

### 2024 ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS

Our mission is to partner with Christian parents in educating their children, in the classical tradition, to think and act biblically, and to pursue academic excellence in joyful submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Providence performed this survey to evaluate how well we are fulfilling our mission as a school.



### SURVEY DETAILS









29

questions per survey

Those pertaining to demographics not included in this presentation

69%

surveys completed (of the total number sent)

\$10

Starbucks gift card offered as incentive for completing survey

100%

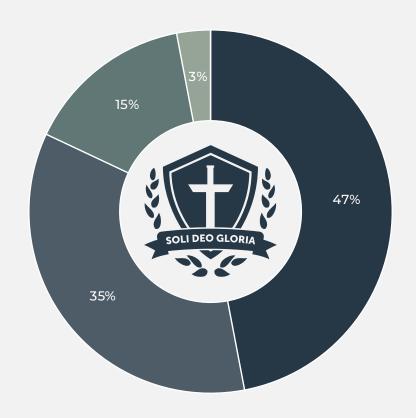
of all graduating classes represented (participation by one or more alumni) from 2003 to 2024



**OVERALL EXPERIENCE** 

### Question:

### How would you rate your overall experience as a student at Providence?



# 82%

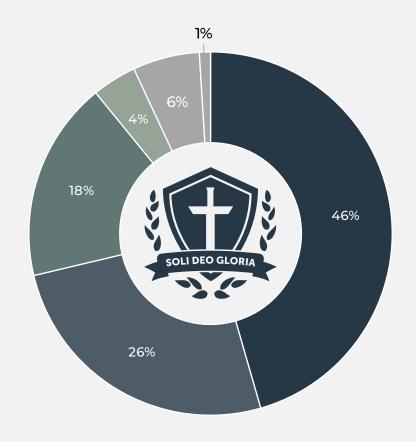
of alumni survey respondents rated their overall experience as a student at Providence as *Highly Positive* or *Positive* 





#### Question:

How likely is it that you would enroll your children at Providence or a similar classical Christian school?



5 HIGHLY LIKELY	4 LIKELY	3 UNDECIDED	2 SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	1 UNLIKELY	O N/A
45.88%	25.88%	17.65%	3 53%	5.88%	118%

### **OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

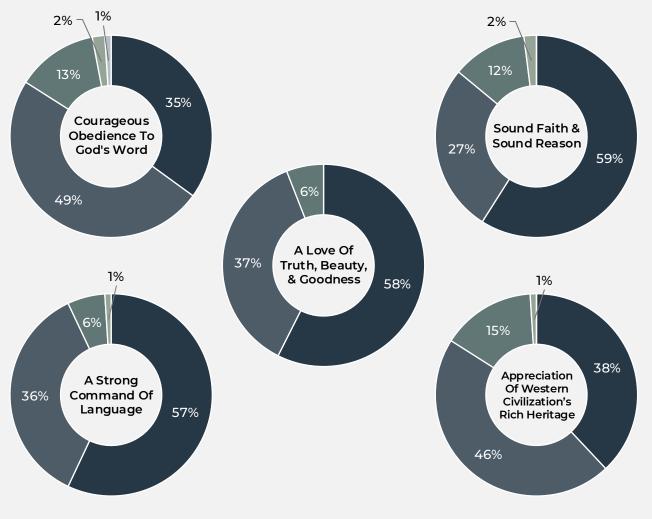
# 72%

of alumni survey respondents stated it is *Highly Likely* or *Likely* that they would enroll their own kids at Providence or a similar classical Christian school

Those undecided or less than likely to enroll cited finances and proximity as primary factors in their consideration



Question:
To what degree did Providence equip you in each of the areas below?



### OVERALL EXPERIENCE

The following percentages of alumni survey respondents felt they were *Greatly Equipped* or *Equipped* in each of the five areas stated in our "portrait of a Providence graduate"

Courageous Obedience to God's Word: 84%

A Love Of Truth, Beauty, & Goodness: 95%

Sound Faith and Sound Reason: 86%

A Strong Command of Language: 93%

Appreciation of Western Civilization's 84% Rich Heritage:



### **OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

"Providence did well in equipping students to work hard and enjoy doing so. Providence also did well in helping students be strong in what they believe and know the reason for the hope inside of them."

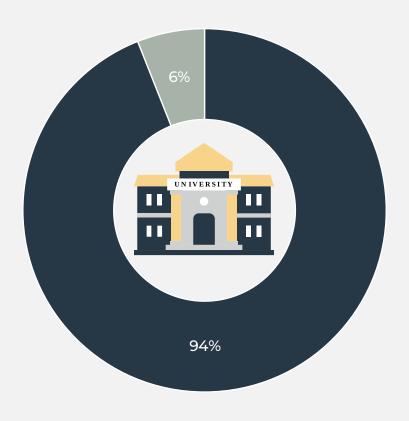
"I enjoyed the wide variety of studies, most notably the high school English selections and how they were taught as well as the history/art selections. I am glad I learned about multiple worldviews and ideas that Christians do not agree with. Providence placed a strong emphasis on critical and persuasive writing, which has served me well."

