

# LIFE AFTER WHEATON

*The Undergraduate  
Class of 2023*



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*For Christ & His Kingdom*



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When my team and I review data from our annual survey of graduating students, we find ourselves both incredibly proud of these graduates and stumped about how to choose just a few remarkable stories when there are so many. This is especially true in a year in which we are pleased to share information for **98.4%** of the Class of 2023! This class's numbers speak for themselves:

- The Class of 2023 held internships at **407** organizations
- **258** different employers hired Class of 2023 graduates for full-time work
- **27%** are continuing their education through graduate programs at **70** schools

The Class of 2023 landed in roles ranging from pastoral residents to medical residents, software consultants to interior designers, legal assistants to early childhood teachers, with graduate scholars in programs spanning architectural engineering to biblical exegesis. Regardless of vocational field, functional role, foundational expertise required, or geographic locale, Wheaton College equips graduates well for life after Wheaton.

The Center for Vocation and Career has the privilege of reporting this data, but we do not do this work alone. We firmly believe that the landed rate on the following page represents a campus-wide labor of love to fulfill the College's mission "to serve Jesus Christ and advance His Kingdom through excellence in liberal arts programs that educate the whole person to build the Church and benefit society worldwide." These outcome numbers represent merely a snapshot in time for the Class of 2023 and we will continue to cheer for these young alumni as they take their ongoing steps for Christ and His Kingdom.

### Survey Methodology

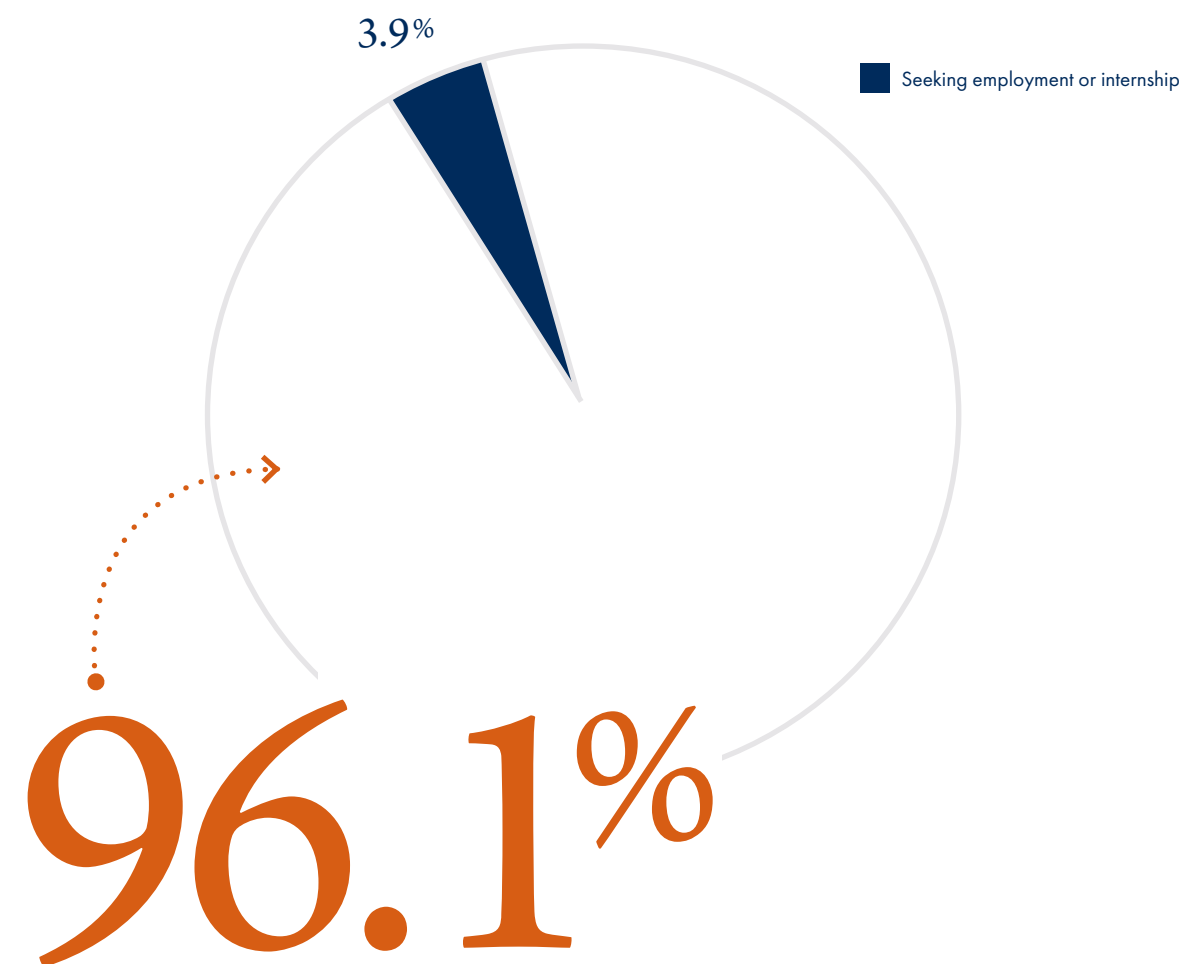
This survey is conducted according to the most recent guidelines from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the professional association for college career services. NACE's First Destination Survey provides a standardized tool to measure how new college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. Following NACE guidelines allows institutions to provide clear, concise, and comparable data on outcomes associated with a college education on a national scale (naceweb.org). To align with NACE standards and protocols, we include all latest known outcomes and reports on each graduate's primary area of activity as collected from an electronic survey administered by the Center for Vocation and Career, as well as verifiable job information from sources such as LinkedIn.

