

Alma College Career Outcomes: Class of 2019

Beginning six months after each graduation date for the Class of 2019, the Alma College Center for Student Opportunity (CSO) surveyed graduates to determine their career outcomes (i.e., whether they are working and/or attending graduate school). **Of the total number of 2019 graduates who responded to the survey, 94% were either employed, enrolled in graduate school or other educational programs, or were participating in service programs (such as AmeriCorps) within six months of graduation.**

Survey Highlights:

92% of 273 graduates responded to the survey or we have knowledge of their outcome (meaning the information was obtained from social media or faculty/staff that are in touch with those graduates)

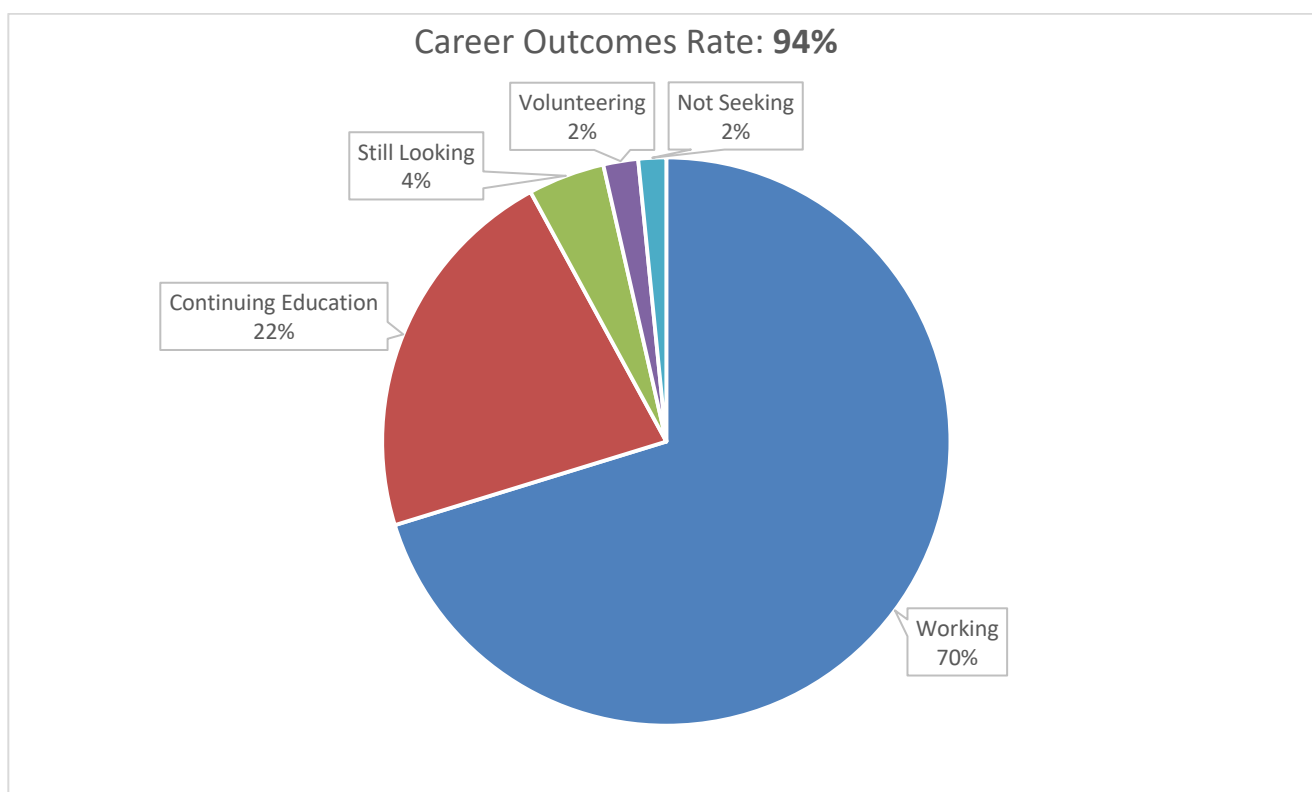
70% reported employment

22% reported enrollment in graduate school or other educational programs

87% of respondents would chose Alma College again if given the chance

95% of respondents are either 'extremely satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their Alma education

92% of respondents employed full-time or in graduate school consider themselves to be on their desired career path



Career Outcomes for Most Respondent Majors

The majors with the most respondents of the 2019 survey respondents were Biology, Communication, Education, English, IPH-Pre-Medicine, IPH-Pre-Therapy, Management, New Media Studies, Nursing, and Psychology. **Combined, the overall career outcomes rate for those majors is 96% within six months of graduation.**

Select Employers and Graduate Schools for Majors with Highest Response Rate

Biology

Wayne State University: *Pathologists' Assistant*
MI Bioresearch: *Assistant Scientist, Pharmacological Operations*
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee: *Field & Lab Assistant*
Michigan Health Institute: *Project Assistant*

Communication

Auto-Owners Insurance Company: *Business Analyst*
Michigan Civil Service Commission: *Human Resource Analyst*
Vermont Law School: *Environmental Law*
Strategic Financial Solutions: *Financial Sales Consultant*
Masterplan Marketing: *Marketing Ambassador*
Boston University: *Advertising*

