

# First Destination Career Outcomes Report











### **Career and Internship Center Mission**

"The Norwich University Career and Internship Center (CIC) is a key student-service office supporting the university's mission of developing future leaders and citizen-soldiers. The CIC supports students through the career education and life design process with the tools they need to make informed career decisions. We strive to ensure all students graduate with high levels of professionalism, self-awareness and career management competencies for career and life success. Our professional staff brings a combined 50+ years of experience and passion for empowering students through professional and personal milestones."

Meghan Oliver, Director, Career & Internship Center

### **Executive Summary**

The 2020-2021 academic year was a year of unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the second consecutive year we found that new graduates were not responding as they had during pre-pandemic times. In the years leading up to 2019, we averaged a 98% response rate, which far exceeds average. In 2021 we were able to garner a 74% response rate, which is the industry average during pre-pandemic times.

Before spring 2020, we typically reached approximately 50-60% of our students by graduation with an in-person event called Grad Finale. In March 2020, in-person Grad Finale pivoted to a virtual format which will continue to be hosted virtually moving forward. This change had a dramatic impact on our response rate as we were unable to reach students in person.

To ensure students completed the survey, we used many avenues to access information about the students, including outreach through faculty, parent newsletters, email, phone calls, texting, and data-mining social media profiles for any information.

Due to the incomplete and inaccurate responses we have received over the last two years, we plan to implement some new initiatives for the Class of 2023 such as working with faculty teaching senior seminars to include this as an assignment during the month of April and coordinating with the university Registrar to incorporate the survey into graduation rehearsal. Additionally, we are working with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to streamline our survey and develop a new interactive data dashboard for the Norwich website. We hope implementing these initiatives and that partnerships will lead to more thorough and accurate results and ease of information for prospective students and families and the greater Norwich community.



### First Destination Outcomes Overview

The First Destination Survey (FDS) is completed each year by Norwich University in compliance with the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). The purpose of the FDS is to see where our students are six to nine months post-graduation. We have traditionally surveyed our students up to nine months post-graduation, however, we plan to shift to six months, in accordance with NACE standard. The FDS survey provides a snapshot into alumni's first stop after college, but does not give the full story of career mobility as they progress throughout their career.

The Class of 2021 is defined as graduates from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Of the 513 new graduates

from the Class of 2021, we were able to ascertain the status of 385 individuals (75.1%), leaving 128 (24.9%) unknown in terms of their post-graduate plans. Of the 39 students represented in the continuing education category, 6 of them were entering their 5<sup>th</sup> year as Masters of Architecture students.

- Are employed in the corporate, non-profit, government or private sector
- Entered the military
- Plan to enter graduate school or continue their education
- Are still seeking employment



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### Overview by college of where students went after graduation.

#### College of Liberal Arts (CoLA)

Majors: Chinese, Communications, Criminal Justice, Education, English, French, German, History, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Studies of War and Peace



#### College of Professional Schools (CoPS)

Majors: Architecture, Accounting, Business Management, International Business, Computer Science, Computer Security & Information Assurance, General Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Construction Management, Nursing, Nursing (Accelerated)



#### College of Science and Mathematics (CoSM)

Majors: Athletic Training, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Geology, Health Science, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physical Education, Physics











### Demographics

Of the 385 new graduates who responded to the survey, the following demographic information was ascertained.

### Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native

#### Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latin X

Pacific Islander

White

Two or more races

Chose not to disclose

### Gender

Male

Female

Non-Binary

Chose not to disclose

### Number of Students



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### **Geographic Location**

Of the total number of survey respondents, 216 (56.10%) identified their geographic location post-graduation.



