

Ever wonder what happens to Falcons after they leave the nest?

In the fall of 2016, UW-River Falls Career Services began managing the First Destination survey process for recent graduates. The survey, which is designed to provide accurate information regarding the post-graduation activities of UWRF alumni, provided the first report from Career Services this spring. The report covers the outcomes of 2016-17 graduates.

The First Destination Survey gleans information from recent graduates regarding employment status, salary details and geographic data. The report also includes a breakdown of UWRF graduates by college and provides statistics about each college's total number of graduates, employment, continuing education or military status, and median and average salary figures.

The data gathered through the First Destination Survey comes from several verifiable sources including a campus-wide online survey, phone calls to graduates, information from faculty and searches of social media profiles.

The 2018 report covers graduates from 2016-17 when 1,367 degrees were awarded, and 94 percent of graduates were either employed or continuing their education. Falcon alumni included in the survey are now spread across 34 states and nine countries, with 91 percent of them working in Wisconsin or Minnesota. The First Destination Survey also found that 59 percent of graduates completed at least one internship, practicum or student teaching placement during their time at UW-River Falls.

View the full 2018 First Destination Survey report at https://www.uwrf.edu/CareerServices/upload/2619-First-Dest_Tri-fold_Brochure_7x9_FINAL_forMP.pdf. More information about Career Services, including links to past first destination employment information can be found at <https://www.uwrf.edu/CareerServices/FirstDestinationSurvey.cfm>.