**555** SURVEYED FOR THIS REPORT

- 352** Student Responses
- 194** Sourced Data (from employers, faculty, LinkedIn, etc.)
- 9** No Response (not counted in this report)

# CLASS OF 2023 FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY RESULTS

**based on the information we have for 98.4% of the Class of 2023**

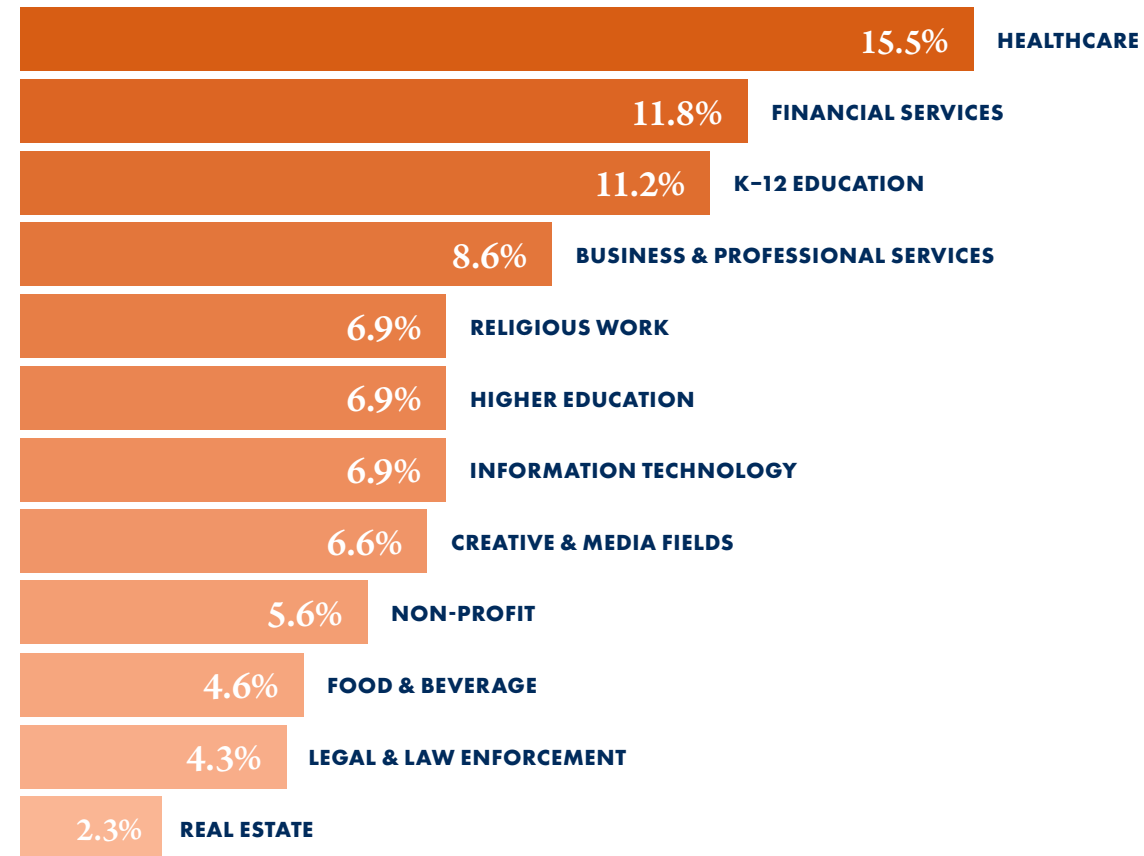


**of the class landed\* within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 85.7% in 2022 (NACE).**

**\* employed, interning, furthering their education, or pursuing other adventures of their choice**

# WHERE ARE WHEATON GRADUATES WORKING?

Top 12 Job Sectors



## Alumni Profile

**PHOEBE SHIN '23**

Major: Chemistry  
Landed: Clinical Laboratory Technologist at Mayo Clinic

Phoebe's many pursuits during her time at Wheaton were relational, creative, athletic, scientific, and much more. A member of the golf team and Koinonia, a chapel band musician and Discipleship Small Group leader, a staff writer and news section editor for *The Record*, and a chemistry researcher on campus during the summers, Phoebe's diverse experiences helped her gain a better idea of the environments in which she thrives. "My experiences at Wheaton reframed the way I thought about work and how my skills and abilities might fit into whatever place I find myself." Phoebe's varied experiences on campus provided abundant opportunity to develop a strong foundation of transferable skills, as well as the ability to communicate these well in her job applications and LinkedIn profile. It paid off, as a recruiter found Phoebe's LinkedIn profile and helped her land her current job at Mayo Clinic, where she runs clinical tests on patient samples for immunological disease. Phoebe encourages Wheaton students to use college as a time to figure who they are and who they are not, to build relationships, and to be mentored by godly men and women. "You are more loved and cared for than you could ever comprehend," she said. "Let that encourage the work that God is calling you to and give you the confidence to do it well."

## ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYING THE CLASS OF 2023\*



- Akuna Capital
- Allianz Partners
- Aon
- Barnhart Crane & Rigging
- BUILD Chicago
- CDW
- Central DuPage Hospital
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chubb
- Cisco
- Cross Church
- English Language Institute/China (ELIC)
- Expedia Group
- First Trust Portfolios
- Glen Ellyn Bible Church
- Glen Ellyn District 41
- Glenbard West High School
- HoneyRock
- Innovator ETFs
- Invesco US
- Josiah Venture
- KOTRA
- Law Offices of Kathleen T. Zellner
- Love Thy Neighborhood
- Loyola Medicine
- Lydia Home
- Medline Industries, LP
- Northwestern Mutual
- Noteable Notes Music Academy
- One Cool Earth
- OneWay Ministries
- Outreach
- Prudential Financial
- Quest Energy Group
- Resultant
- Sovereign's Capital
- Stony Brook Hospital
- The Fulbright Program
- The Menta Group Special Education
- The Nashville Fellows Program
- Timothy Financial Counsel
- UPMC
- USDA Foreign Agriculture Service
- Van Buren Township
