

# LIFE AFTER WHEATON

*The Undergraduate Class of 2022*



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This is the fifth year that the Center for Vocation and Career (CVC) has published our *Life After Wheaton* report, and for five straight years Wheaton graduates have “landed” at rates significantly higher than the national average.

The data consistently shows that Wheaton graduates are well prepared to enter the workforce, graduate school, volunteer opportunities, or other adventures of their choosing. We are confident that the Class of 2022 graduates are equipped with everything they need to help “build the church and benefit society worldwide.” Not only have they developed strong, versatile skills through their liberal arts education, but they are joining the deeply connected Wheaton network with opportunities to engage with alumni all over the globe who are eager to share their wisdom and insight.

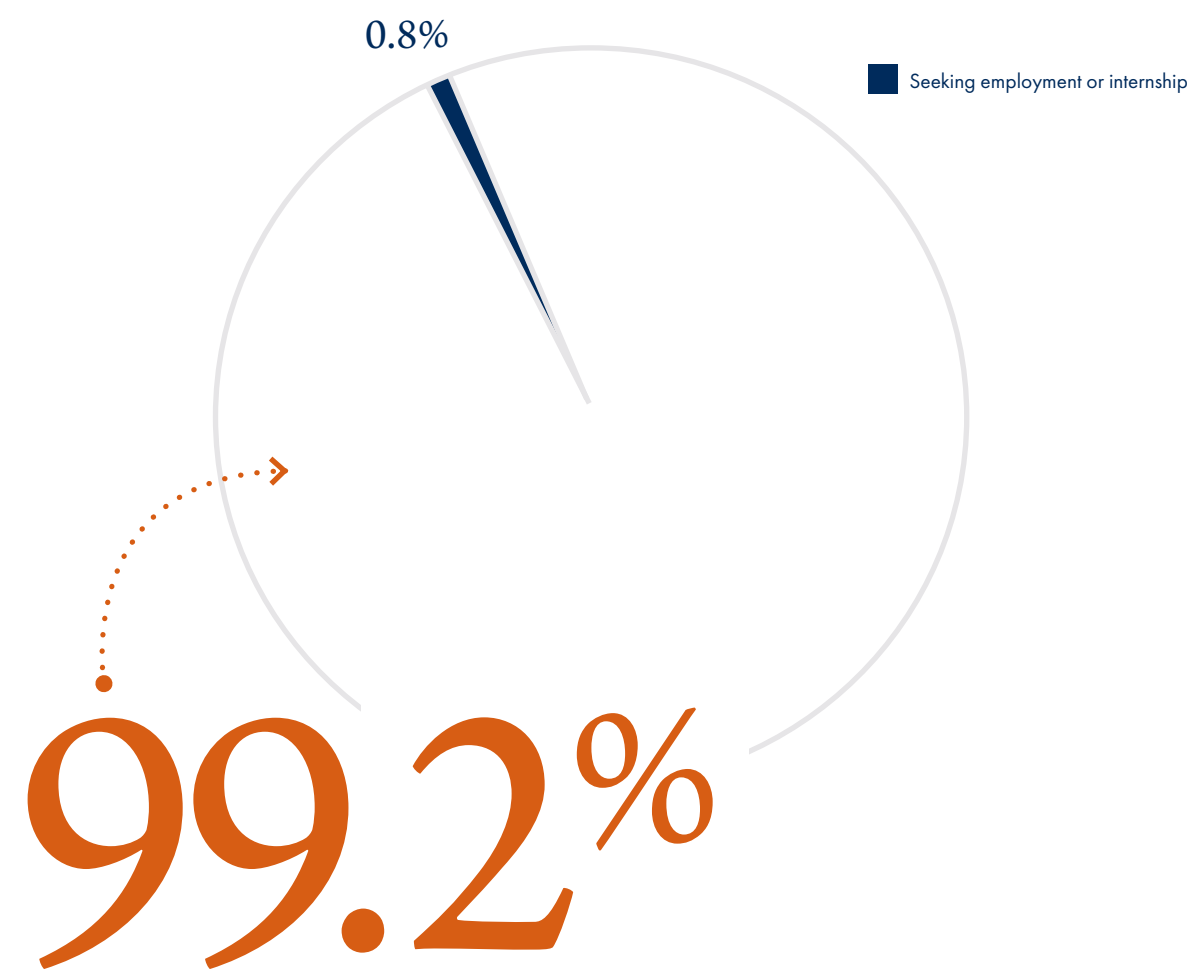
We have been tremendously proud of the Class of 2022 as my colleagues and I have journeyed with them during their years at Wheaton. These graduates spent two years of their Wheaton education pivoting during in a global pandemic, and they demonstrated the kind of grit, tenacity, and grace that will serve them well as young alumni.