Education

Livingston Classical Academy: *Fourth Grade Teacher*
Luce Road Elementary School: *Kindergarten Teacher*
Point O'Pines Camp for Girls: *Wilderness, Adventure, and Discovery Director*
University of Michigan: *Clinical Social Work*
Flint Community Schools: *Resource Room Teacher*

English

Fausohohn, LLP: *Paralegal*
Kent State University: *Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel*
Towsley Children's House: *Teacher*
Seattle Pacific Seminary: *Divinity*

IPH-Pre-Medicine

Barbana Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute: *Research Assistant*
Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine: *Naturopathic Medicine (ND)*
National University: *Chiropractic Medicine*
Wayne State University: *Chemistry*

IPH-Pre-Therapy

University of Michigan – Flint: *Physical Therapy (DPT)*
Huntington University: *Occupational Therapy (ODT)*
Ferris State University: *Healthcare Administration*
Central Michigan University: *Physical Therapy (DPT)*
Team Rehabilitation Services LLC: *Physical Therapy Technician*

Management

Ball State University: *Masters in Business Administration (MBA)*
Consumers Energy: *Emergency Manager*
Collabera: *Account Manager*
Accident Fund Insurance Company of America: *Claims Processing Associate*
Blue Chip Talent: *Talent Acquisition Specialist*

New Media Studies

Meijer: *Media Assistant*
University of Advancing Technology: *Video Game Production and Management*
PlayYourCourt: *Videographer*
Technical Solutions Group/Medical Data Rx: *Digital Advertising Specialist*
Grand Valley State University: *College Student Affairs Leadership*

Nursing

MidMichigan Health: *Registered Nurse*
Sparrow Health System: *Cardiac Nurse*
Mercy Health – West Michigan: *Registered Nurse*
MidMichigan Health: *Neurotrauma ICU Nurse*
Spectrum Health: *ICU Nurse*

Psychology

Braintrust Behavioral Health: *Behavior Technician*
University of Michigan: *Social Work (MSW)*
University of Nebraska Medical Center: *Neuroscience*
University of Michigan – Dearborn: *Clinical Health Psychology*
University of San Diego: *Criminal Psychology*

Career Development 2019-20 Snapshot

Fall Career Highlights (Sept. 15-20)

Career Week Events: *More than 250 students participated in various Career Week events such as Suit Up at JC Penney, Coffee and Critique at Highland Blush, Alumni Speed Interviews, and Board of Trustees Member Bryan Segedi's presentation on leadership.*

In addition to our students, we had over 10 alumni and two community businesses participate in events.

Career EXPLO: *Over 120 students attended the 10th annual Career EXPLO in Hogan Arena. This was the first year we offered employers the opportunity to sponsor the event, and we received five sponsorships ranging from \$100-1000.*

Student Employee Training Workshops

New this year, Career Development is hosting monthly Student Employee Training Workshops on a variety of professional development topics in order to provide campus-wide student staff with development opportunities. The Fall 2019 schedule includes:

Customer Service, *Ashley Spohr, Hospitality & Events Coordinator*

Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace, *Dr. Donnesha Blake, Director of Diversity & Inclusion*

Professionalism, *Brehanna Ramos, Admissions Representative*

Conflict Management & Resolution, *Nicholas Benjamin, Assistant Director, Residence Life*

New Major & Career Planning Resource for Students

All Alma College students now have access to Focus2Career, an online resource that includes self-assessments, up-to-date information about over 1000 occupations, and major options specific to Alma College. Students have the ability to create action plans and save majors and/or careers that interest them. Administrators have the ability to view students' saved majors and careers and create aggregate reports.

Recurring Events

Resume and Cover Letter Workshops
Graduate School Preparation Workshops
Major Exploration Workshops

Upcoming Highlights

Winter Career Week: February 8-14

Chicago In-City Program: February 23-25

Testimonial

Sam Swem, '19

Associate Business Analyst, Auto-Owners Insurance

"As a tour guide for the school I always emphasize the strength of our Career Services team. In my opinion, it is unfortunately one of the most underutilized resources on campus. If everyone were to take advantage of what is offered, a vast majority of them would land incredible internships or jobs. I personally have spent a lot of time with Career Services. In January of 2018 I started going to the CSO multiple times a week in order to get help with my resume, cover letter, interview skills, internship search, etc. because I knew I needed a strong internship on my resume for that summer. Due to all the help I received, I was able to land interviews with companies like Ford Credit, Quicken Loans, Auto-Owners Insurance, and Bell's Brewing. I ultimately accepted an internship with Auto-Owners Insurance. Upon completion of my internship this summer Auto-Owners Insurance offered me a full-time position as an Associate Business Analyst that I accepted and will be starting in December when I graduate. I truly believe none of those opportunities to be interviewed, to land the internship, and to accept the job would have happened without the help of Career Services. Not only did they help me find those opportunities, but they made sure I was prepared for them, which certainly paid off. I can't thank Career Services enough for everything they have done for me."