#### State

### Number of Students

Alaska3
Arizona1
California7
Colorado 2
Connecticut5
District of Columbia1
Delaware1
Florida6
Georgia 10
Hawaii4
Illinois 2
Indiana2
Maine5
Massachusetts20
Missouri1
Nevada3
New Hampshire14
New Jersey6
New Mexico1
New York14
North Carolina5
Ohio
Oklahoma1
Pennsylvania13
South Carolina1
Tennessee2
Texas11
Utah1
Vermont46
Virginia14
Washington2
Wyoming1

### Outside U.S.

Number of Students

Afghanistan1
Italy1
Japan1
Quebec1
South Korea1
Spain1
Taiwan1

### **Employed Individuals**

Of the 102 (26.5%) respondents that indicated they were employed, 3 (2.94%) said that they were employed part-time and 99 (97.06%) are working full-time.



Major	Company
Accounting – 1	Precision Fina
Architectural Studies – 2	Bowers and K
	Church Hill La
Master of Architecture – 2	Gossens Bach
	New England
Architecture – 1	Studio TROIK
Master of Architecture – 4	Stone River A
	Watershed St
	Birdseye
	Popli Design
Biochemistry – 1	Neural Stem
Civil Engineering – 2	e2 engineers
	AECOM
Computer Science – 2	Gunnison Cou
	DEKA Resear
Comp. Sec Info. Assurance - 5	WHSCareers
	Booz Allen Ha
	Department of
	Synopsys
	Deloitte LLP
Construction Management – 6	Bartlett & Sor
	Schimenti Co GPRS
	Consigli Cons
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	Holt Construc
Criminal Justice – 21	Norwich Univ
	Washington (
	Arizona Depa
	Center For Fa

/	Title		
nancial Services	Operations Coordinator		
l Kubota Consulting	Designer 1		
Landscapes, Inc.	Unknown		
chman Architecture	Junior Designer		
nd Design & Construction	Junior Designer		
DIKA	Architectural Designer		
Architects	Intern		
Studio	Intern		
	Junior Architect		
n Group	Project Technician, Architect		
n Cell Institute	Neurodegenerative Diseases and Antibody Intern		
ſS	Structural Engineer		
	Manager		
County CO Fairgrounds	Temporary Summer Laborer		
arch and Development	Verification & Validation Test Technician		
rs (DoD)	Security Control Assessor Representative		
Hamilton	ICS Consultant		
t of Defense	Unknown		
	Associate Security Consultant		
Р	Cyber Security Analyst		
on's Excavation	Construction Equipment Operator/ Laborer		
Construction Company	Project Engineer		
	Project Engineer		
nstruction Co., Inc.	Assistant Superintendent		
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ruction	Assistant Superintendent		
niversity	Tech Tutor		
n County Mental Health	Behavioral Interventionist		
partment of Child Safety	Child Safety Specialist		
Family Services	Sexual Violence Advocate		



Major	Company	Title
Environmental Science – 2	Unknown	Unknown
	Davey	Consulting Utility Forester
Exercise Science – 1	Kingdom Autism & Behavioral Health	Registered Behavior Technicia
Geology – 1	Aurora Geosciences Alaska, LTD.	Core-Logging Geologist
History – 3	The Club at New Seabury	Maintenance
	McGurty Maintenance	Custodial Maintenance Worke
	Israeli Weapons Industry/Meprolight US	S Product Specialist Customer Support Tech
International Business – 1	Unknown	Unknown
Management – 2	Farm Equipment Dealership	Operations Manager
	Northfield Savings Bank	Community Banker 1
Mechanical Engineering – 4	Autumn Harp	Engineering Apprentice
	Rochester Electrics	Process Engineer 1
	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Talent Acquisition Program Associate
	Raytheon Technologies	Systems Engineer
Neuroscience – 2	Pfizer, Inc.	Biological Safety Officer
	Walgreens	Pharmacy Technician
Nursing – 24	Massachusetts General Hospital	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	Northwestern Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Nursing Assistant
	HCA Healthcare	Registered Nurse
	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	University of Vermont Health Network	
	Central Vermont Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Change Nurse
	Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	St. Mary Hospital	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	Littleton Regional Healthcare	Registered Nurse