- Visionworks
- Wheaton College
- World Relief
- Young Life

**Salary Data\*\***  
**Average Full-Time Salary: \$50,589**  
**Range of Full-Time Salary: \$17,680-\$200,000**

\*Partial list of 258 employers who hired the Class of 2023.  
 \*\*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.



# WHAT ARE THEY STUDYING IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS?

*Partial list of the Class of 2023 fields of study*

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|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Applied Health                    | Computational Biology                    | Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership  | Music               |
| Architecture                      | Data Science                             | Leadership                            | Nursing             |
| Audio Engineering                 | Dental Medicine                          | Law                                   | Physical Therapy    |
| Biotechnology                     | Elementary Education                     | Leadership and Culture                | Physics             |
| Business Administration           | English                                  | Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics | Psychology          |
| Chemistry                         | Environmental Engineering                | Marine Science                        | Secondary Education |
| Clinical Mental Health Counseling | Global Leadership                        | Marriage and Family Therapy           | Social Work         |
| Clinical Neuroscience             | Higher Education and Student Development | Mathematics                           | Statistics          |
| Clinical Psychology               | History                                  | Mechanical Engineering                | TESOL               |
| Communication                     |  | Medicine                              | Theology            |



## Alumni Profile

LOGAN RUSSELL '23

*Major: Biblical and Theological Studies  
Landed: Graduate Student at Harvard University*

Logan's advice to Wheaton students is this: "Do not be afraid of doing things that are hard. They will be worth the effort!" From his position on the men's varsity soccer team at Wheaton to his current role as a graduate student pursuing a degree in education administration at Harvard University, it is safe to say that Logan has followed his own advice. Not only did Wheaton shape Logan academically; it gave him the ability to think through problems critically and creatively, and to find connections where there was no obvious common thread. He is thankful to his mentor Dr. Carlos Sosa Siliezar in the Bible department for encouraging him to take on graduate-level academics. Logan has already received an offer to be the Middle School Dean of Students after he completes his Master's degree. Logan appreciated how Wheaton balances academic quality and Christian faith without sacrificing one for the other, and he is eager to build and lead schools in the future that follow this model.

