



SAINT FRANCIS
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First Destination Report

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Saint Francis University

Executive Summary

Survey Overview

Total Students in Class of 2020 = 629

Total Survey Respondents = 518

Survey Knowledge/Response Rate = 82%

The data gathered through the annual First Destination Survey distributed by the Office of Career Services shows that Saint Francis University's overall employment/graduate school rate for the Class of 2020 remains competitive at 96% employed or attending graduate school within 9 months of graduation (95% employed or attending graduate school within 6 months).

Methodology: The 2020 survey was distributed by Career Services to 629 undergraduate and graduate students who graduated in December 2019 and May or the Summer of 2020. Each graduate received an email with a link to the survey and a paper copy of the survey by regular mail in November 2020. Two months later, in January 2020, non-respondents were contacted again by email and regular mail. Faculty, staff, advisors, and academic departments were then contacted to obtain any available post-graduation information for non-respondents. In addition to the mailings and faculty contact, follow-up emails and phone calls were made to non-respondents. Social media tools (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Google) were also used to retrieve graduate information.

The full report is available at francis.edu/first-destination-report and contains data by major. Appendix A of the full report includes a copy of the survey tool. Questions about this report can be directed to the Office of Career Services at 814-472-3019 or careerservices@francis.edu.

HIGHLIGHTS

96%

are employed or in
graduate school

within 9 months of graduation

\$50,000-\$59,000

Average Starting Salary

reported by Class of 2020

90%

reported
strengthened faith

found SFU instrumental in
developing faith and/or
values for life after college

*"The teachers, faculty, classes,
peers, SFU masses, campus
ministry, interactions with
religious people, a loving
community, and our wonderful
Saint Francis of Assisi and his story
all intertwined into the positive
impact SFU has had on my faith."*



88%

believe experiential education matters

internships, fieldwork, clinical rotations, student
teaching or other experiential opportunities were
instrumental in obtaining full-time employment

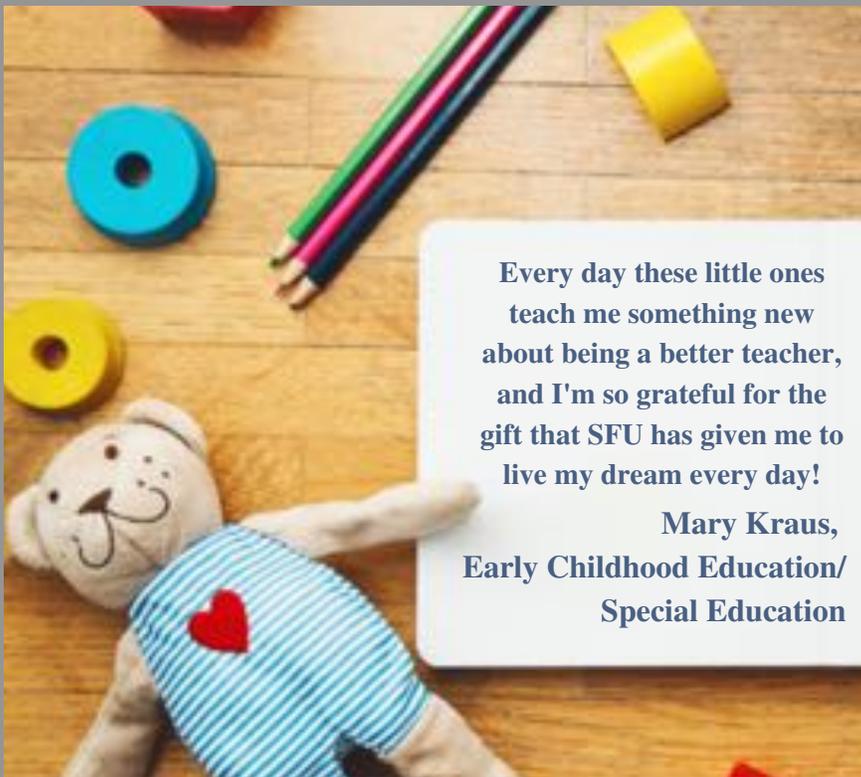
*"At SFU, you are more than just a
number. Faculty and staff take the time
to get to know you on a personal level.
The culture at SFU makes you feel
wanted and appreciated. People will go
out of their way to make you feel like
they want to see you succeed and
become that someone."*

96%

align with their field of study

graduates employed or attending
graduate school or additional education
in a field related to their program of
study





Every day these little ones teach me something new about being a better teacher, and I'm so grateful for the gift that SFU has given me to live my dream every day!

Mary Kraus,
**Early Childhood Education/
 Special Education**

Secured Employment/ Entered Graduate School

within 6 months = 95%
 within 9 months = 96%

Placement Status (518 respondents)

Employed	366
Full-time, (344)	
Part-time (6)	
Employed and attending grad school (16)	
Graduate School	132
Volunteer or service program	1
Still seeking employment	19
Not seeking due to personal reasons	0

Sampling of Jobs Obtained

- Architectural Manager
- Aquatics Specialist
- Behavior Intervention Specialist
- Contracting Officer
- Cyber Security Consultant
- Engineering Design Manager
- English Teacher
- Financial Accountant
- Human Resources Manager
- Internal Auditor
- Marketing Director
- Math Teacher
- Nurse Educator
- Occupational Therapist
- Payroll Specialist
- Physician Assistant
- Physical Therapist
- Process Engineer
- Registered Nurse
- Surgery Coordinator
- Software Engineer
- Tax Accountant

