

Results from the Class of 2023 One Year Out Survey

Overview

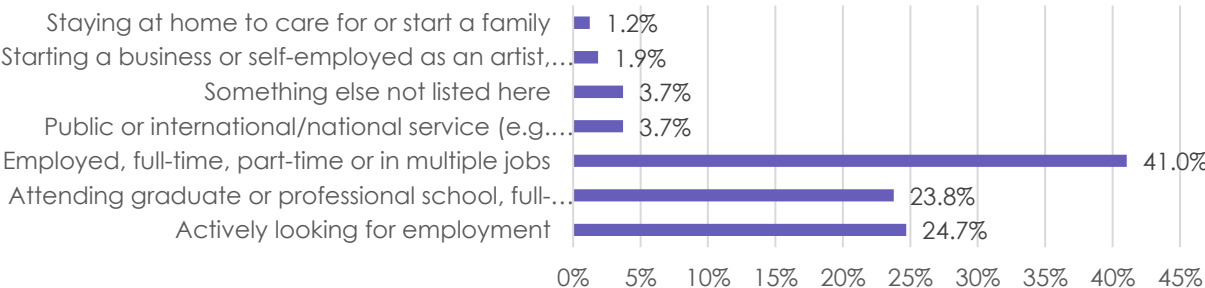
To understand the lives of young alumni, Kenyon has implemented both a Senior Survey and One Year Out Survey that focus on the plans and experiences of Kenyon students immediately after graduation and through the following fall. The Class of 2023 is the eleventh graduating class to receive both surveys, and they offer us a glimpse into how our very youngest alumni are progressing and how they view Kenyon and its effect on their lives. The responses indicate that, of those alums who responded to our survey:

- The vast majority of the class (93%) is employed, in graduate school, or pursuing other endeavors of their choice such as a public or international/national service (e.g. Peace Corp, Teach for America).
- 6% indicated that they are looking for employment.
- The 68.3% of respondents felt that Kenyon effectively prepared them for their jobs and 93% felt that Kenyon effectively prepared them for graduate school.

Senior Plans of the Class of 2023

Seniors in the Class of 2023 were surveyed from early April through May 25th, 2023 about their plans for the fall after graduation. Of the 444 seniors surveyed, 286 responded for an overall response rate of 64%. Of the graduating seniors responding to the Senior Survey, 41% indicated that they already found either a part or full-time position. In addition, 24% planned to attend graduate or professional school.

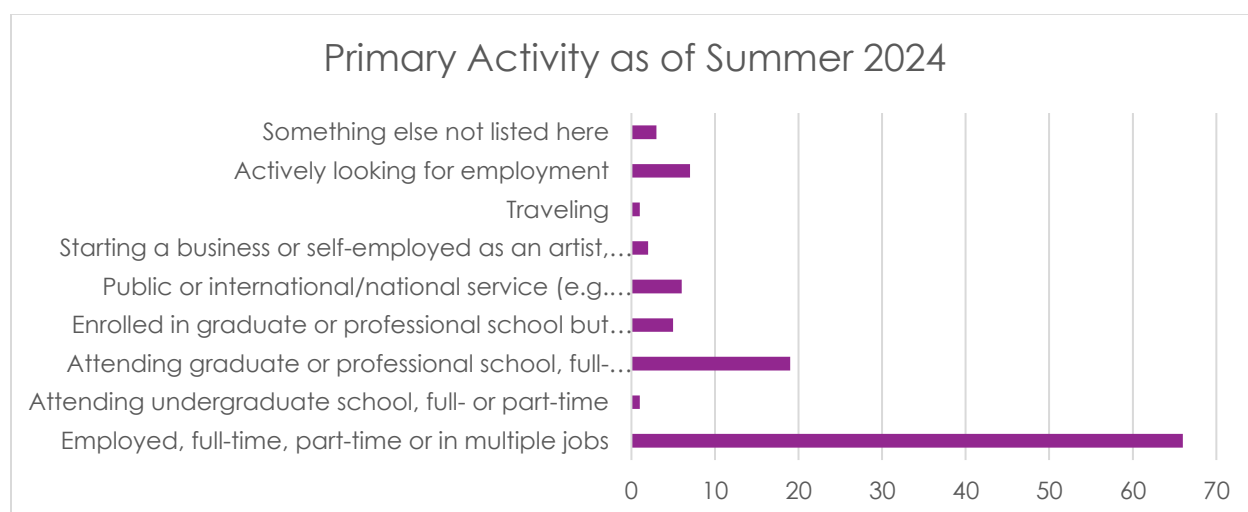
Class of 2023 Post-Graduation Activities