## Where are they studying?\*



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|---|--|--|
| American College of the Mediterranean       | Missouri Baptist University                          | University of Delaware                           |
| Arizona State University                    | National Louis University                            | University of Denver                             |
| Asbury Theological Seminary                 | National University of Health Sciences               | University of Iowa                               |
| Baylor University                           | New York University                                  | University of Kansas                             |
| Beeson Divinity School                      | North Central College                                | University of Kentucky                           |
| Boston University                           | North Park Theological Seminary                      | University of Louisiana, Lafayette               |
| Calvin University                           | Northern Illinois University                         | University of Maryland, Baltimore                |
| Carnegie Mellon University                  | Ohio State University                                | University of Miami                              |
| Carroll University                          | Ohio University                                      | University of Michigan                           |
| Chicago-Kent College of Law                 | Oregon State University                              | University of Nebraska, Medical Center           |
| Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences | Parker University                                    | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill        |
| Creighton University                        | Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University        | University of Oregon                             |
| Duke University                             | Pennsylvania State University                        | University of Oxford                             |
| Elmhurst University                         | Pfeiffer University                                  | University of Texas, Medical Branch at Galveston |
| Emory University                            | Princeton Theological Seminary                       | University of Texas at Austin                    |
| Empire State University                     | Reformed Theological Seminary                        | Vanderbilt University                            |
| George Mason University                     | Rhode Island School of Design                        | Virginia Polytech and State University           |
| Gonzaga University                          | Texas Lutheran University                            | Wake Forest University                           |
| Harvard University                          | The Catholic University of America                   | Wheaton College                                  |
| Illinois Institute of Technology            | The London School of Economics and Political Science | Yale University                                  |
| Indiana University                          | Trinity School for Ministry                          |  |
| Indiana Wesleyan University                 | University of Chicago                                |  |
| Lipscomb University                         | University of Cincinnati - College of Medicine       |  |
| Loyola University Chicago                   |  |  |
| Mid-America Reformed Seminary               |  |  |

\*Partial list of schools where 2023 graduates are pursuing further education.

## WHERE DID THEY INTERN BEFORE GRADUATION?

### Internships completed by the Class of 2023

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Here is a partial list of our 407 internship sites.