Salary Ranges (78 respondents)

\$0 - \$19,000	0
\$19,000 - \$24,999	4
\$25,000 - \$29,999	1
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9
\$40,000 - \$49,000	11
\$50,000 - \$59,000	14
\$60,000 - \$69,999	13
\$70,000 - \$79,000	9
\$80,000 - \$89,000	7
\$90,000 - \$99,000	6
Over \$100,000	4

States where grads located after SFU

locations where the most members of the Class of 2020
are employed or attending graduate school
(333 respondents)

63%

Pennsylvania	210
Florida	28
Virginia	17
Maryland	12
New York	9
Ohio	8
West Virginia	7
Outside of the US	5

Cross-section of Employers

Allegheny General Hospital
Business Analyst
Brooks Instrument
Cision
Curry Rail Services
CS Energy
Cumberland County School District
Defense Logistics Agency
Department of Veteran's Affairs
Ernst & Young
Future Motion
Geisinger Health System
Lockheed Martin
Miami Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
New York Aquarium
Open Systems International, Inc.
Oracle
Pricewaterhouse Coopers
Thermo Fisher Scientific
University of Pittsburgh
UPMC
U.S. Department of Defense

Graduate Schools Attended

(partial list)

Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Chatham University
Conemaugh School of Medical Technology
Dartmouth University
Duquesne University
Fordham University
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Hawaii Pacific University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Penn State University
Purdue University
Quincy University
Saint Francis University
Salus University
Unity College
University of Akron School of Law
University of Kentucky
University of Pittsburgh
West Virginia University
Widener Law Commonwealth

"Working at ThermoFisher secured me a career for life. I love working with people that share the same aspirations and goals. My contributions help save lives through quality control and upholding the mission and values of the company."

Angelica Blanco, Biology

Data by School

Shields School of Business

	Employed	Graduate School Only	Employed & Attending	Seeking Employment	Other
Undergrad	84%	16%	11%	0%	<0%
Grad	96%	0%	0%	4%	0%
Total	90%	8%	2%	2%	0%

School of Health Sciences and Education

	Employed	Graduate School Only	Employed & Attending	Seeking Employment	Other
Undergrad	51%	48%	10%	1%	0%
Grad	92%	2%	<1%	6%	0%
Total	72%	25%	6%	3%	0%

School of STEAM

	Employed	Graduate School Only	Employed & Attending	Seeking Employment	Other
Undergrad	64%	34%	1%	2%	<1%

Francis Worldwide

	Employed	Pursing Next Degree	Employed & Attending School	Seeking Employment	Other
Bachelor	100%	0%	9%	0%	0%
Associate	100%	0%	0%	0%	20%
Total	100%	0%	5%	0%	10%

Historical Overview, Five Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Number of Graduates	629	747	698	766	764
Response Rate	518 (82%)	647 (87%)	597 (86%)	656 (86%)	642 (84%)
Total Employed	366 (71%)	466 (72%)	439 (74%)	492 (75%)	461 (72%)
Employed Full-time	344 (94%)	414 (89%)	394 (90%)	420 (86%)	349 (76%)
Employed Part-time	6(2%)	6(1%)	14 (3%)	25 (5%)	8 (2%)
Employed - FT/PT status unknown	0 (0%)	10 (2%)	11 (2%)	46 (9%)	104 (22%)
Attending Graduate School Only	132 (25%)	173 (27%)	152 (25%)	155 (24%)	145 (23%)
Seeking Employment	19 (4%)	2 (<1%)	11 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Other					
Not Seeking -Personal Reasons		2 (<1%)	3 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Volunteering or Service	1 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (<1%)	1 (<1%)



"It is hard to believe that we should have been walking across Stokes to receive diplomas six months ago. Since then, I have been working the front lines as an RN in a rural emergency department.

The pandemic has just shown the world how much love and care that nurses put into their job every day. I thank the nursing department for preparing me to jump headfirst into the frontlines and making an impact every day."

Kaitlyn Fluke, Nursing

Called to Something Bigger Than Myself

Kale Burket, LTJG MSC USN

Master of Physician Assistant Science 2020

Primary Care: Naval Medical Center San Diego at the Naval Branch Health Clinic El Centro

"Being from a small town, most of my family did not attend college. However, from a very young age, my parents reinforced in me that obtaining a college degree should be my top priority in life. I selected my major because I have a caring personality and love to help others. When I was a sophomore in high school, I tore both menisci in my right knee a few days before the PIAA Southwest Regional Wrestling Tournament. Frequent trips to the orthopedic clinic that week had me really interested in the medical field. After picking the brain of the PA-C caring for me, I knew this was the career path I wanted to follow.



I began researching colleges with five-year MPAS programs. Little to my knowledge, one of the top schools was in my own backyard. It was a no-brainer for me to apply to Saint Francis. It was close to home and was highly esteemed as one of the country's top MPAS programs.

In addition to medicine, I always had the desire to serve my country and had the call to be a part of something bigger than myself. I always looked up to my great grandfathers, who served in the Navy and Marines during WWII. During my sophomore year at SFU, an LCDR from the Navy gave a presentation to our PA class about applying for a Navy healthcare scholarship. This was all I needed to hear as I found myself applying for the Navy HSCP scholarship shortly thereafter.

Making it through PA school is no easy task. There were many times I stayed up studying until late at night, and I found myself doing the same most weekends. This experience taught me that I could accomplish anything I put my mind towards. This is a lesson I will take with me for the rest of my life."