The Undergraduate Alumni Survey was conducted in the spring of 2012.

The sample included 561 alumni earning bachelor’s degrees in the prior academic year (2010-11) to see what they were doing one-year following graduation. The on-line survey resulted in 192 responses (34%) and was followed up with phone calls to administer an abbreviated survey to non-respondents obtained 80 more responses for an overall response rate of (48%).

The survey also asked respondents to reflect on their time and experiences at Otterbein regarding the Five Cardinal Experiences, the strengths and weaknesses of their time at Otterbein, and about their future plans.

**Employment**

Eighty-three percent, 225 graduates, indicated that they were currently employed. The following summary statistics include only these students:

⇒ Most (67%) indicated that their job was related to their major.
⇒ Most (75%) are working full-time.
⇒ 1.5% report that they are engaged in full-time service work (Teach for America, Peace Corps, etc).
⇒ 84% are working within the state of Ohio and 16% out of state with the most popular out of state locations being New York (4%), California (2%), and Pennsylvania (1%).
⇒ Approximately half of all graduates are identified as working in one of five industries including: Education (17%), Health or Medicine (13%), Banking or Insurance (12%), Theatre/Entertainment (7%), or Government Positions (5%).

The most popular employers of recent graduates include:

⇒ Banking and Insurance: Nationwide Insurance and JPMorgan Chase.
⇒ Education: Olentangy and Dublin School Districts.
⇒ Health Fields: Nationwide Children’s, Ohio State, and Mount Carmel Hospitals.
ALUMNI FEEDBACK ON THE OTTERBEIN EXPERIENCE

Alumni Currently in School
Overall, 12%, 33 respondents, reported that their primary professional activity was continuing their education. Of these 33 respondents, the most popular fields being pursued were:

⇒ Business
⇒ Health
⇒ Veterinary Medicine
⇒ Psychology
⇒ Science
⇒ Communication

Plans to Return to School
Of the students indicating they are not currently full-time students:

⇒ 5% indicate that they are currently in school part-time while they are working.
⇒ 1% have already completed a graduate or professional program.
⇒ 37% Indicate they will return to graduate school within the next three years.
⇒ Only 25% do not expect to ever attend graduate or professional school.

ALUMNI SATISFACTION

“I extremely enjoyed my time at Otterbein and highly recommend this university to people. The small size of campus and friendly atmosphere mean professors truly care about you as a person and want to help you! Thank you to everyone at Otterbein for helping to make my 4 years at Otterbein such a great and memorable experience!”

Grace Wolf, Otterbein ’11 Associate Consultant, Beacon Partners

“Otterbein is a fantastic school for undergraduates and a lot of graduate schools are looking for students with a liberal arts background.”

Alicia Campbell, Otterbein ’11 Environmental Science Graduate Student
The Ohio State University

When asked about their overall satisfaction with their Otterbein experience, 88% of graduates reported being somewhat or very satisfied.

“Studying abroad was the best decision I made at Otterbein. It had led me to the eleven week back packing tour of Europe that I am currently on. I am seeing and doing things everyday that expand my mind, and it has been an amazing experience so far.”

Tegan Johnson, Otterbein ’11 Currently Traveling in Europe
The Majority of graduates (73%) independently traveled within the United States while attending Otterbein. When University sponsored travel for both within the United States and International trips are combined, 44% of graduates had participated in University sponsored travel.


As demonstrated in the chart below, the majority of graduates report having participated at some level in individual research (76%), professional experiences (86%), experiences with diverse groups (83%), leadership activities (79%), and community engagement (82%).

The Otterbein experience
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Discover your interests, set goals for your future, and explore majors and career options. Career planning will ensure that the decisions you make and the actions you take as a college student will put you on the right path — a path that will lead you to a lifetime of career achievements and personal fulfillment.

The Center for Career and Professional Development provides assistance in:

- Career & Major Exploration
- Self-Assessment
- Career options for majors
- Internships
- Job Search
- Resume Writing
- Employer Job Postings

Center for Career & Professional Development
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