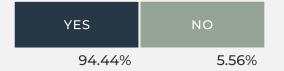
"In my experience, Providence teachers really cared about their students. They had high standards and equipped the students to meet those standards. I enjoyed the community life as well. The family dances, the friendships, the plays. Writing the senior thesis was a huge part of my spiritual formation. I still use what I learned from that in discipling my children and serving the Lord in my church community."

"Providence provides a truly well-rounded education— from reading, to music, to art and everything in between. I find I can appreciate just about anything in life because of \*how\* I learned at Providence, not just what I learned."



## Question: Did you attend or are you currently attending college?





### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

94%

of alumni survey respondents attended / currently attend college

Of these, 64% attend(ed) a Christian college, 28% attend(ed) a secular college and 8% attend(ed) both



### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

Among the alumni survey respondents who attend/ed college, college majors are widely varied and include:

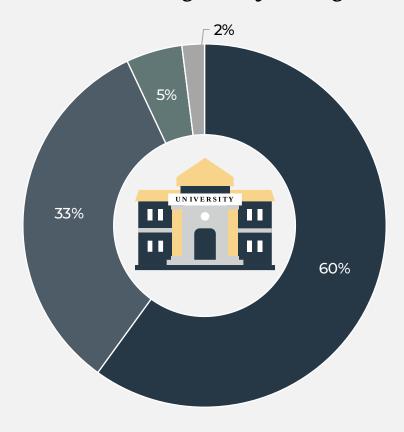
- Accounting
- Biology / Chemistry
- Business
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Education

- Exercise Science
- *Healthcare Administration*
- Industrial Design
- Justice / Criminal Law
- Kinesiology
- Liberal Arts

- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing
- Pastoral Studies
- Political Science
- Sports Management
- Studio Art



## Question: How well did Providence prepare you for the academic rigors of college?



### ACADEMIC PREPARATION

93%

of alumni survey respondents felt

Highly Prepared or Prepared

for the academic rigors of college
after graduating from Providence





### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

"Providence exceeded the rigors of college. The standard for a Providence senior is greater than the standard of your average collegiate graduate."

"I believe Providence does a much better job preparing students for college than most schools. However, my college has an unusual amount of reading and I have also struggled with how many things in college are due at the end of the year. Much more is left up to your personal responsibility. However, the difficulties I have in college are based mainly on personal struggles, and I think (based partly on what I've heard from others) that Providence does a good job preparing students for college in general."

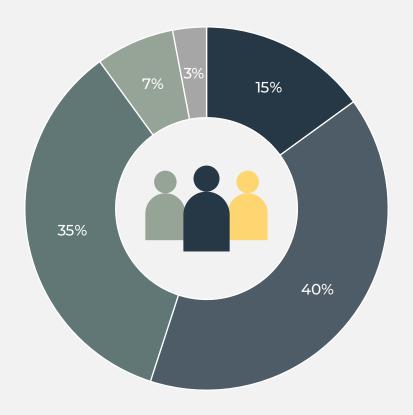
"Providence equipped me to use rhetoric and logic in speech and in writing (with so much guidance on grammar!) so that I have some of the strongest papers among my peers (my professors attest). I think Providence furthermore gave me this confidence interacting with educators, whether they be teachers or professors."

"Providence taught me great foundational doctrine - trained me on how to learn well. I'm getting my Master's and I could not do it with all the training I got from Providence."



SOCIAL PREPARATION

## Question: How well did Providence prepare you for the social environment of college?



# 55%

of alumni survey respondents felt

Highly Prepared or Prepared

for the social environment of college

after graduating from Providence



### SOCIAL PREPARATION

"There was a perceived notion that there was more focus on academic success than social integration, which is not necessarily a bad thing."

"I was not accustomed to spending time with people who had different views and values than mine."

"Providence prepared me greatly for the outside world and how to interact with people who do not believe the same things as me. They taught us how to love one another and display God's character wherever we are and in whatever we do."

"With such small classes and lack of new students, larger universities were overwhelming when it came to engaging new people."

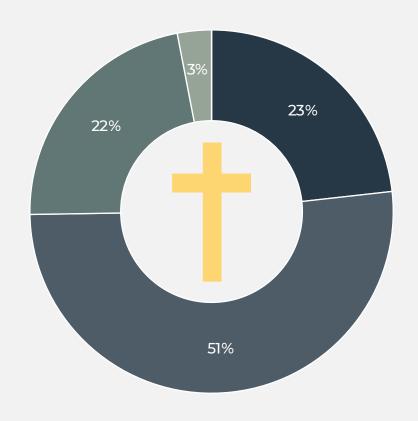
"It's hard to be prepared for a bigger social environment when the size of Providence was so small and didn't have a huge variety of beliefs and people, but I know the school has been growing and diversifying more recently!"



SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

#### Question:

How well did Providence prepare you for the moral and spiritual challenges of college?



# 74%

of alumni survey respondents felt

Highly Prepared or Prepared for the
moral & spiritual challenges of college
after graduating from Providence

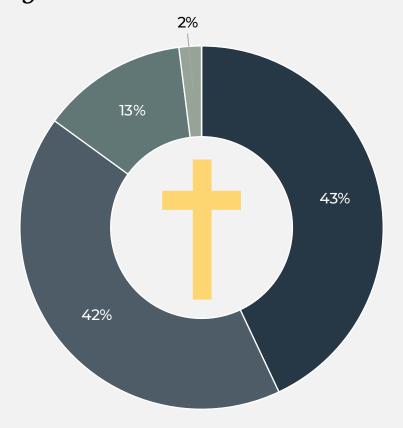




SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

#### Question:

How important was the Christian faith to you when you were a student at Providence?



# 85%

of alumni survey respondents state that <u>while at Providence</u> their Christian faith was *Extremely Important* or *Very Important* to them



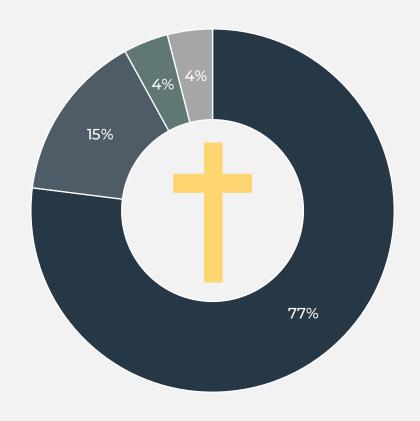


NOT AT ALL

IMPORTANT

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

### Question: How important is the Christian faith to you now?



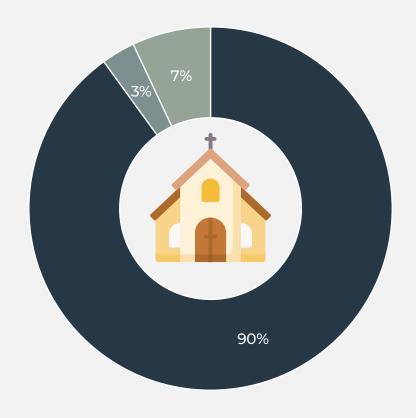
# 92%

of alumni survey respondents state that their Christian faith <u>now</u> is Extremely Important or Very Important to them





### Question: Which most closely describes your church attendance?



WEEKLY	MONTHLY	LESS THAN ONCE/MONTH	
89.66%	3.45%	6.90%	

### SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

90%

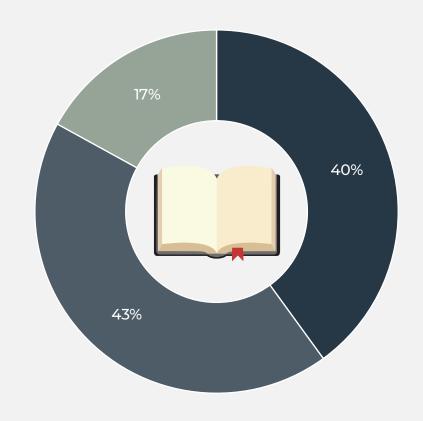
of alumni survey respondents attend church weekly

89% report praying daily or multiple times per week



### Question:

Which most closely describes the frequency of your Bible reading?





### SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

83%

of alumni survey respondents read their Bible daily or multiple times per week



#### In response to the question:

To what degree did Providence instill in you a thirst and love for learning? Some answers varied but the majority of alumni felt positively in regard to their Providence education instilling a thirst and love for learning after they graduated.

"The tools that Providence gave me in learning to think for myself, and to test everything I hear up against truth as well as the approach of learning how to think - not what to think - gave me a love for learning in later years although I may not have felt that right after graduating. The thirst I have now I credit to Providence." "I left Providence with a high degree of love of learning, due largely in part to the passion of the staff. They cared heavily for our learning, not just of the subjects they taught; but the life application from studying the various subjects we learned. The learning at Providence was challenging but also equally enriching."

"Providence provided me the framework of learning where I could thrive in areas of learning that I wasn't particularly interested in. Through hard work, dedication, and with a supportive community I was able to enjoy learning and pushing myself academically."



### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Overall findings of this survey suggest that we continue to fulfill our primary mission of preparing students for the academic rigors of college & life, as well as instilling a strong biblical foundation for practicing the Christian faith into adulthood.



Further questions regarding this survey may be addressed to Headmaster Ryan Evans at ryanevans@pccs.org

