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Highly Sought Grads

University of Dayton

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Nearly all — 97 percent — of recent University of Dayton graduates report being employed, pursuing a graduate degree or participating in a service program within six months of graduation, according to an annual survey conducted by the career services office.

That's the highest percentage recorded in the Flyer First Destination Survey and "reflects a college job..."
market that continues to improve," said Jason Eckert, director of career services. "It also reflects the value of a University of Dayton degree. It takes a campus to support the career-related needs of thousands of graduates each year. We have a very strong, supportive and collaborative campus community."

Of the undergraduates who chose employment as their first destination, 95 percent are working full time, with 84 percent in their field of study. Of the employed, 13 percent indicated they are working in a position that's a stepping-stone to a career in their field of study. Only 3 percent said they were working outside their field.

Each of the University's four schools offering undergraduate degrees — engineering, education and health sciences, business, and arts and sciences — recorded a 95 percent success rate or better.

Ninety-nine percent of the respondents from the School of Education and Health Sciences are putting their degrees to work in their chosen field, attending graduate school, volunteering, completing a post-graduate internship or entering the military. That rate was 98 percent for engineering graduates, 97 percent for business graduates and 95 percent for students graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Approximately 1,441 of the University's graduating seniors — 84.1 percent — responded to the survey. The respondents graduated in August and December in 2014 and May in 2015.

The Office of Career Services offers a number of programs to help graduates, including job search strategies, biannual job fairs, an alumni mentoring program and an employer outreach plan.

"We are passionate about helping our students discover their vocation, start out on the best path for them, build a professional network and find careers in their chosen fields," Eckert said. "This survey tells us we're on the right track."

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