Class of 2012 Placement Highlights
as of commencement

Bachelor Degrees Awarded 2011/2012

- ME 67 (22.2%)
- ChE 49 (16.2%)
- ES 34 (11.3%)
- EE 22 (7.3%)
- CS 24 (7.9%)
- CompE 9 (3.0%)
- CE 39 (12.9%)

Placement of May 2012 Graduates

- Medical or Dental School 4.7%
- Job Offer - Domestic 45.2%
- Job Offer - Int'l 2.2%
- Looking Intl 8.2%
- Job Offer - Domestic 13.6%

69% of the Class of 2012 planned to enter the workforce, up from 65% in 2011.
- Of domestic students (US citizens or permanent residents), 77% had at least one job offer by commencement. This is down slightly from 2011, but represents more actual placements.
- Of domestic students who received a job offer, excluding military commissions, 78% reported that they received an offer from employers recruiting through the VU Center for Student Professional Development.
- The median reported starting salary was up 8.3% over 2011.
- Domestic students headed to the workforce were more likely to receive a job offer if they earned an ENGM minor (87% vs. 70%).

Average & Median Salary Offers Accepted

- Error bars indicate standard deviation of accepted salary offers.
- While regional cost of living does influence salary offers, there was no statistically significant difference between salaries accepted for jobs in southeastern states vs. salaries accepted for all other states.

Data were drawn from the commencement program, VU student records, YES, and most of all from the VUSE “Survey of Future Plans” given in the month prior to commencement to all May graduates. The overall response rate was 97%.

25% of the Class of 2012 planned to attend graduate or professional school, down from 30% in 2011.

Regarding those headed to graduate school:
- 48% expressed clear intention to pursue a doctorate.
- 71% planned to study engineering or computer science.
- Average reported annual stipend for graduate study was $26,696, and the median was $26,400 (N=23).
Biomedical Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school (NOT medical or dental) at these institutions: Boston U, Colorado State, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgia Tech, Karolinska Institute, National University of Malaysia, Rice, U Kentucky, Vanderbilt (Peabody), Wake Forest or at graduation were weighing options to attend Indiana U, Purdue, Case Western, Georgia Tech, Northwestern, Michigan, Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Emory or Virginia Tech.
- Going to medical or dental school at these institutions: Boston U, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Medical College of Georgia, Texas Tech Health Science Center, U Alabama Birmingham (dental), U Louisville (dental), and Vanderbilt.

Chemical Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school (NOT medical or dental) at these institutions: Louisiana State, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2), Rutgers, U California – Davis, U Michigan, and unspecified (2).
- Going to medical school at these institutions: Emory, Loyola University Chicago, U Nebraska, and Vanderbilt.
Civil Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school at these institutions: Columbia, Stanford, and Vanderbilt (2).

Computer Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Working for American Megatrends, Boeing, Capital One, Department of Defense, and Microsoft.
- Going to professional school at Vanderbilt.
Computer Science BS Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school at these institutions: Carnegie Mellon (2), Georgia Tech, UCLA, and U Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Electrical Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school at these institutions: Georgia Tech (2), Universiti Putra Malaysia, and Vanderbilt (4).
Engineering Science BS Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school (not medical or dental) at these institutions: Cornell, and Miami Ad School.
- Going to medical, dental, or veterinary school at these institutions: Auburn (veterinary medicine) and Duke.

May 2012
ES BS Graduates

- Job Offer-Domestic 58.6%
- May 2012
ME BE Graduates

- Job Offer-Domestic 51.6%

Mechanical Engineering BE Graduates from the Class of 2012 are
- Going to graduate or professional school at these institutions: Georgia Tech, International Islamic University of Malaysia, MIT, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and Vanderbilt.