

# GRADUATE SURVEY

## CLASS OF 2017

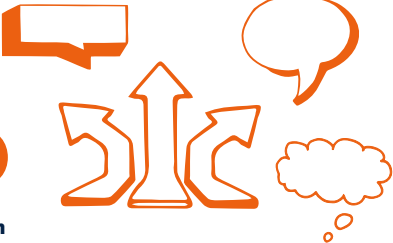
Hope graduates are educated to think about important issues with clarity, wisdom and an awareness of the Christian faith. They make an impact at organizations, companies and graduate schools around the country and abroad. This summary of the annual Graduate Survey gives a six-month snapshot of the Class of 2017.

### CLASS SNAPSHOT



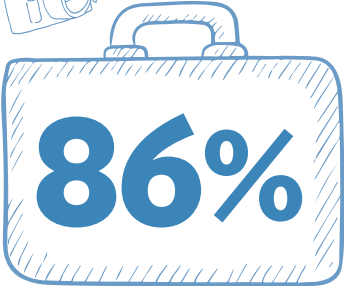
**96%** 

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

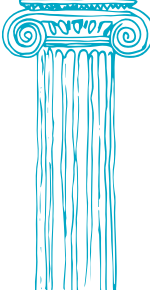


**86%**

of those employed full-time are employed in their field of study




10.21 ✓ 46 ✓ 69  
23-2 ✓ 23-3  
23 ✓ 6



**94%**

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

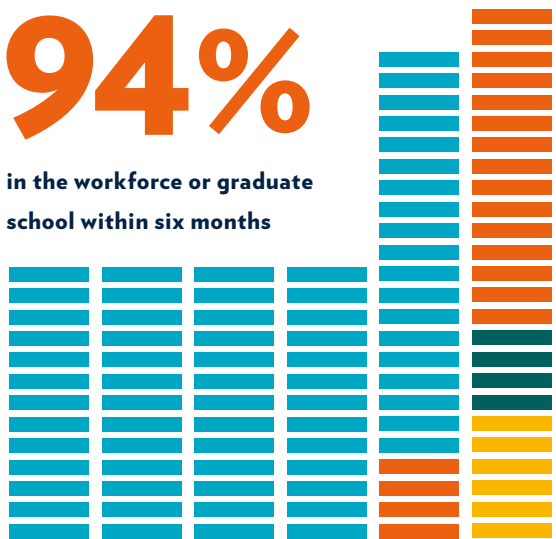


The Hope College Graduate Survey is administered annually by Alumni and Family Engagement, Boerigter Center for Calling and Career (formerly known as the Career Development Center) and Admissions. Graduates are contacted five to six months after graduation by email, mail and telephone and asked to complete 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](mailto:dershem@hope.edu).