Data Source: Senior Survey 2023. N=324

Status in the summer of 2024

The Class of 2023 was invited to respond to a “one year out” survey regarding their current pursuits in at the end of June through July 2024.¹ The response rate was 24.5% (114 of 465 invitees). Of the 110 who responded about their primary activity, 60% indicated that they were currently employed while 17% were in graduate or professional school. Additionally, 6% indicated that they were currently looking for employment. Looking across the ten years of historical data from this survey, the percent of students in each category have shown little variation from year to year. This year is very similar to previous years, with an exception of the class of 2019, which saw 8% seeking employment likely due to impacts of Covid-19. Historically the percent of respondents who indicated that they are actively looking for employment has consistently ranged from 1-6%.

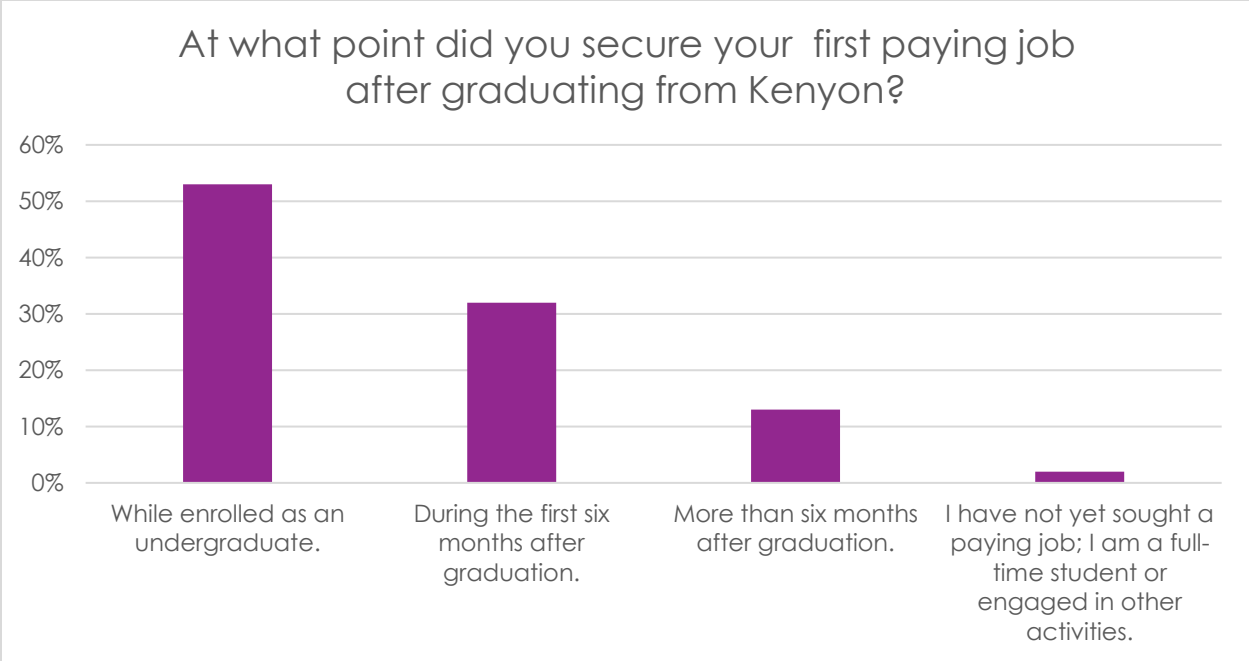


Data source: One Year Out Survey, July 2024. N=110.