And the CVC is here, cheering them on and offering our full array of services for the next two years. We have seen firsthand what this class is made of, and we can't wait to see what they will do next!

### 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](http://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 2022 FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY RESULTS

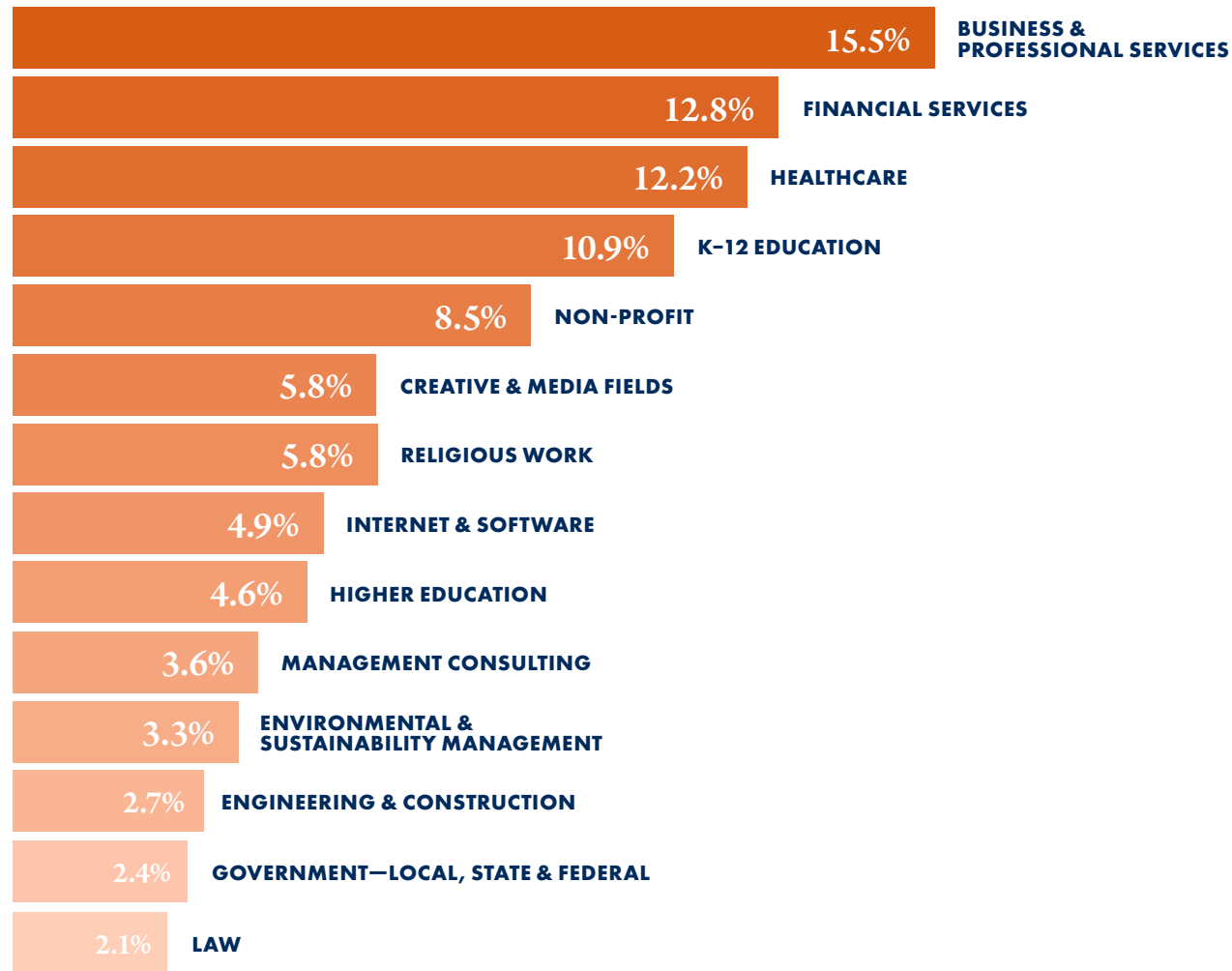


**of the class landed\* within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 84.1% in 2021 (NACE).**

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

# WHERE ARE WHEATON GRADUATES WORKING?

Top 14 Job Sectors



## Alumni Profile

JUSTIN ANTONELLO '22

Major: Business Economics

Landed: Analyst at JP Morgan Chase

As a resident assistant in the fall of 2020, Justin discovered the value of working hard and trusting God, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Reflecting on that year, he said, "In hard times, you can turn to the world, or you can turn to God." His Residence Life team inspired him to remain faithful to his work and continue to look ahead in hope. With a desire to start a career in finance and business, Justin wasn't sure how his liberal arts degree would translate when applying for jobs. But one business/economics class, co-taught by Wheaton alumni in the consulting and venture capital funding fields, helped him gain the confidence he needed to articulate how his major, experience as an RA and Student Ambassador, and liberal arts education prepared him to add value to potential employers. With a referral by a Wheaton faculty member, Justin landed a position as an analyst at JP Morgan Chase where he continues to lean into his faith as he adapts to the steep learning curve of investment banking. His advice to current students is "Trust the Lord. He is working something in your life that is beyond you. Don't forget who you are!"

## ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYING THE CLASS OF 2022\*

AECOM  
Amazon  
Americaneagle.com  
Aon  
ATI Physical Therapy  
Chatham Financial  
Chicago Speech Therapy  
Children's National Hospital  
Christ Church Of Oak Brook  
Christianity Today  
Cigna  
Cintas Corporation  
Citgo  
Classical School of Dallas  
Compass Mortgage, Inc.  
Crossway Publishers  
DuPage Montessori School  
El Camino Academy  
Epic  
First Trust Portfolios  
FONA International  
Fulbright Association  
Genesis Orthopedics & Sports  
Medicine  
Glen Ellyn Bible Church  
Greenville Symphony Orchestra  
Innovator EFTs  
Jill's House  
John Deere  
JP Morgan Chase & Co.  
KeHE Distributors  
LaSalle Network  
Law Offices of Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates  
Lawndale Christian Health Center

Lionsgate  
Matea Valley High School  
Mayo Clinic  
Mintel  
Naperville Music  
National School Project  
Outreach Community Ministries  
Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC  
Promus Holdings  
Rockefeller Capital Management  
Rush University Medical Center  
Sanders Commercial Real Estate, Inc  
Slalom Consulting  
sparks & honey  
Target  
TEAM | The Evangelical Alliance Mission  
Teknion Data Solutions  
The Falls Church Anglican  
The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis  
The Field School  
The Home Depot  
The King's Academy  
Tyndale House Publishers  
U.S. Bank  
Uline  
Veth Group  
Watts of Love  
Wheaton College  
Wheaton Eye Clinic  
World Relief  
Young Life

### Salary Data\*\*

Average Full-Time Salary: \$48,252  
Range of Full-Time Salary: \$20,000 - \$130,000