# CLASS OVERVIEW

**94%**

in the workforce or graduate school within six months



**71%**  
EMPLOYED



**19%**  
GRADUATE SCHOOL



**4%**  
VOLUNTARY SERVICE



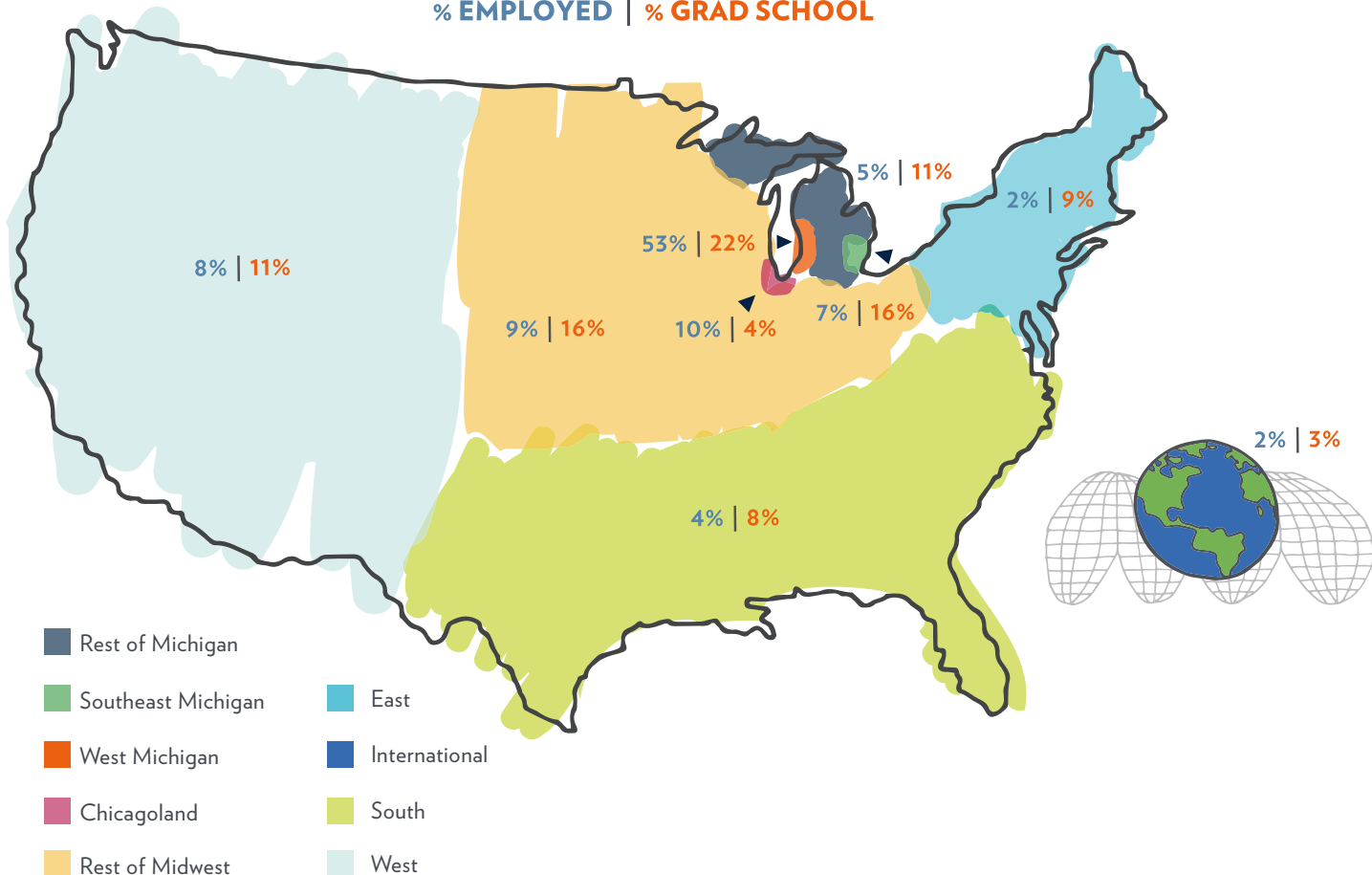
**6%**  
NOT EMPLOYED, SEEKING

## 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

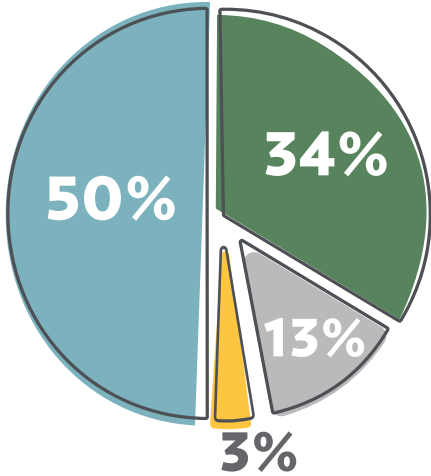
# EMPLOYMENT AND GRADUATE SCHOOL BY REGION

% EMPLOYED | % GRAD SCHOOL



# EMPLOYMENT

(6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION)