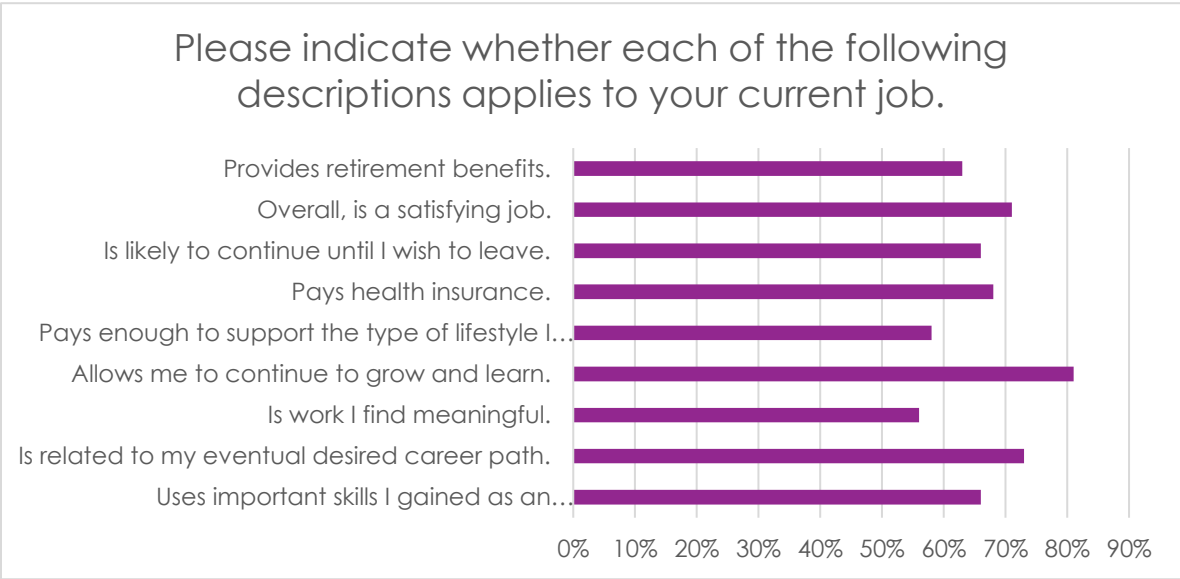
Employment

Of the Class of 2023 respondents who indicated that they were employed, 32% indicated that they found their first job during the first six months after graduating from Kenyon. In addition, 53% indicated that they were employed at the time of graduation, and 13% indicated that they were employed more than six months after graduating. Compared to historical data, more respondents from the Class of 2023 secured a paying job during the first six months after graduation than respondents from most past years.

¹ Alumni for whom we did not have a valid email address.

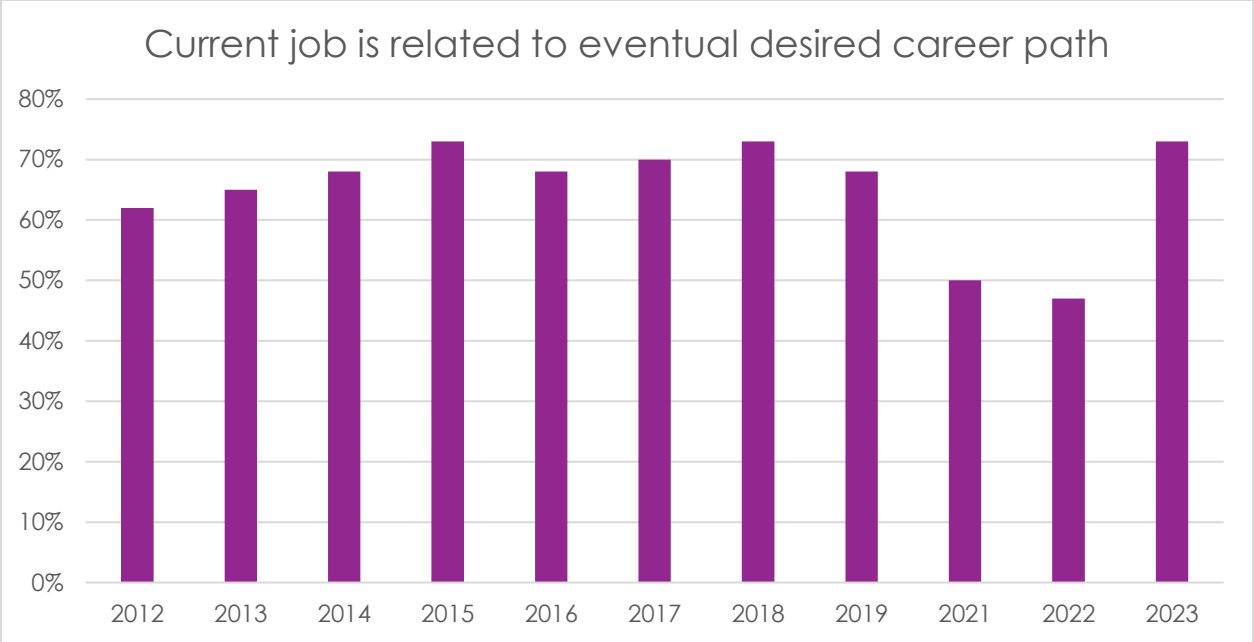


Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2024. N=62.



