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If graduation is the first step toward a college student's pursuit of life's dreams, then most University of Dayton students will like where they're headed.

Ninety-five percent of spring 2011 University of Dayton undergraduates report being employed, pursuing an advanced degree or participating in a service program within six months, according to a University of Dayton Office of Career Services survey.

"This is a testament to the value of a University of Dayton degree," said Jason Eckert, director of career services. "A University of Dayton education prepares our graduates for the workforce, post-graduate studies, the military or a service program such as the Peace Corps. Whatever your career aspirations, the University of Dayton can help you reach them."

Each of the University's four schools offering undergraduate degrees — engineering, education and allied professions, business, and arts and sciences — had a 93 percent success rate or better.

Ninety-eight percent of the respondents from the School of Engineering are putting their degrees to work in their chosen field or closely related field. That rate is 95 percent for business graduates, 93 percent for education majors and 85 percent for students graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The success rate for University of Dayton graduate school graduates from spring 2011 is 92 percent, according to the office's survey. The survey did not break down graduate student rates for individual schools.

For those who have yet to land a job, grad school placement or a service opportunity, Eckert said the Office of Career Services has multiple programs to help graduates. Career Services has an employer outreach plan that includes making new contacts with employers outside Ohio and enhancing partnerships and relationships with employers in Ohio. The office also teaches job seekers the benefits of using social networks in the job search. Career Services recently migrated the Alumni Career Network from Hire a Flyer to a newly created group in LinkedIn. The Monday Workshop Series offers job search strategies for graduates. The office also sets up biannual job fairs open to University of Dayton alumni.

"Alumni relationships with our office shouldn't cease when they receive their diplomas," Eckert said. "All Flyers on and off campus are welcome to utilize our services, which are free for life."

More than 1,000 of the University's spring 2011 undergraduates — 80 percent — and more than 200 of the University's 2011 graduate candidates — 57 percent — responded to the survey.

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