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|---|---|---|---|
| 3M                                      | ELIC  | Morgan Stanley                              | Stackpole Wealth  |
| Abbott Laboratories                     | Englewood Family Outreach                                   | Morningstar                                 | Star Farm Chicago   |
| Adirondack Performing Arts Fellowship   | Enterprise Rent-A-Car                                       | North American Mission Board                | Tapawingo (CAMP-of-the-WOODS)                                     |
| Akuna Capital                           | Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park                     | Naomi's House                               | Texas Instruments   |
| Amazon Web Services                     | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis                         | Natural Fiber Welding                       | The Conservation Foundation                                       |
| American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons | Fermilab Natural Areas                                      | New Life Centers                            | The Field School  |
| American Enterprise Institute           | First Trust Portfolios                                      | Newport Private Wealth                      | The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute           |
| Argonne National Laboratory             | Fourth Presbyterian Church                                  | Northrop Grumman                            | The Trinity Forum   |
| Athletico Physical Therapy              | Global Leadership Network                                   | Northwestern Mutual                         | Timco   |
| Back Bay Veterinary Hospital            | Great American Insurance Group                              | Noteable Notes Music Academy                | Tokyo Electron  |
| Becket Fund for Religious Liberty       | Greenwood Archer Capital                                    | Nuo-Beta Pharmaceutical Technology          | United States Army  |
| Bolingbrook Christian Health Center     | Hirschfeld Marketing Solutions                              | One Collective UK                           | United States Senate  |
| Bridgewater Bank                        | HoneyRock   | OneWay Ministries                           | UnitedHealth Group  |
| By the Hand Club for Kids               | Humble Design Chicago                                       | OrthoIllinois                               | University of Arkansas  |
| Center for Public Justice               | IL House of Rep District Office of Representative Amy Grant | Outreach Community Ministries               | University of Tennessee   |
| Center for Transforming Communities     | International Justice Mission                               | Performance Trust                           | U.S. Congress   |
| Center for Urban Teaching               | Investortools   | Phillies Nation                             | U.S. Department of Agriculture                                    |
| Chapman and Cutler LLP                  | Iowa Institute of Human Genetics                            | Pike Street Properties                      | U.S. Department of Defense  |
| Chicago Council on Global Affairs       | Joni and Friends  | Pioneers                                    | U.S. House of Representatives                                     |
| Christ Community Church                 | KidsAlive International                                     | Premier Mechanical Inc                      | Valor Christian High School                                       |
| Chubb                                   | KRQE News   | Puente del Pueblo                           | Vanderbilt University Medical Center                              |
| CIBC Bank USA                           | Laureate Wealth Management                                  | Raymond James Financial Services            | Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services |
| Cigna                                   | Law Offices of Kathleen Zellner & Associates                | ReachGlobal                                 | Vitae Foundation  |
| Cisco                                   | Legacy Financial Partners                                   | Realize Design                              | Wheaton College   |
| Cloud9 Esports Inc.                     | Lexham Press  | Resultant (formerly Teknion Data Solutions) | Willow Creek  |
| College Church                          | Loyola University Chicago                                   | Rush Orthopedics                            | Wintrust Financial  |
| Compass Mortgage                        | Lubbock Sports Rehab  | Russel Law Firm                             | Woodmen Valley Chapel   |
| Country Music Television                | Main Street Arts  | Samaritan's Purse                           | World Relief  |
| Cru                                     | Maskeroni Orthodontics                                      | Sanders Commercial Real Estate              | Wycliffe Bible Translators  |
| Cushman & Wakefield                     | Medline Industries  | Sandia National Laboratories                | YoungLife   |
| Decision Point                          | Merrill Lynch   | ScribeAmerica                               | YWAM  |
| Deerfoot Lodge                          | Michigan State Senate                                       | Send Network                                |   |
|   |   | Southwestern Advantage                      |   |
|   |   | Sovereign's Capital                         |   |

67%

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

# of internships completed while a Wheaton student



## Alumni Profiles

LILLY NIKKEL '23



Major: Economics and Math with Statistics  
Landed: Quantitative Equity Research Analyst at First Trust Portfolios

During her time at Wheaton, Lilly could be found in a multitude of places on campus—playing in the Symphonic Band, serving on Community Life Council, interacting with students as a resident assistant, or working in the Admissions office. Now she can be found updating reports, making charts, preparing for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams, and transforming financial data as a quantitative equity research analyst at First Trust Portfolios. Lilly credits her liberal arts education for her ability to ask good questions in her job, saying that Wheaton fostered a deep love of learning and curiosity about the world. Her advice to current Wheaton students is to treasure their relationships and their time at Wheaton, and that it's never too early (or too late!) to start researching and networking—in fact, she landed her current position through a referral by a classmate she met during New Student Orientation. “Your future is something you can entrust to the Lord—he is faithful to provide after Wheaton in the same way that he has always provided. Everything is going to be okay!”

BRENDAN KEEFER '23



Major: Computer Science  
Landed: IT Professional Development Program Associate

Brendan served as a class chaplain during his time at Wheaton, and has appreciated the way in which Wheaton College prepared him to think in multiple categories to consider problems from various angles. It's a benefit of the liberal arts education that he didn't expect, but one that has come in handy in his professional life. As an associate in a two-year rotational professional development program, Brendan is gaining valuable experience in a variety of roles at Abbott Laboratories, including business analysis, automation engineering, and cloud engineering. This opportunity presented itself through a connection with a former coworker and Wheaton alumna, who suggested he apply for Abbott's summer internship. She connected him to leadership within the company's IT division, ultimately leading to an offer. Brendan encourages students to maximize their networks and relationships as they think about life after Wheaton. “Having a college degree doesn't mean you have to have everything figured out already. The most valuable thing about having a college degree is what it allows you to learn in the future. Find a rotational program, entry-level position, or other developmental role that will allow you to learn and gain new skills over a few years. Also, God is good, and you can trust him with your career. Proverbs 3:6.”

*Congratulations to the Class of 2023!*



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