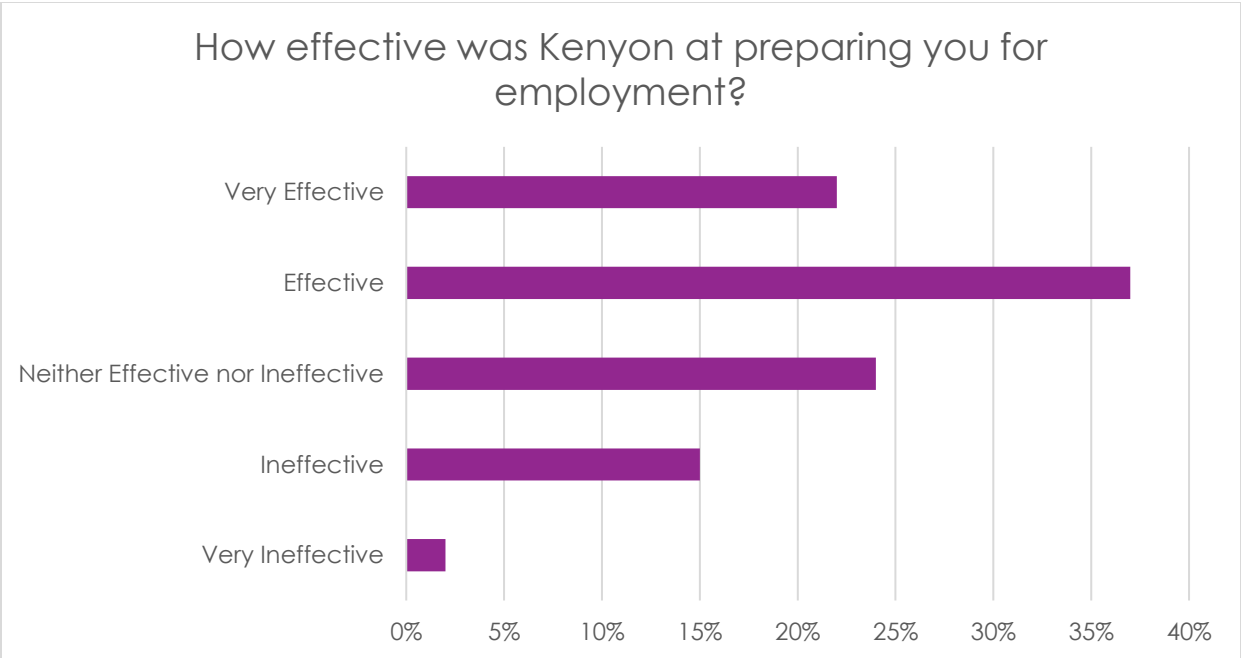
Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2024. N=59.

Of the class of 2023 respondents who indicated that they were employed, 81% of respondents indicated that their job allows them to continue to grow and learn, which is significantly higher than last year's respondents to this question. Similarly, 73% of this year's respondents indicated that their job was related to their eventual desired career path which is significantly more than the 47% from last year.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, Spring 2012-2023

