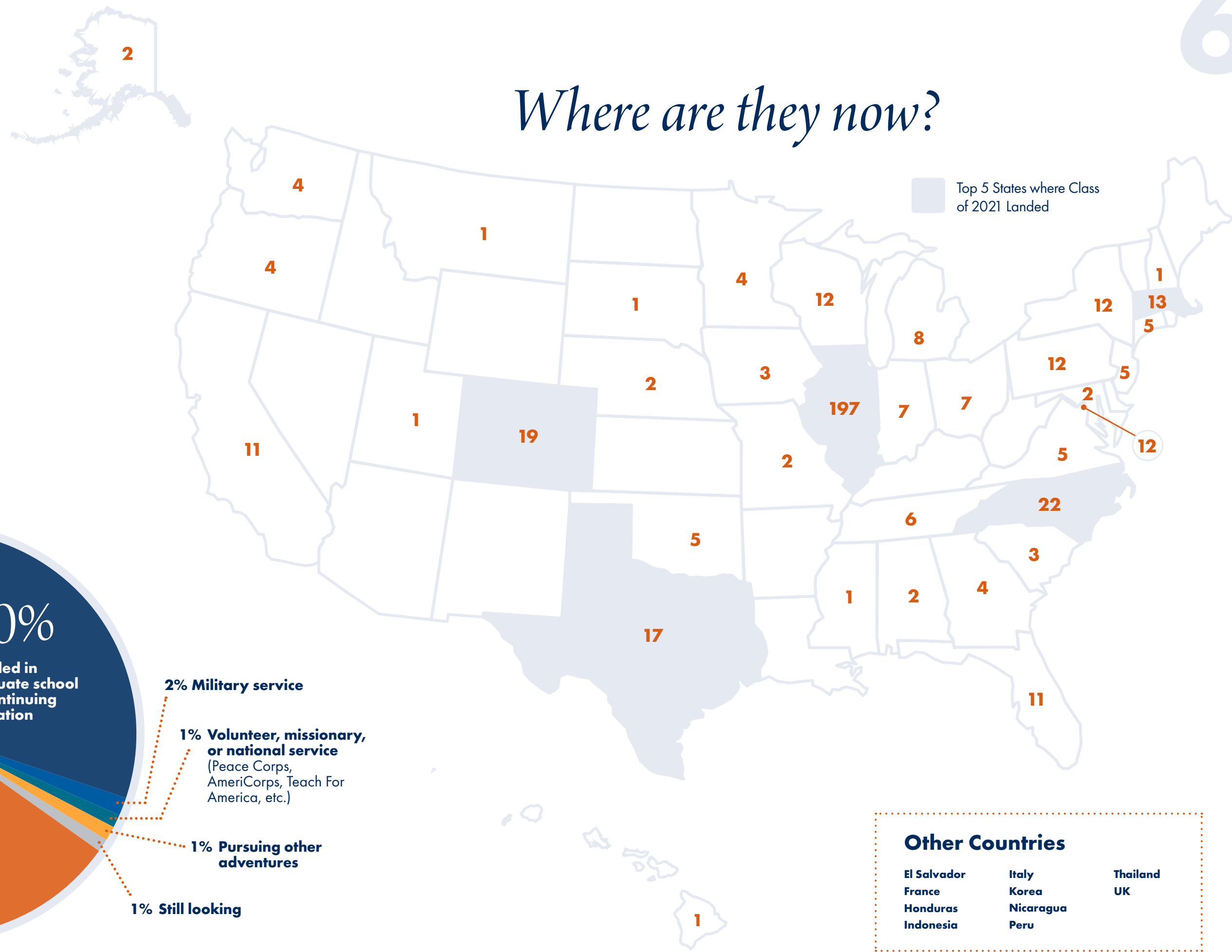
Full or part-time employment, including:

- Employed as an entrepreneur
- Employed in a temporary/contract work assignment
- Employed as a freelancer
- Employed in a postgraduate internship or fellowship
- Employed in all other work categories



- 2% Military service
- 1% Volunteer, missionary, or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Teach For America, etc.)
- 1% Pursuing other adventures
- 1% Still looking

Where are they now?



Other Countries

El Salvador	Italy	Thailand
France	Korea	UK
Honduras	Nicaragua	
Indonesia	Peru	

WHAT ARE THEY STUDYING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS?

Class of 2021 by field of study

Accounting	Creative Writing - Poetry Writing	Interdisciplinary Environmental Science & Society (IESS)	Physics
Animation	Data Science	Law	Political Science
Art History	Dentistry	Library & Information Science	Pure Mathematics
Asian Studies	Elementary & Secondary Education	Marriage & Family Therapy	Radiochemistry
Bioethics & Theological Studies	Environmental Science	Medical Physics	Sociology
Biological Sciences	Global Business	Medicine	Spanish
Biostatistics	Global Health	Music Performance	Statistics
Chemistry	Global Leadership	Nurse Practitioner Doctorate	TESOL & Intercultural Studies
Chiropractic Medicine	Higher Education & Student Development	Occupational Therapy	Theology
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Humanitarian Engineering	Outdoor Adventure Leadership	Tropical Agriculture
Clinical Psychology		Paralegal Studies	



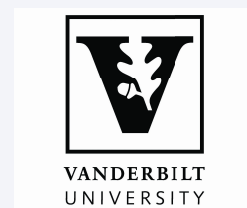
Alumni Profile

LYNDI TSERING '21

Major: International Relations, Minor: Chinese
Landed: M.A. in Asian Studies at Georgetown School of Foreign Service

During her time at Wheaton, Lyndi participated in the Student Government Diversity Committee, Zoe's Feet, Wheaton in Washington, and as a Student Ambassador for the Center for Vocation and Career. However, one experience was particularly meaningful to her. She said, "Interning at the State Department was important for me to get firsthand exposure to what I was studying and to get to feel like I actually had job skills." Through her internship and other opportunities, Lyndi kindled her interest in pursuing a career in foreign policy. She's now pursuing a Master's in Asian Studies at Georgetown University where she studies alongside others interested in Asian foreign policy. Lyndi's advice for current Wheaton students is "Don't feel tied to what you thought you wanted to do when you came into Wheaton if that's changed, and don't feel intimidated if you don't know what you want to do in the long term. Look to the next best step for you."

