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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University's 2013 graduates are employed at rates significantly higher than the national average, according to the University's **survey** of graduates.

Nearly 90 percent of the Class of 2013 is either employed or attending graduate school full time within six months of graduating, according to the University's annual survey of graduates. The survey notes that more than 66 percent of Illinois Wesleyan's 2013 graduates are working full time, compared to 42 percent of college graduates **nationally**. And within six months of graduating, just over 23 percent of the Class of 2013 enrolled in graduate or professional schools full time.

"Illinois Wesleyan graduates continue to present themselves as highly prepared and professional individuals ready for immediate contributions in today's globally competitive workplaces," said Illinois Wesleyan President Richard F. Wilson. "This most recent survey also supports the trend that our graduates achieve great success in gaining admission to top graduate and professional school programs."

A recent national **study** also indicates most students are optimistic about the future. A majority of this year's graduates, or 85 percent, expects to find employment in their chosen field, according to a survey recently released by consulting firm Accenture.

Hart Career Center Director Warren Kistner said job markets show some signs of rebounding. An April **jobs report** showed employers nationally added 288,000 positions — the most in more than two years. For the first time since September 2008, unemployment stood at 6.3 percent. The National Association of Colleges and Employers reports employers expect to hire 7.8 percent more graduates this year compared to 2013.

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