After four years of living and learning in this collaborative oasis of intellectual and creative exchange, Swarthmore graduates are prepared to lead as stewards of the common good.

As for the nuts and bolts, here’s what our graduates actually do.

Postgraduation Employment
The most popular geographic destinations for students to begin their careers include:
- New York City: 32%
- Philadelphia: 22%
- Washington, D.C.: 12%
- Boston: 12%
- West Coast: 10%
- Midwest: 10%

Alumni Professions
Graduates work in a range of occupations. Class of 2021 employment industries include:
- Technology & Engineering: 28%
- Finance & Consulting: 27%
- Research: 16%
- Nonprofit & Advocacy: 8%
- Law & Politics: 8%
- Education & Teaching: 5%
- Communications & Publishing: 5%

Advanced Study
Swarthmore alumni regularly attend the nation’s finest graduate and professional programs. Among those entering immediately after graduation, the top destinations are:
- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University
- Princeton University
- Brown University
- University of Cambridge
- Columbia University
- University of Chicago
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Stanford University

Graduate School Success
During the past five years:
- 80% of Swarthmore applicants were admitted to medical school, compared with a national average of 42%.
- 86% of Swarthmore applicants to law school were accepted, compared with a national average of 71%.

In a recent national survey, Swarthmore alumni ranked 3rd-highest in the country for earned doctorates across all disciplines: 1st in psychology and social sciences, 3rd in life sciences and humanities, and top 10 in education, math and computer sciences, and physical sciences.
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  - We meet 100% of determined financial need for all admitted students.
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