Students’ Professional Plans, Development, and Achievements

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• What information is available?
• What do graduating seniors plan to do after Miami?
• What career and educational achievements do alumni report?
• What do these results mean for Miami students?
Available Information

• Incoming students
  – Oxford undergraduates
  – Expectations for Miami

• Current first-year students
  – Oxford undergraduates
  – Experiences at Miami
  – Plans for curricular and cocurricular experiences during their remaining years at Miami

• Graduating students
  – All campuses and degree levels
  – Experiences at Miami
  – Plans for after Miami

• Recent and Established Alumni
  – All campuses and degree levels
  – Experiences at Miami
  – Career and educational achievements
Graduation Survey

Population
  – All graduating students

Years Available
  – 2010 - 2012 (annual administration)

Topics
  – Curricular and cocurricular activities participated in at Miami
  – Academic achievements at Miami
  – Career and educational plans

Graduating Seniors: Current Sample

• Oxford campus bachelor’s recipients
• Graduated in 2011-2012
• 2,953 graduating seniors (85% response rate)
Graduating Seniors: Miami Activities

- Independent study project – 37.2%
- Research project with faculty – 28.9%
- Presented at regional/national conference – 10.2%
- Co/authored publication – 10.4%

Graduating Seniors: Miami Activities

- Internship or co-op – 46.7%
- Worked part-time on-campus – 51.3%
- Worked part-time off-campus – 28.9%
Graduating Seniors: Career Plans

- Plan to work next fall – 72.8% (60.2% CAS)
- Received at least one offer of employment or are already working* – 56.0%
- Of those with an offer/job, employed with the company previously as:
  - Full-time employee – 7.3%
  - Part-time/seasonal employee – 8.9%
  - Intern – 21.9%

*Within 30 days of graduation

Graduating Seniors: Educational Plans

- Plan to attend school next fall – 26.0% (36.9% CAS)
  - Master’s level – 49.0%
  - Doctoral – research/scholarship – 10.9%
  - Doctoral – professional – 30.5%
  - Graduate-level certificate – 5.5%
  - Other – 4.8%
- Received at least one acceptance* - 66.4%

*Within 30 days of graduation
Recent Alumni Survey

Population
– All alumni approximately one year after graduation

Years Available
– 2012 (anticipated annual administration)

Topics
– Professional and personal development at Miami
– Current careers
– Preparation for their current career
– Additional education

Established Alumni Survey

Population
– All alumni approximately five and ten years after graduation

Years Available
– 2012 (anticipated administration every four years)

Topics
– Professional and personal development at Miami
– Current careers
– Preparation for their current career
– Additional education
Alumni: Current Sample

Recent Alumni
– Oxford campus bachelor’s recipients
– Graduated in 2010-2011
– 313 alumni

Established Alumni
– Oxford campus bachelor’s recipients
– 668 alumni

Alumni: Current Careers

• Currently Employed
  – Recent - 79.6%
  – Established - 91.3%

• Current position related to Miami major
  – Recent - 65.6%
  – Established – 66.6%
Alumni: Additional Education

• Currently enrolled in school
  – Recent – 26.1%
    • Master’s level – 46.2%
    • Doctoral – 42.3%
  – Established – 14.5%
    • Master’s level – 56.0%
    • Doctoral – 28.6%

Alumni: Additional Education

• Earned additional degrees
  – Established – 45.2%
    • Master’s level – 59.1%
    • Doctoral – 26.4%
What do these results mean for Miami students?

Work experience while at Miami can lead to a job after graduation.

- 38.1% of graduating seniors worked previously for the company where they are working after graduation.
  - 21.9% of graduating seniors held an internship with the company.
- 8.5% of recent alumni and 7.5% of established alumni obtained their position through an internship.
“It’s not what you know, it’s who you know.”

- 31.4% of recent alumni and 31.2% of established alumni located their current position through a lead from a friend or relative.
- 5.1% of recent alumni and 3.6% of established alumni located their current position through a faculty contact.

Use the resources available to you.

- 22.0% of recent alumni located their current position through Miami University’s Career Services.
Prepare for the unknown.

- 34.4% of recent alumni and 33.4% of established alumni are working in a position that is not related to their major at Miami.

Plans change.

- 26.0% of graduating seniors planned to attend graduate school the following fall.
- 26.1% of recent alumni were enrolled in school.
- 54.6% of established alumni had either completed an additional degree (45.2%) or were currently enrolled in school (14.5%).
It’s not enough to know information – know when you need it and how to use it.

• Established alumni listed the following skill among the most important to their job:
  – The ability to identify when there is a need for information and to evaluate and effectively use information for the problem at hand.

What’s important at Miami is important in your career.

• Both recent and established alumni reported these skills as the most important to their jobs:
  – Critical thinking skills
  – Problem solving skills
  – Collaboration skills

• Recent alumni reported these skills were among the top 4 of those developed while at Miami.
Learning never stops.

- Established alumni also cited the following skills among the most important for their job:
  - The ability to apply information and skills to new, complex situations.
  - The ability to engage in continuous learning and intellectual growth.

Questions?

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