

Miami Graduates' Career and Educational Placement

Graduation and Alumni Surveys

The *Graduation Survey*, *Recent Alumni Survey*, and *Established Alumni Survey* are administered to students/alumni from all campuses and degree levels. The results reported here focus on Oxford campus bachelor's degree recipients.

Students typically complete the Graduation Survey during the month before graduation. In 2011-2012, 2,953 students who received an Oxford campus bachelor's degree participated in the Graduation Survey (84.7% response rate). The Recent and Established Alumni Surveys were administered in the summer of 2012. The Recent Alumni Survey was sent to alumni who graduated approximately one year prior to the survey (i.e., 2010-2011 graduates) while the Established Alumni Survey was sent to alumni who graduated either five or ten years prior to the survey. 313 Oxford campus bachelor's alumni completed the Recent Alumni Survey and 668 completed the Established Alumni Survey.

Graduating Seniors

Among the graduating seniors, 26% planned to pursue additional education after graduating from Miami; 20% planned to attend graduate school, 5% planned to pursue a professional degree, and 2% planned to pursue additional undergraduate study. Among students planning to attend a graduate or professional school, 63% had received at least one offer of admission by the time of survey completion.

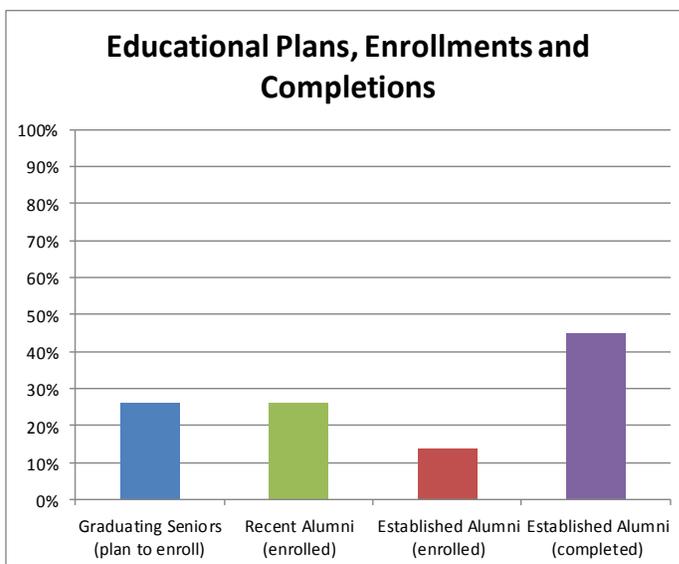
73% of graduating students also planned to work after graduation. Among those planning to work, 54% had received at least one job offer by the time of the survey. Among students who had accepted a position, 38% had been previously employed by their company (e.g., as a full-time employee or intern).

Recent and Established Alumni

26% of recent alumni and 14% of established alumni were currently enrolled in school. Enrolled alumni were most likely to pursue a master's-level degree (recent: 46%; established: 56%) followed by a doctoral degree (recent: 42%; established: 29%). Among the established alumni, 45% had earned an additional degree since leaving Miami. Of those who had earned a degree, 59%

had earned a master's degree, 26% a doctoral degree, and 7% an additional bachelor's degree.

80% of recent alumni and 91% of established alumni were employed at the time of the survey. Among alumni who were employed, two-thirds held a position that was related to their Miami major(s). Both recent and established alumni identified problem solving and critical thinking skills as the most important skills in their current career.



Preparing Students for the Future

The results suggest that the majority of graduating seniors, including those who don't plan to work immediately after graduation, are employed within 1-5 years of graduating. Similarly, students who do not plan to pursue additional education immediately after graduation may still enroll at a later time. Recent alumni are pursuing additional education at a rate comparable to what is anticipated by graduating seniors. However, by 5-10 years post-graduation, substantially more alumni had completed or were pursuing additional education, suggesting students' educational plans may change after they enter the work force. Preparing students for the future may entail consideration of both their short-term and long-term plans.

Results for additional survey topics and student and alumni groups (e.g., regional campus students, graduate students) are available online at: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/oir/Surveys/>.