

Employment Trends: Annually, the Seaver College Career Center collects first-destination data about the future plans of graduating seniors. Once analyzed, the data is compared to statistics aggregated by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). The percentage of Seaver College job seekers employed by graduation increased to 50% this year, a strong 20% above the national average. This is the first year that NACE has recommended standards for the way job data is collected. First destinations deemed “acceptable” for graduates now include: full-time or part-time employment, full-time service, military, graduate school, seeking graduate school or seeking employment. Under this definition, 64% of the Class of 2014 had plans for work, graduate school, or service upon graduation.

Graduate School: Fifteen percent of the Class of 2014 was accepted into graduate school. An additional 10% indicated that they are currently seeking admission to graduate or professional school programs. This raises the percentage of students intending to continue their studies to 25%.

Graduating Senior Survey Results - 2011-2014								
	2014 Pepperdine	2014 National	2013 Pepperdine	2013 National	2012 Pepperdine	2012 National	2011 Pepperdine	2011 National
Employed at Graduation	50%	30%	48%*	29%*	42%	26%	40%	24%
Internship during College	73%	Pending	75%	63%	75%**	55%**	71%	53%
Student Employee during College	65%	Pending	61%	N/A	62%	46%	65%	46%
Heading to Grad School	15%	Pending	14%	24%	16%	28%	22%	26%

* National formula for job rate at graduation changed in 2013. ** National formula counted student teaching in 2011-12.

First Destinations: Graduates who secured jobs or service opportunities went to work for organizations like: Accenture, American Enterprise Institute, Applied Medical, BuzzFeed, CHANEL, City of New York, Creative Artists Agency, Deloitte, eBay, Ernst & Young, FirstSteps, GE Capital, Hurley International, Joni and Friends International Disability Center, KPMG, LA Galaxy, La Mirada Regional Theatre, Latham & Watkins, LinkedIn, Long Beach Unified School District, McBeard Media, Merrill Lynch, MobileCause, Morgan Stanley, Oaks Christian School, ONEgeneration, Paramount Pictures, Pepperdine, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Raytheon, SAP, Sky Toxicology, St. Anne’s Maternity Home, T3 Micro, Teach for America, W Hotel, XPrize Foundation, YouthWorks and many more. Continuing Pepperdine’s tradition of scholarship, five graduates received Fulbright fellowships this year and three are alternates.

Experience: The positive correlation between students’ internship experience and their likelihood of having a job on graduation day persists – of those who secured jobs, 82% interned or completed other experiential learning activities like student teaching or a social work practicum while at Pepperdine. Sixty-nine percent of graduates, who had jobs at graduation, interned *and* worked as a student, underscoring the importance of professional skill building.

Employment & Experience 2012-2014									
	2014			2013			2012		
Of Graduates with Jobs	Experience of Students with Jobs	Related to Field of Study	Career Potential	Experience of Students with Jobs	Related to Field of Study	Career Potential	Experience of Students with Jobs	Related to Field of Study	Career Potential
Did Student Employment and Internship(s)	69%	91%	74%	75%	83%	83%	72%	81%	70%
Did Student Employment Only	15%	65%	46%	15%	79%	79%	16%	76%	48%
Did Internship(s) Only	13%	94%	81%	8%	73%	87%	12%	92%	79%

Students, who only participated in internships, secured jobs with greater career potential and had the highest connection to their field of study. Pepperdine can be proud that 76% of *all* graduating students in the Class of 2014 participated in one or more internships or student teaching experiences while in school.