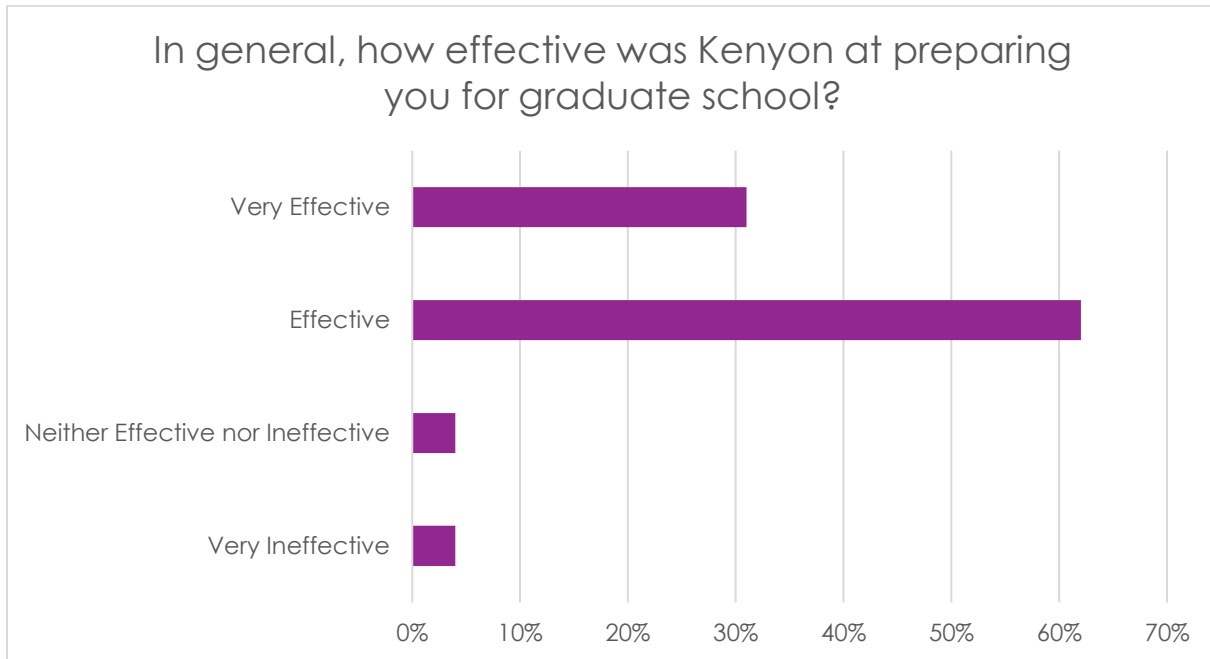
In addition to questions about job quality, respondents who were employed at the time of the survey were also asked to generally describe how well Kenyon did at preparing them for employment. 59% indicated that Kenyon was effective or very effective at preparing them for employment. Looking across the nine years of historical data from this survey, the percent of respondents who indicated “effective” or “very effective” has been consistently near 65-75%.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2024 N=59.

Graduate and Professional School

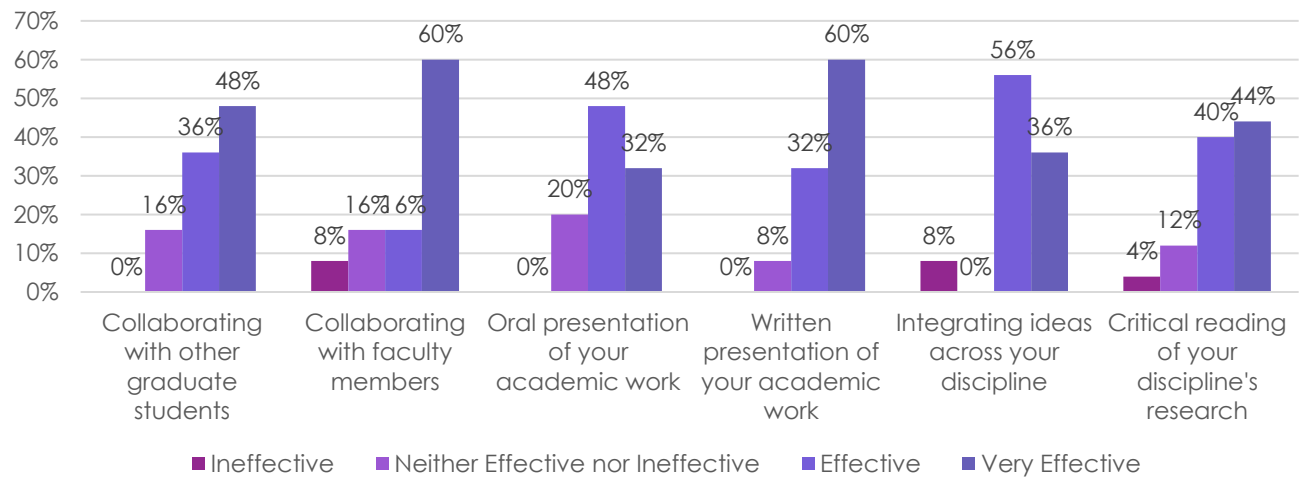
Of the respondents who indicated that their primary activity was graduate school were asked a similar question as employed respondents about how well Kenyon had prepared them for their current pursuits. Of those respondents, 93% of respondents in graduate school indicated that Kenyon was either effective or very effective at preparing them. Looking across the past seven years of historical data, the percent of respondents who indicated “effective” or “very effective” has been consistently near or above 90%.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2024. N=26.

