

# Career Services at Virginia Tech

## Post-Graduation Report 2012-2013 Executive Summary

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### 2012-2013 grads: Who was surveyed and responded, and when:

- WHO: We surveyed all bachelor's & associate's degree graduates (N=5,418) completing in academic year 2012-2013 (Dec. 2012, May + summer 2013) based on Application For Degree [AFD] records with the University Registrar. Response N=3,232; rate=60% (higher than 57% in past two years, below rates of four prior years: 63% in 2009-2010; 69% in 2008-2009 & 2007-2008; 73% in 2006-2007). [Methodology](#).
- WHEN: Survey opens prior to commencement and closes six months after for each sub-cohort (Dec | May+sum). Respondents whose plans were not firm were periodically asked to update responses.
- DEFINITION: All stats refer to respondents, so "grads" or "graduates" means responding graduates.
- UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE / MAJOR DATA: Stats are for whole university, unless noted. Full report online includes stats viewable by college and major.
- TEN YEARS OF COMPARABLE DATA: Reports are in the same format, and thus comparable, for ten years: graduates of academic years 2003-2004 through 2012-2013. Several [multi-year summaries](#) online.

### 2012-2013 continuing education or employment [a.k.a. "firm plans"]: 77%.

- **Down 5 percentage points from prior year.** By college, same for two, down for four, up for one.

Who	Continuing education % (prior year %)	Employed % (prior year %)	Firm plans: continuing education or employed % (prior yr %)
Total Univ.	25% (down from 27%) Same as 10-11	52% (down from 55% and 53% prior 2 years)	77% (down from 82% & 78% prior 2 years)
AGLS	46 (46)	36 (36)	82 (82)
ARCHUS	11 (11)	51 (61)	62 (72)
BUS	10 (11)	73 (72)	83 (83)
ENGR	17 (18)	65 (67)	82 (85)
LAHS	26 (31)	46 (43)	72 (74)
NRE	18 (21)	55 (44)	73 (65)
SCI	42 (46)	33 (36)	75 (82)

See ten years for trends: [Firm plans university and college, ten years.](#)

### 2012-2013 grads continuing education: 25%.

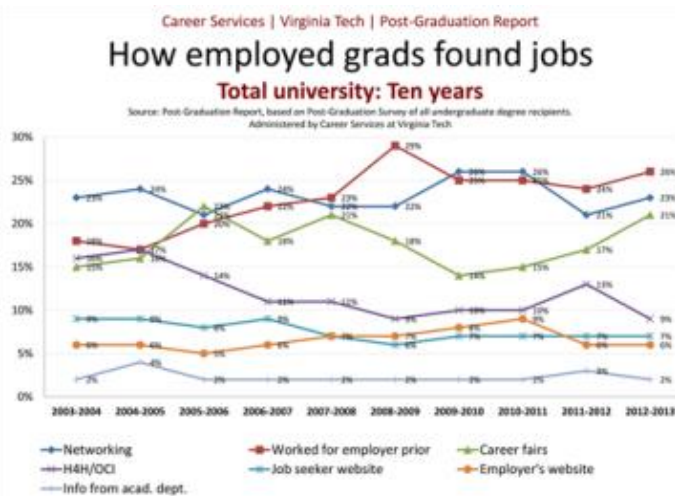
- **Back to 2010-2011 level after rise to 27% in 2011-2012.**
- **By college, continuing education rates varied from 11% - 46%** (for 2012-2013 & 2011-2012 grads). Compared to prior year, 2012-2013 rates are down for four colleges; same for two. Highest percentages of continuing education are in AGLS (46%) and SCI (42%), followed by LAHS (26%). For all ten years, more SCI grads continue education than go to work. Ditto for AGLS for seven years. ARCHUS (11%) and BUS (10%) grads continue education at the lowest percentages for all ten years.
- **DEGREES pursued post-undergrad remain fairly steady year to year:** 2012-2013 grads pursuing: master's degree=59%; M.D./other medical=13%; law=6%; another bachelor's=6%; Ph.D.=7%; D.V.M.=5%.
- List of degrees, programs of study, institutions and locations, by undergrad major in [annual reports online](#).

