

Executive Summary



STONEHILL COLLEGE

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Senior Exit Survey Class of 2013

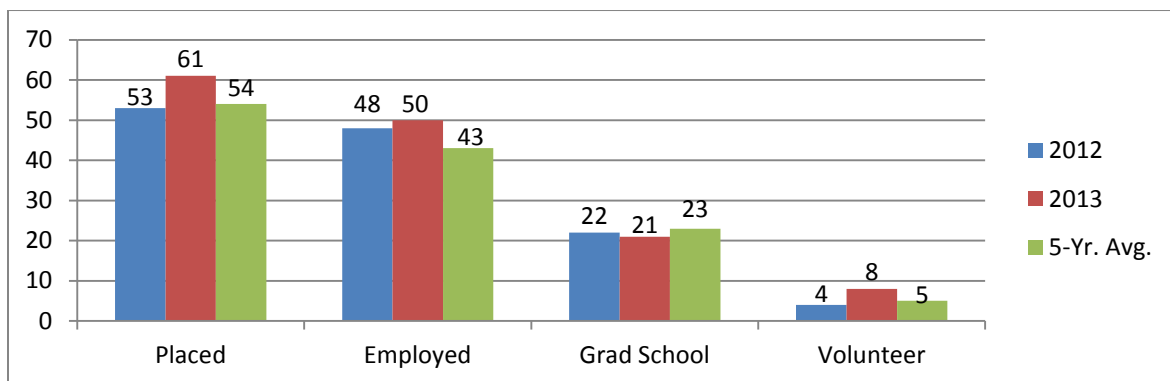
The Senior Exit Survey (SES) collects valuable insights from graduating seniors to help the College assess the effectiveness of its academic and co-curricular programs, student services, and learn more about the educational and career plans of its graduates. Survey questions are focused on the following areas: experiential learning, student leadership, academics, educating the whole person, religion and spirituality, post-graduate placement, and overall Stonehill experience.

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Methodology

- The Senior Exit Survey was administered online to the Class of 2013. Data was collected April 22 – May 18, 2013. The response rate for the Class of 2013 is 93%. The 5-year average response rate for the Senior Exit Survey is 95%.

Career Outcomes



Placement Rate

- The Placement Rate for the Class of 2013 is 61%, which is 8 pts higher than last year. The placement rate includes seniors that have secured employment, were accepted into a degree/certificate program for the fall, will be entering a graduate degree program in the fall, or were accepted into a year-long service program at the time of graduation.

Employment

- The Employment Rate for the Class of 2013 rose 2 pts over last year to 50%. This increase may be attributed to the strengthening economy.
- The top employers for graduates of the Class of 2013 include PricewaterhouseCoopers, Children's Hospital Boston, Partners Healthcare, and W.B. Mason.

Post-Graduate Education

- Twenty-one percent of seniors from the Class of 2013 will be entering into a degree/certificate program or completing graduate/undergraduate coursework in the fall. The majority of graduates will be enrolling in Master of Arts or Master of Science degree programs (37%), followed by other professional Master's programs (32%), J.D. programs (7%), Medical (4%), and Ph.D./Other Doctoral programs (20%).
- The top graduate/professional schools of students in the Class of 2013 include Northeastern University, Boston University, Boston College, Tufts University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Suffolk University, University of Massachusetts and the University of Connecticut.

Volunteer/Service Programs

- This year a new high is reached with approximately 8% of graduates of the Class of 2013 participating in a year-long service program after graduation. The majority of graduates will be participating in the AmeriCorps – NCCC/VISTA (17%), Teach for America (17%), Stonehill International Extension (15%), Peace Corps (11%), Jesuit Volunteer Corps (6%) and the new Stonehill Extension Program in Brockton, MA (6%).
- Fifty-five percent will participate in domestic service programs and 45% will be in international service programs.

Stonehill Satisfaction

Overall

- Eighty-five percent of graduating seniors felt Stonehill was very effective/effective for current job preparation while 82 percent felt Stonehill was very effective/effective in preparing them for graduate/professional school.
- Eighty-three percent of graduating seniors have a very positive/positive attitude about Stonehill College.
- 9-in-10 respondents (90%) would recommend Stonehill for a baccalaureate education.

First Major

- Ninety-two percent of graduating seniors are very/somewhat satisfied with their overall learning gained through their first major. Respondents were also highly satisfied with faculty accessibility (94%), level of effort required for their coursework (93%), teaching quality (93%) and level of rigor (90%).
- Respondents most frequently report that their first major could have been improved through a greater variety of course offerings, having more class sections available, having more hands-on/practical learning experiences in the classroom, and better advisor/advising.

Leadership

- More than 5-in-10 respondents (53%) were involved in at least one leadership activity during their time at Stonehill. Students served in leadership roles in clubs/organizations, on student government committees, as team captains, admission student ambassadors, peer mentors, student government officer and RA/RSA.

Career Services

- More than 8-in-10 graduates (86%) of the Class of 2013 were very/somewhat satisfied with Career Services. Approximately 77% of graduates participated in a domestic internship and 15% participated in an international internship.