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Nursing – 24	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	University of Vermont Health Network Porter Medical Center	/ Registered Nurse
	Unknown	Unknown
	Inova Health System	New Grad Nurse Resident
	Albany Medical Center	Pediatric Registered Nurse
	St. John's Health	Registered Nurse
Nursing Accelerated – 3	Small Hospital in Mass	Operating Room Registered Nurse
	Honeywell	Obstetrical Nurse
	University of Vermont Medical Center	Staff Nurse 1
Physical Education – 1	North Carolina Schools	Teacher
Political Science – 3	WRTA	Call Taker/Scheduler
	King Arthur Baking Company	IT Help Desk Intern
	Berlin Police Department	Police officer
Psychology – 8	Unknown	Unknown
	Shelburne Community School	Assistant Director
	Saga Education	Fellowship Educator
	Sequelcare of Maine	Behavioral Health Professional
	Hockey Company	Lead Instructor
	3M	Field Service Representative
	Hands at Home Care Services	Caregiver
	Unknown	General Contracting



### Of the 385 students that resonded to the survey, 48 students answered the following questions.

### This position is either highly related or somewhat related to my degree.

Of the 48 students who responded to this question:



## This position is either highly related of somewhat related to my career interests.

Of the 48 students who responded to this question:



#### How did you find out about this job or make initial contact with this employer? Of the 48 students who responded to this question, they indicated all methods they utilized to find their job.



46 (95.8%)

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(4.2%)



The following questions were asked of all 385 new graduates regardless of their post-graduation plans.

Did you use the Career and Internship Center?



#### Please indicate your level of overall satisfaction.

Of the 41 students who responded "YES" to using the Career and Internship Center.

RANKING



#### Which of the following Career and Internship Center services did you use?

Of the 41 students who responded to this question, they indicated all methods they used to find their job.





### **High Impact Experiences**

Many students are required to do a high impact experience for their majors, to include internships, study abroad, research, clinical or practicum hours, and student teaching. The First Destination Survey is not fully representative of all students who take part in a high impact experience required for the major. This data was not cross-referenced with other offices on campus that are required to track this data. The Career and Internship Center has accurate numbers of students who participate in internships for credit. We also do outreach to gain more insight into how many students participate in a non-credit bearing internship. We did not ask students if they participated in a study abroad experience in the 2021 FDS.



#### As a part of your Academic curriculum, did you participate in any of the following?



#### If you did an internship what was the name of the employer?

Norwich CGCS Norwich University Vermont Chamber of Commerce Denver Expedition, East High School Korean War Veteran's Memorial ODNI Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program Bridges- Northfield Elementary School Bank Of America Merrill Lynch BrightBuilt Home Chris Woods Construction Company Consigli Construction CO. Essex Police Department Governor Phil Scott's Office Land O Lakes, Inc NASA Pfizer

#### Was your Internship paid or unpaid?



#### Did you receive an employment offer from any of your previous internships?



#### Did you accept the offer?





Raytheon Technologies Schimenti Construction Company **Stone River Architects** Washington County Mental Health **Barre Police Department** Black River Design Doble Engineering Company Ai3 Architcects Barre City Police Maine Drilling Norwich University Chameleon NUARI Scott + Partners Architecture Simons Architects Vermont Agency Of Transportation Vermont State Police WNUB Dog River Radio





### **Military Service**

Of the Class of 2021, 197 (51.2%) students planned to enter military service. This list includes both commissioned officers and ensigns and enlisted. Of those who are part-time National Guard or Reserves, eight indicated that they will be seeking additional employment.



Major	Army
Accounting	
Architect. Studies	
Biochemistry	1
Biology	1
Chemistry	1
Chinese	
Civil Engineering	2
Communications	1
Computer Science	1
CSIA	7
Construction	
Management	8
Criminal Justice	36
Education	2
Elec./Computer Eng.	1
Engineering (General)	
Environmental Science	3
Exercise Science	3
Geology	
History	3
International Business	2
International Studies	4
Management	3
Mathematics	1
Mechanical Engineering	8
Neuroscience	1
Nursing	9
Physics	
Political Science	5
Psychology	3
Spanish	
Studies in War and Peace	5
TOTALS	111

Navy	Air Force	Marines	Coast Guard	Unknown Branch
		1		
	1			
1	1			
2	1			
	1			
1	1	1		
1	1			
	1			
2		1		
4	5	5		
1	5			
1	1			
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1		1		
	1	1		
	1			
	2			
	2	1		
2				
4	6			1
	1			
2	5			
1				
2	2	1		
1				
1				
1	2	4		
28	40	16	1	1

**Total = 197** 

### **Continuing Education**

Of the 385 respondents, 39 (10.1%) students planned to continue their education. This includes pursuing a second bachelor's degree or attending a master's or doctorate program.