Respondents were asked to elaborate on the extent to which Kenyon prepared them for specific graduate school experiences. These statements closely mirror questions that Kenyon asks alumni during external departmental review surveys. This year, 43% of respondents indicated that an education at Kenyon was very effective prepared for the written presentation of their work, whereas 57% indicated that their education at Kenyon was “effective” at preparing them for graduate school.

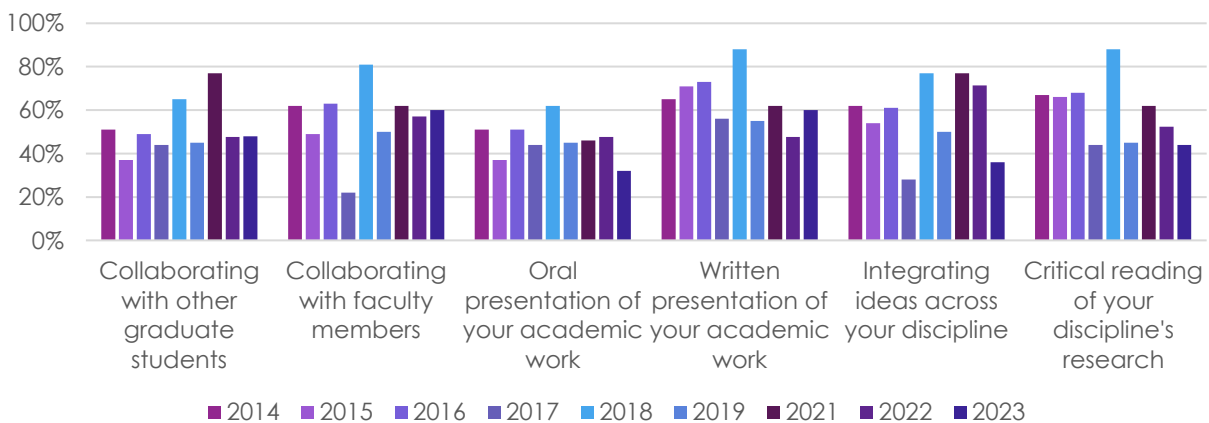
How effective was Kenyon at preparing you for these common graduate school experiences



Data source: One Year Out Survey, July 2024. N=26.

We see that the 71% of the respondents who indicated they went to graduate school indicated that Kenyon was very effective at preparing them for written presentations of academic work in graduate school. Furthermore, very few respondents, if any, also indicated that Kenyon was ineffective at preparing them for any of the questions asked about graduate school.

Historical Comparison How Effective was Kenyon at preparing you for these common grad school experiences (% responded "very effective")



Data source: One Year Out Survey, Spring 2014 (N=19), Spring 2015 (N=55), Spring 2016 (N=89), Spring 2017 (N=41), Spring 2018 (N=27), Spring 2019 (N=20), Spring 2022 (N=13), Spring 2023(N=21), Spring 2024 (N=26)

It appears that the respondents who are in graduate school in the past year, feel less confident that Kenyon was not as effective at preparing them for common grad school experience than past years.

Conclusions

The responding Class of 2023 alumni indicated that they felt satisfied with their Kenyon education and generally prepared for their next stage in life, with 86% responding “satisfied” or “very satisfied” to the question “Overall, how satisfied have you been with your undergraduate education?” This sentiment is supported by their success in finding initial employment or placement in graduate school. Specifically, 94% of alumni found employment within six months of graduation, and only 6% of alumni are actively seeking employment. The percentage of respondents who are actively looking for employment appears similar to years past, with the exception of the class of 2019 that was affected by 2019 job losses. Alumni who went to graduate school (N=21) felt more prepared than did employed alumni (N=53), though 68.3% of all employed alumni indicated that they felt either effectively or very effectively prepared by Kenyon. These data point to largely positive sentiments regarding Kenyon’s effectiveness in preparing students for life post-graduation.