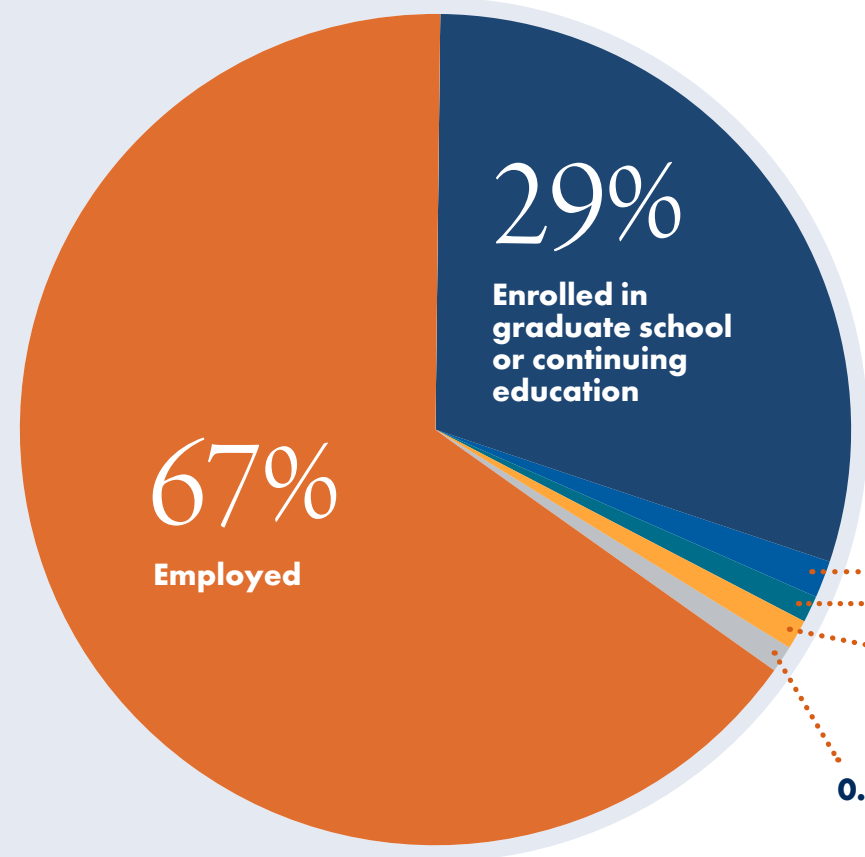
\*This is a partial list of employers for 2022 graduates.

\*\*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 \$45,845 (NACE).

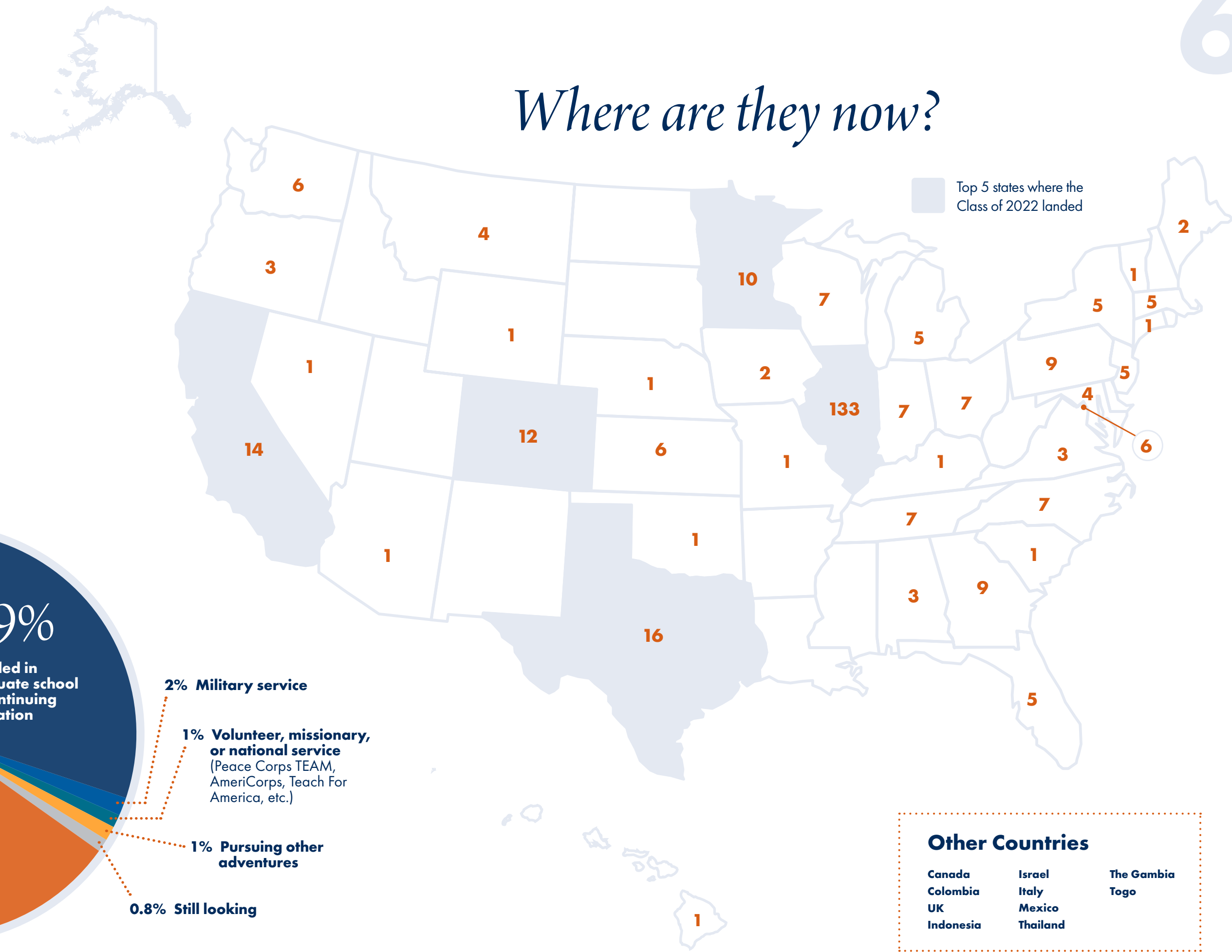
# HOW DID THEY LAND?