Major	Number	School
Architecture	13	Norwich University
Athletic Training	3	Indiana State University
		University of Vermont
		Ohio University
Biology	2	Nova Southeastern University
		Norwich University
Chemistry	1	Northeastern University
Comp. Sec. Information Assurance	1	Norwich University
Criminal Justice	3	2 - Norwich University
		1 - St. Mary's Seminary
Engineering (General)	1	University of Arizona
Environmental Science	1	Vermont Law School
Exercise Science	1	The Citadel
International Studies	1	Norwich University
Management	4	Norwich University
Mechanical Engineering	1	Bowling Green State University
Neuroscience	1	University of South Carolina
Nursing	1	Norwich University
Political Science	1	United States Military Academy,
		West Point
Psychology	2	Antioch University
		Fitchburg State University
Studies in War and Peace	2	Norwich University
		Goodwin University



### Salary Data

We are committed to protecting the identities of the respondents of the survey. With that in mind, we averaged the reported salaries based upon academic college rather than major. We broke out military and civilian salaries separately.

Six individuals reported receiving a signing bonus ranging from \$800 to \$5,500. Five of the new grads indicated that they received other compensation ranging from \$2,000 to \$30,000. The additional compensation will be added to the total amount the individual received annually and averaged out in each major grouping.

The annual starting salary in 2021 in the U.S. military for an O-1 is \$40,630. However, many of our graduates will immediately, or in the near future, earn more than that based upon their career paths, allowances, incentives, and specialty pay. At the time of the survey, students were not yet aware of additional pay.

#### College of Liberal Arts (CoLA)

(Chinese, Communications, Criminal Justice, Education, English, French, German, History, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Studies of War and Peace)

We were able to ascertain salaries for 22 (23.91%) of the 92 (46.7%) individuals who entered the military in the CoLA. We were unable to ascertain the salaries for the remaining 70 (76.09%) students. If we were to estimate that the 70 individuals made \$40,630, the average starting salary would be \$41,506 for CoLA graduates entering the military.

Of the 35 CoLA students who are employed, we were only able to ascertain salaries for 12 (34.29%) of them. Of those who reported their salaries the average starting salary was **\$40,192**.

#### College of Professional Schools (CoPS)

(Architecture, Accounting, Business Management, International Business, Computer Science, Computer Security & Information Assurance, General Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Construction Management, Nursing, Nursing (Accelerated)

We were able to ascertain salaries for 30 (36.59%) of the 82 (41.62%) individuals who entered the military in the CoPS. We were unable to ascertain the salaries for the remaining 52 (63.41%) students. If we were to estimate that the 52 individuals made \$40,630, the average starting salary would be \$40,877 for CoPS graduates entering the military.

Of the 59 CoPS students who are employed, we were only able to ascertain salaries for 35 (59.32%) of them. Of those who reported their salaries the average starting salary was **\$57,144**.

#### College of Science and Mathematics (CoSM)

(Athletic Training, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Geology, Health Science, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physical Education, Physics)

We were able to ascertain salaries for 9 (39.13%) of the 23 (11.68%) individuals who entered the military in the CoSM. We were unable to ascertain the salaries for the remaining 14 (60.87%) students. If we were to estimate that the 14 individuals made \$40,630, the average starting salary would be \$39,172 for CoSM graduates entering the military.

Of the 7 CoSM students who are employed, we were able to ascertain salaries for 6 (85.71%). Of those who reported their salaries the average starting salary was **\$53,017**.

