Class of 2008 Postgraduate Plans
Snapshot

Middlebury students are highly talented and hirable. Their postgraduate interests stretch from the World Wildlife Foundation to Wall Street. Below is an early snapshot of the plans of the class of 2008. Please note that, as is common at most liberal-arts colleges, an accurate picture of the future of the entire class is not available at the time of graduation. The information provided is culled from a sampling of seniors' responses to a survey conducted in May, just prior to graduation.

Senior Survey

A total of 381 seniors responded to the 2008 Career Services Senior Survey regarding their immediate post-graduation plans. This represents 53% of the class. Here is the breakdown:

- Accepted full-time employment: 32%
- Waiting to confirm offers or still looking: 36%
- Headed to graduate school: 8%
- Awaiting school acceptance: 4%
- Internships or fellowships: 5%
- Planning to travel: 4%
- No plans: 8%

Thus, in the fall of 2008, over 90% of the respondents will either be beginning a new job or graduate school program, participating in an internship or fellowship, continuing a job search, or waiting on graduate school acceptances.
Employment Information

The top hiring industries of the class of 2008 were Finance and Education, followed closely by Consulting. Teach for America employed the most students followed by Lehman Brothers. These top two employers serve to demonstrate the breadth of student career interests. Since these are the two industries that participate the most assertively in campus recruiting and who make the earliest offers, it is understandable that they would account for the most students with plans at the time of the survey. In fact, many students return to campus after junior summer internships in these industries with accepted offers in hand. It is important to keep in mind that many Middlebury graduates do not begin their search until after graduation and 47% of the Middlebury '08 grads have yet to complete the survey. Thus, the most accurate picture of the future pursuits of a graduating class is usually obtained about one year after graduation.

Of those reporting employment, the top industries are:

- **Finance and Banking**, including the firms of Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, Lazard, CIBC World Markets, Deutsche Asset Management, The Hartford Investment Co, Barclays Capital, Aon, and Bloomberg LP.

- **Education and Academia**, including Harvard University, Americorps, Oxford Academy, Putney Student Travel, Brewster Academy, Teach for America, New Canaan Country School, Portsmouth Abbey School, Culver Academy, NOLS, Overland Travel, and Middlebury College.


- **Law/Legal Services Research**, including the Department of Justice, Cravath, Swaine and Moore, Dewey Ballantine, New York County District Attorney’s Office, Shearman and Sterling LLP, Drohan, Lee, and Kelley LLP, and Sidley Austin.

- **Healthcare**, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Partners AIDS Research Center at Harvard University, Southern Jersey Medical Center, and the US Disabilities Office.

- **Communications and Media**, Dateline/NBC, and Sony/BMG Music Entertainment.

- **Environmental**, California Public Interest Group.

- **Other industries** reported were arts and entertainment, biotechnology, energy, government, intelligence, non-profit organizations, research, technology, travel and tourism, and social/human services agencies.

Geographic Preference
Given the diversity of countries and U.S. states that make up any Middlebury class, it is no surprise that after leaving Middlebury, students relocate to all corners of the globe. The class of 2008 follows in the footsteps of previous classes by pursuing their interests in domestic locations such as New York City, Boston, Washington DC, and several California cities. Internationally, members of the class will be heading to Argentina, Canada, Europe, the Galapagos Islands, and the Pacific Rim.

Research Sources

It is widely known that networking is the best way to find preferred opportunities. Likewise, the majority of survey respondents found their job or school through Middlebury alumni, family, friends, or a previous employer/internship sponsor. Faculty also play an important role in helping students connect with opportunities, particularly as related to graduate schools.