## 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



# Where are they now?



### Other Countries

Canada	Israel	The Gambia
Colombia	Italy	Togo
UK	Mexico	
Indonesia	Thailand	

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

## Class of 2022 by field of study

Applied Nutrition	Communication	Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership	Philosophy
Architecture	Data Science	Journalism	Physical Therapy
Art History & Visual Culture Studies	Dental Medicine	Language, Culture, & Curriculum	Physics
Biomedical Engineering	Elementary Education	Law	Psychology
Biostatistics	English	Leadership and Culture Management	Public Health
Business Economics	Environmental Management	Marriage & Family Therapy	Secondary Education
Chemistry	Geology	Medicine	Statistics
Classics	Global Leadership	Music Performance	TESOL
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Health Science	Neuroscience	Theology
Clinical Psychology	Higher Education & Student Development	Nursing	Transportation Engineering
	History of Christianity		Urban Planning & Public Affairs
			Veterinary Medicine



## Alumni Profile

MARGARET JONES DE LA CRUZ '22

Majors: Anthropology and Spanish

Landed: J.D. Candidate at DePaul University

Now a first-year law student at DePaul, Margaret actually didn't take any pre-law classes during her time at Wheaton, instead focusing on majors in Anthropology and Spanish. Her Anthropology classes in particular, such as Culture Theory, helped cultivate a sense of curiosity and hone the critical reading and writing skills that are vital for a J.D. program. But beyond her classes, Margaret highlights her internships as what most prepared her for a career in the legal field. Along with being a data intern in the Center for Vocation and Career and a student scholar for the Center for Faith and Innovation, Margaret spent the summer before her senior year at Arrive Ministries working with immigrants and refugees in the naturalization and resettlement process. "It was so meaningful to channel my passion for legal advocacy and use my Spanish skills while also learning a ton of practical things that are relevant to my law classes now." Her advice to students: "Don't be scared to start networking early! I was very shy when I started at Wheaton, but being brave and connecting with people early was so helpful to my professional growth. I challenge students to do the same!"

## Where are they studying?



Baylor University  
 Boston College  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 Elmhurst University  
 Emory University  
 George Washington University  
 Harvard University  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Indiana University School of Medicine  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Loyola University Chicago

New York University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oxford University  
 Princeton Theological Seminary  
 Purdue University  
 Samford University  
 Texas A&M University School of Law  
 Texas Christian University  
 The Pennsylvania State College of Medicine  
 University College London  
 University of California Berkeley  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Florida

University of Illinois Chicago  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Kansas Medical Center  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Missouri  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Southern Florida  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin Madison  
 Wheaton College



\*This is a partial list of where 2022 graduates are pursuing further education.

# WHERE DID THEY INTERN BEFORE GRADUATION?

## Internships completed by the Class of 2022

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Our goal is for 100% of Wheaton students to complete at least one internship or research opportunity during their undergraduate years. Here is a partial list of internship sites.