**84%**

are satisfied or very satisfied with their employment



■ Very Satisfied 
 ■ Satisfied 
 ■ Neither 
 ■ Dissatisfied

# 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

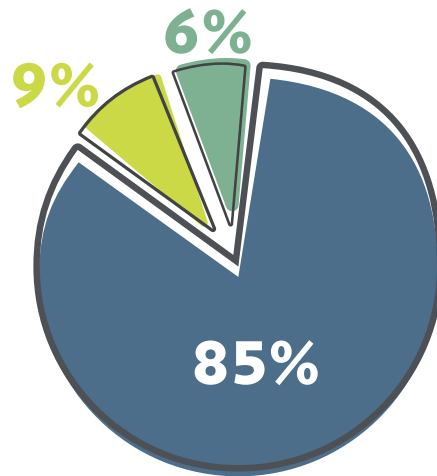
Pfizer  
 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services  
 PricewaterhouseCoopers  
 Spectrum Health  
 Steelcase  
 Teach for America  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 Walt Disney Company

# GRADUATE SCHOOL



**94%**

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



■ First Choice  
■ Second Choice  
■ Other

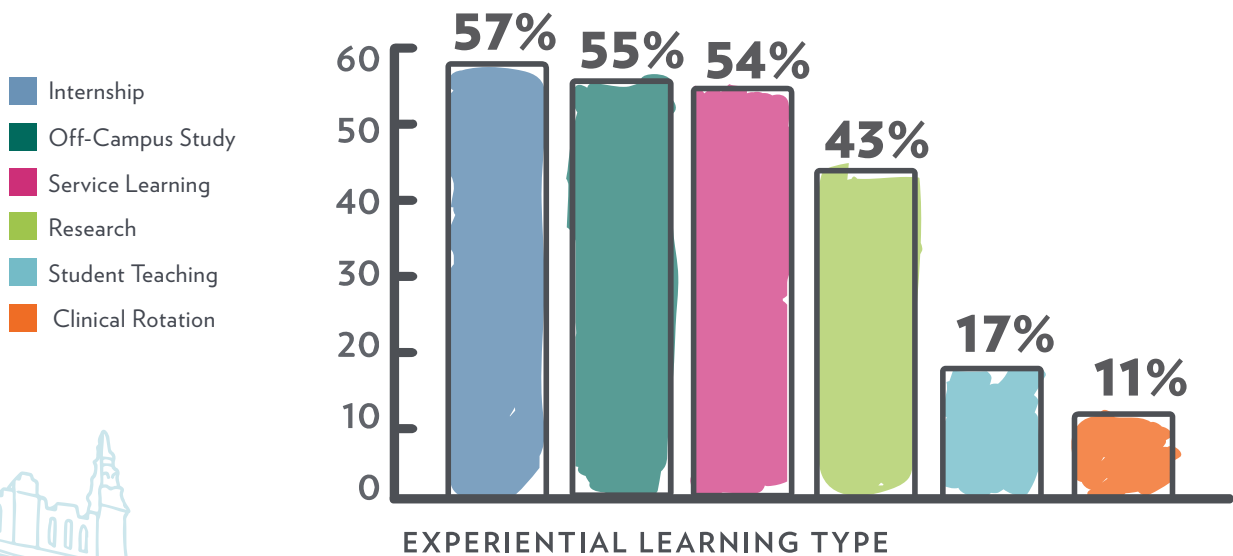
# RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOLS

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

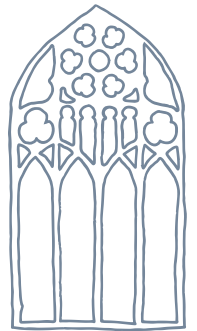
University of Massachusetts  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Oxford  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Wayne State University

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



# 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



## 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 Career Resource Network, volunteer, find job postings, connect with social media and sign up for events. [Connect at hope.edu/alumni](https://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](https://hope.edu/handshake)