Class of 2016
Outcomes Summary
FIRST DESTINATIONS REPORT

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
IGNITE CHANGE. GO NOVA.
They’re starting careers with top companies—or starting businesses of their own. They’re conducting cutting-edge research and leading classroom discussions. You’ll find Villanova graduates wherever you go, because Villanova graduates have the skills to flourish wherever they go.

Built on an Augustinian Catholic foundation, they’ve become well-rounded problem solvers with strong critical-thinking skills—the type of people sought out by employers and educational institutions.

Read on for a look at the Class of 2016—a group of Villanova graduates who are about to ignite real change all over the world.

**DEFINITIONS**

**SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT RATE**: Graduates who are employed, continuing education or engaged in other planned activities [including military service, volunteer/service work and taking time off before pursuing opportunities].

**EMPLOYED**: Graduates who are employed full time and part time, including as entrepreneurs and in fellowships, temporary/contract work, freelance jobs and postgraduation internships.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**: Graduates who are enrolled full time or part time in a degree program, certificate program or specialized training.

**OTHER ENDEAVORS**: Graduates who are involved in service and volunteer programs for an extended period of time, serving in any branch of the military or choosing non-employment, including graduates taking gap years before applying to professional and doctoral programs.

**SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES**: Graduates who reported seeking employment or continuing education programs after graduation.

*Outcomes data found on this page reflects information for Bachelor's degree recipients from all colleges and schools in the Villanova Class of 2016.
PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC AWARDS

2016 Graduates earned 22 of the most prestigious fellowships in the world, including 10 Fulbright Scholarships, a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, five Gilman Scholarships, and three Boren Scholarships.

"THE VALUE OF A VILLANOVA EDUCATION REMAINS STRONGER THAN EVER. OUR STUDENTS DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT GUIDE THEM TOWARD MEANINGFUL LIFE WORK. OUR AVERAGE STARTING SALARIES ARE STRONG, AND OUR EMPLOYING ORGANIZATIONS ARE AMONG THE FINEST IN THE WORLD."

KEVIN GRUBB
Executive Director, Villanova University Career Center

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES: LIBERAL ARTS

96.8% successful placement rate

65.7% Employed

21.9% Continuing Education

9.2% Other Endeavors

3.2% Seeking Opportunities

$47,921 average starting salary

Featured Employers and Educational Institutions

- Amazon
- Bloomberg
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- HBO
- Hubspot
- Morgan Stanley
- Penguin Random House
- Teach for America
- Time Inc.
- Tory Burch
- Vanguard
- Boston College Law School
- Cornell Law School
- Duke University School of Law
- Harvard Law School
- Loyola University (Chicago)—PhD in Philosophy
- UCLA School of Law
- University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES: SCIENCES

96.1% successful placement rate

- 48.6% Employed
- 15.5% Other Endeavors
- 3.9% Seeking Opportunities
- 32% Continuing Education

$57,917 average starting salary

Featured Employers and Educational Institutions
- Apple
- FTI Consulting
- GlaxoSmithKline
- JPMorgan Chase
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center
- PRA Health Sciences
- United Technologies
- Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
- Jefferson College of Pharmacy at Thomas Jefferson University
- Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
- University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)—PhD in Chemistry

VILLANOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

97.2% successful placement rate

- 89.4% Employed
- 1.6% Other Endeavors
- 2.8% Seeking Opportunities
- 6.2% Continuing Education

$61,141 average starting salary

Featured Employers and Educational Institutions
- 3M
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Bloomingdale’s
- CBRE
- Comcast NBCUniversal
- Deloitte
- Deutsche Bank
- EY
- Goldman Sachs
- IBM
- JPMorgan Chase
- KPMG
- L’Oreal
- Lilly Pulitzer
- PwC
- SAP
- Johns Hopkins University—MS in Economics
95.4% successful placement rate

$63,457 average starting salary

- AECOM
- Air Products and Chemicals
- Exelon
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Harris Corporation
- Kennedy Space Center
- Lockheed Martin
- Lutron
- Merck
- NAVAIR
- Navigant Consulting
- SpaceX
- Turner Construction
- Verizon
- Stanford University—PhD in Mechanical Engineering
- Seton Hall University School of Law
- University of Cambridge—PhD in Surgery

95.1% successful placement rate

$61,085 average starting salary

- Boston Children’s Hospital
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Duke University Medical Center
- Hospital for Special Surgery
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Main Line Health
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- New York Presbyterian Hospital
- North Shore-LIJ Health System
- NYU Langone Medical Center
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center

*Continuing Education is not included in the above chart as no nursing graduates reported this outcome.
At Villanova, the Career Center and the colleges collaborate to provide students with enriched course work and internship experiences. Innovative career and professional development concepts are integrated into the curriculum of every college starting as early as freshman year. Villanovans also benefit from a comprehensive network of services designed to prepare them for the road ahead, including:

- Advising sessions with career counselors
- Resumé and cover letter writing workshops
- Professional development workshops
- Networking opportunities

**Careers in International Development Day**: A unique networking event that can take Villanovans’ desire to ignite change in the world and turn it into reality. This alumni-centric event introduces students to professions working to positively impact global poverty, inequality, climate change and world peace.

**Public Policy Society**: An alumni-driven networking initiative that allows students to explore careers in public policy, including NGOs and politics, and builds an engaged alumni group of Villanovans working in Washington, D.C.

**Villanova in the Valley**: A semester break trip to Silicon Valley that connects students with leading entrepreneurs and innovators. Past trips have included visits to the Google and Facebook headquarters.

**Villanova on Set**: A break trip to Los Angeles, where students connect with alumni in the entertainment industry.

**Site visits in New York and Washington, D.C.**: Day trips to visit the nation’s leading firms in finance, fashion, advertising and politics.

The Villanova experience is built on connections—and those connections extend well beyond campus. As undergraduates, Villanova students gain access to 120,000 alumni members of the Nova Network, and, as a result, they advance along a promising path to an internship or career. Some opportunities offered through the Nova Network include:

**PROFESSORS AT VILLANOVA ARE COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR STUDENTS, BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. THEIR DEDICATION—ALONG WITH THE STEADFAST SUPPORT OF STAFF WORKING DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS TO FIND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES—ALLOWED ME TO PURSUE A UNIQUE POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE AS AN NIH-MARSHALL SCHOLAR.**

*NICHOLAS ADER  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
NIH-Marshall Scholarship Recipient*

**THE VILLANOVA IN THE VALLEY PROGRAM CHALLENGED ME TO SEE THE POWER OF INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN EVERYTHING I DO. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT MY EXPOSURE TO THE SILICON VALLEY MINDSET INSPIRED AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT IN ME THAT LANDED ME THE AMAZING JOB I HAVE TODAY.**

*ELIZABETH TYHACZ  
College of Engineering*
HOW VILLANOVA COLLECTS THESE RESULTS

The Career Center conducts several surveys of Villanova’s spring undergraduate graduating class, starting the April before graduation and ending six months after Commencement, to assess postgraduation plans and employment information. Information is also collected via public record (LinkedIn) and official employment and institutional records. A small percentage of graduates reported prior to graduation that they were seeking opportunities, but did not provide an update during the survey collection period and are not included in these statistics. The percentage of the graduating class with known career outcomes is the knowledge rate. The knowledge rate for the Class of 2016 is 90.8 percent.

For detailed college-specific outcomes reports and to view past outcomes studies, visit careers.villanova.edu.