Advanced Neurology of Colorado  
 Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital  
 African Bible College  
 Amazon  
 American Enterprise Institute  
 Argonne National Laboratory  
 Arrive Ministries  
 Ashoka  
 Athletico Physical Therapy  
 Ball Horticultural Company  
 Bolingbrook Christian Health Center  
 Camp Pondo  
 Castillo Games  
 Chapelstreet Church  
 Chatham Financial  
 Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives  
 Christianity Today  
 Church of the Resurrection  
 Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center  
 Commonwealth Foundation  
 Compass Mortgage  
 Cosley Zoo  
 Cress Health  
 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art  
 Darling Media  
 Deerfoot Lodge  
 Denver Rescue Mission  
 DuPage County Animal Services  
 DuPage County School District  
 ELIC  
 Emmaus Chicago  
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
 Equitas Health  
 Ethiopian Community Association  
 FCA  
 Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory  
 First Trust Portfolios  
 FONA International  
 Franklin Middle School

Guangzhou Hospital  
 Hanyang University  
 Heartland  
 Heritage Professional Associates  
 HOPE International  
 Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
 Indiana Department of Health  
 International Justice Mission  
 Jill's House  
 Kimberly-Clark  
 Klatch  
 Latin American News Digest  
 Lawndale Christian Health Center  
 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
 Longfellow Elementary School  
 Marine Biological Laboratory  
 Meier Clinics  
 Merrill Lynch Wealth Management  
 Metropolitan family services  
 Mukono Church of Uganda Hospital  
 NAMI DuPage  
 National School Project  
 National Taiwan University  
 Northwestern Medicine  
 Northwestern Mutual  
 Notable Notes  
 Oasis  
 One On One  
 Open Door Ministries  
 Outreach Community Ministries  
 Paz y Esperanza Colombia  
 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
 PepsiCo  
 Performance Trust Capital Partners  
 Pfizer Inc.  
 Puente Del Pueblo  
 Realize Design  
 Renew Counseling Center  
 RQ Construction

Six Flags Great America  
 Southwestern Advantage  
 State Farm  
 Sterling National Bank  
 Sunshine Gospel Ministries  
 The Center for Family and Relational Health  
 The Center for Public Justice  
 The Genius Brand  
 The gospel coalition  
 The Jakarta Post  
 The Morton Arboretum  
 The Orthopaedic Center  
 The Refugee Education Center  
 The Telos Group  
 U.S. Army  
 U.S. Bank  
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 U.S. Department of State  
 U.S. Forest Service  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 University of Michigan  
 Wheaton College  
 Women At Risk International  
 World Relief  
 Wycliffe Bible Translators  
 Young Life



71%

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

## Alumni Profiles

### HASTEN BIDDLECOME '22

*Majors: Geology and Spanish  
 Landed: Staff Geophysicist at GEI Consultants*



When he wasn't outside piloting drones to make orthomosaic maps, practicing his Spanish language skills, or serving as captain on the varsity soccer team, Hasten could often be found in the basement of Meyer Science Center for the Geology Department's Earth Club, listening and learning from fellow students and alumni pursuing careers in earth science. When asked why he chose to study geology, he explained, "I love science and I love being outdoors. Geology lets me do different things every day. I'm able to be in the office or be out in the field, and I get to travel to incredible places." For Hasten, the tight-knit feel of the Geology department and the top-notch professors helped solidify this love. After spending a few months at an environmental consulting firm, Hasten is now a staff geophysicist at GEI Consultants, which he found through a LinkedIn connection. He puts his geophysics studies, geological testing experience, Spanish ability, and even his drone piloting skills to work each day, working alongside structural engineers. Hasten's advice to Wheaton students? "If you don't have LinkedIn, get LinkedIn, and send Wheaton alumni a message! Our alumni are so helpful!"

### MONIK FLORES '22

*Majors: English and Secondary Education  
 Landed: High School English Teacher at Rauner College Prep*



During her time at Wheaton, Monik flexed her creative skills in various ways: as a photographer wherever needed, as the opinion section editor of the student newspaper The Record, and as the graphic designer for College Union. She also served in various roles for Unidad Cristiana, Wheaton's Latino community, and ended her time at Wheaton as president of Unidad. In the summers, she worked as a teaching assistant with BRIDGE, where she worked with underrepresented minority and first-generation high school students. In every role she served in, her goal was to keep BIPOC individuals and "our voices" at the forefront. These experiences have been vital as she has stepped into her role as an English teacher at Rauner College Prep, a Chicago charter school. This year, Monik has been tasked with teaching a brand new course on African American and Latin-American literature for 11th graders. In this role, she has become particularly thankful for her English teachers that went beyond the traditional English canon. Taking from some of her classes at Wheaton, she teaches authors like James Baldwin, August Wilson, and Elizabeth Acevedo. Her advice to current students is "When looking for jobs, know the Lord will bring you to the right place."



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