### 2012-2013 grads employment: 52%.

- **Lower than all years except three:** 2009-2010=49%, 2008-2009=50% & 2003-2004=48%. Highest levels were 2007-2008 & 2006-2007: 59%. More recent past: 2011-2012=55%; 2010-2011=53%. Up: BUS (73%), LAHS (46%), NRE (55%). Same: AGLS (36%). Down: ARCHUS (51%), ENGR (65%), SCI (33%).
- **Quality of employment continues to trend up.** Best stats since 07-08  
**Employment related to career goals?** "Very" up to 72% from 70%. "Somewhat" down to 28% from 30%. "Not" 0%, same as prior year.  
**Employment related to major?** "Very" up to 63% from 62% (prior 2 years=58%). "Somewhat" up to 27% from 27%. "Not" down to 9% from 11%.  
 See: [Highlights, ten years.](#)

## How 2012-2013 employed grads found jobs: NOT new news!

- **#1 WORKED FOR EMPLOYER PRIOR=26%**. (through internship, summer or p-t job, volunteer work, etc.)  
#1 or #2 for last seven years; job source for 22% to 29%.  
By college: job source for **19-40%** of employed 2012-2013 grads.
- **#2 NETWORKING=23%**. (contacts through friends, family, employers, faculty/staff, alumni, fellow org members)  
#1 or #2 for all 10 yrs; job source for 21-26%.  
#1 for AGLS, LAHS, SCI; #2 for ARCHUS, BUS, LAHS, NRE; #3 for ENGR. By college: job source for **15- 41%**. 13-45% over ten years.  
1<sup>st</sup> place for SCI all ten years, for AGLS nine years, and for LAHS eight years.
- **#3 CAREER FAIRS for seven years.**  
Up to 21% for 2012-2013 grads.  
Colleges vary: 3% (AGLS) - 33% (ENGR).  
Total univ. trending up since 2009-2010 (14%); highest since 2008-2009 (18%).  
Since last year: Big increase: BUS, ENGR. Up some: LAHS, SCI. Down: AGLS, ARCHUS, NRE.
- **#4 OCI/H4H for eight years:**  
2012-2013= 9%, lowest rate of all 10 years.  
Colleges vary: 0% (ARCHUS & NRE) - 19% (BUS).  
Drop to #3 spot BUS. Steady #4 source ENGR (9%). Bottom, second-to-last, or non-existent for all other colleges.
- [How employed grads found jobs, by university and colleges, ten years.](#)



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## Salary median:

- Same as last year: \$50,000. Higher than all eight prior years. (N=1,329 reporting salary) for 2012-2013.
- **But they don't all tell.** 80% of employed 2012-2013 grads reported salaries; higher than four prior years; but lower than four earlier years when 90% and 83% reported \$.  
Compared to prior year: Five colleges' reporting levels rose (AGLS 70%; ARCHUS 82%; ENGR 89%; LAHS 69%; SCI 71%). Two had lower reporting levels (BUS 87%; NRE 55%).
- [Salary medians, university and colleges, ten years.](#)

## Career-related experience during college? Yes. Regrets about career planning? Yes.

- **60% wished they had done something differently related to planning for life after college.**  
Has always been half or more. 60% is highest level of ten years; increase from 58% in prior four years.  
**30%** of all respondents **wished** learned more/earlier about career options (also highest level of ten years).
- **91%** of all respondents **had one or more types of career-related experience.**  
**35%** of all respondents **wished they'd gotten MORE** (highest level of all ten years).
- [What grads wished they had done, university, ten years.](#)

## Who employs our grads?

- **Over 900 organizations** were reported by the N=1,713 2012-2013 grads who stated they are employed.
- **136 grads** (over 8%) who claimed employment **did not provide their employing organization.**
- **Most-frequently-named employer**, cited by N=43 grads, **2.58% of all employed**, is **Virginia Tech**, which has been in the top five all nine years since 04-05. This year's N and % for VT are an all-time high.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (last year's 1<sup>st</sup> place): Deloitte (25 grads; 1.5%); #3 (same as last year) Accenture (23 grads); #4 (also same as last year) U.S. Army (22 grads).
- [Most-reported employers, ten-year list](#) shows employers reported by 5 or 6 or more grads over 10 years.
- List of all employers, job titles, locations, **by major** in [annual reports online](#).

The [full annual reports online](#) - viewable by **university, colleges** and **majors** - include much more.