Where are they studying?



Baylor University
 Cleveland Institute of Music
 CUNY Queen's College
 Duquesne University
 Emory University
 Fuller Theological Seminary
 George Washington University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University School of Medicine

Indiana University, Bloomington
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Oklahoma State University
 Palmer College of Chiropractic
 Rush University
 Temple University
 Texas A & M
 University of Colorado Boulder

University of Florida
 University of Iowa
 University of Oklahoma
 University of San Diego
 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Virginia Tech

*This is a partial list of where 2021 graduates are pursuing further education.

WHERE DID THEY INTERN BEFORE GRADUATION?

Internships completed by the class of 2021

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Below is a partial list of internships sites.



75%

of the class completed at least one internship during their time at Wheaton.

Abbott Laboratories
 ALDI
 American Enterprise Institute
 Argonne National Labs
 Ascend Physical Therapy
 Athletico Physical Therapy
 Bank of America
 Berliner Stadtmission
 Bozeman Symphony
 Cape Cod Life Publications
 Casa Chirilagua
 Center for Emerging Security and Technology
 Center for Public Justice
 Chatham Financial
 Chicago EcoHouse
 Christ Community Health Services
 Christian Alliance for Orphans
 Cisco
 City of Escondido, California
 Compassion International
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ)
 Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
 Department of Energy (DOE)
 Department of Homeland Security
 Department of State
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Enviva Biomass
 Esperanza Health Center
 First Trust Portfolios
 Florida Family Policy Council
 FOCUS Ministries
 General Mills
 Genesis Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
 GeoScience
 Greater Europe Mission
 His Mansion Ministries
 HOPE International
 Huck Bouma PC
 Illinois Holocaust Museum
 Innovator Capital Management, LLC

International Association for Refugees
 International Justice Mission
 Investortools
 John's Hopkins Center for Talented Youth
 Johns Manville
 Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates
 Key Bank
 LadyBossBlogger
 Laura's Home
 Lawndale Christian Health Center
 LifeNet International
 LinkedIn
 Little Lights Urban Ministries
 M2E Chicago Design Studios
 Massachusetts Trial Court
 McKey Equine Veterinary Center
 Medtronic
 Morgan Stanley
 National Alliance on Mental Illness
 National University of Singapore, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
 Nexus Solutions for Autism
 Nobu Bank
 Nova Chiropractic
 Oklahoma Surgical Hospital
 One Collective
 One On One Chicago
 Open Door Ministries
 Opportunity International
 Outreach Community Ministries
 Overland Partners Architecture Studio
 Pacific Value LLC
 Paycom
 Paz y Esperanza
 Performance Trust Capital Partners
 PNC Financial Services
 PrimeVax Immuno-Oncology
 Publicis Sapient
 Puente del Pueblo
 Reah International
 Samaritan's Purse

Savannah River National Lab - SULI Program
 Shakespeare Dallas
 South East Chicago Commission
 Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
 Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
 The Center for Public Justice
 The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
 The Heritage Foundation
 The Kairos Company
 The Korea Foundation
 The Navigators
 The Salvation Army
 Tianjin Shunjie Electronic Technology Co.
 U.S. Embassy in Singapore
 United States House of Representatives
 United States Senate
 United States Department of State
 VethGroup
 Washington Spirit Professional Women's Soccer Team
 Wheaton College
 Woodard and Sundell Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery
 World Relief
 Young Life Africa

Alumni Profiles

NAÏSSA CHARLES '21

Major: Computer Science

Landed: Junior Associate Software Development Engineer at Publicis Sapient



Through her connections with other women in STEM, Naïssa was empowered to pursue and land her current role as a software engineer at Publicis Sapient early on in her final year at Wheaton. She developed leadership skills on her vocational journey in her roles as President of Gospel Choir and a student ambassador at the Center for Vocation and Career. Naïssa learned to network through the CVC, enabling her to land an internship with Publicis Sapient during the summer of 2020. The Office of Multicultural Development was also a place where she found mentorship and received ample interview preparation, helping her articulate her story well to employers. In this new pandemic era, Naïssa's role as a software engineer is fully remote, yet it allows her to work with a variety of clients, both in the private sector and in government. Her encouragement is to embrace new opportunities as "no career path is linear" and each is a chance to learn transferrable skills and represent the value we bring to a variety of roles.

LUKE HILL '21

Major: International Relations

Landed: International Logistics Apprentice at Samaritan's Purse



After interning at World Relief as a case manager, Luke took a leap of faith to join the Apprenticeship program with Samaritan's Purse. Following 6 months of intensive training, he is now serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, helping both the government and Samaritan's Purse handle supply chain logistics, the backbone of international aid work. He said, "Wheaton prepared me to consider other perspectives, listen well, and be slow to speak. My mentors have helped me learn to ask good questions and learn from people who've had different experiences than myself." These soft skills have prepared Luke to excel in an international context. Luke's advice to current students is to work as hard as you can in every role, even if it isn't what you see yourself doing in the future. This way, your character and capabilities will be put on display, opening doors to allow God to direct you where he will.



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