

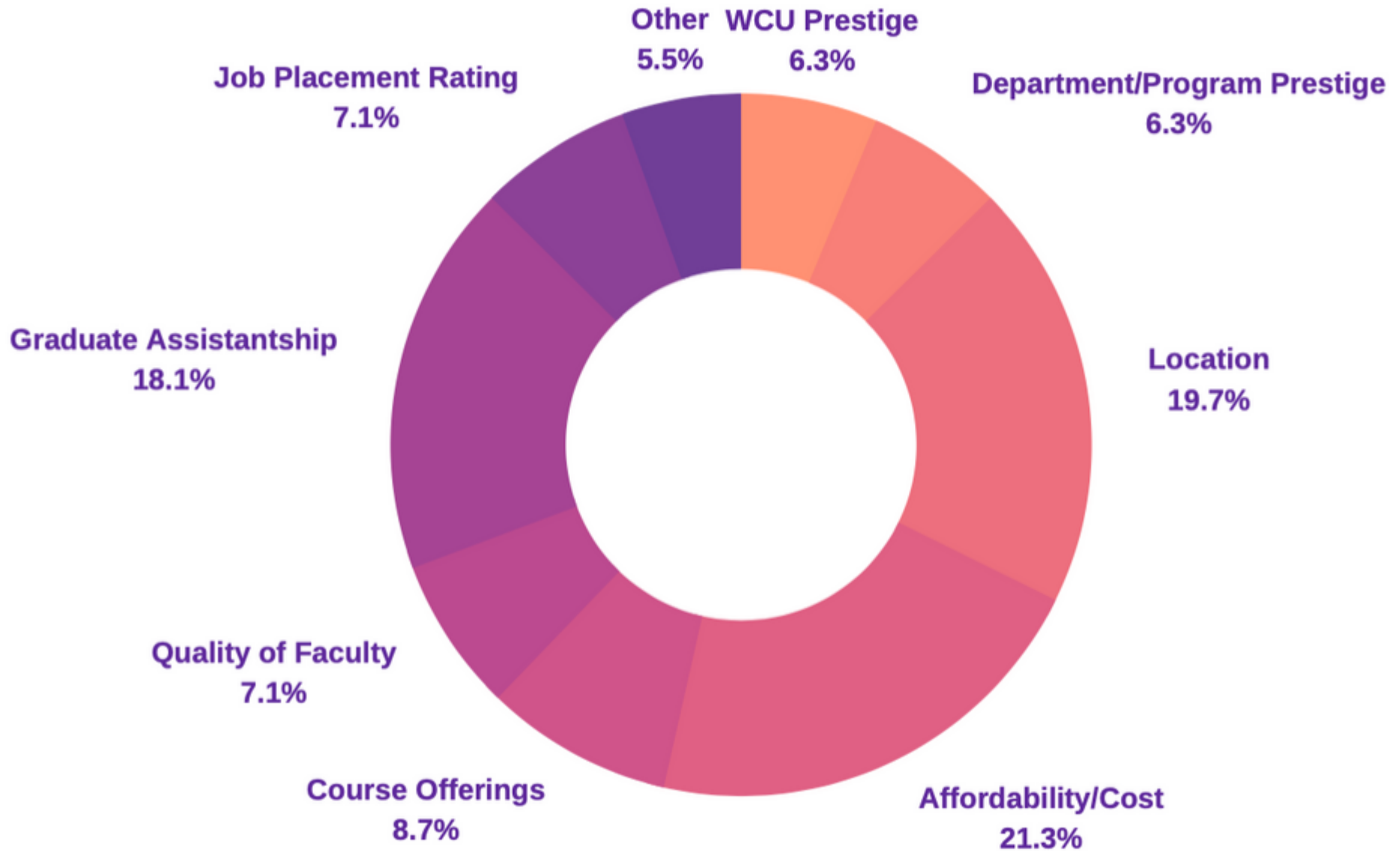
These slides visually tell the story of recent WCU HESA Graduates. Included here are snap shots of:

- Why students chose the HESA Program at WCU
- Highlights of the HESA graduate student experience
- Where students got their first jobs after graduating
- How much money students borrowed to attend graduate school

Data gathered from 2016, 2017, & 2018 Alumni Surveys

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Why Did HESA Grad Students Choose Western?



What Did HESA Grads Say About the Program?

After working with colleagues who went to a wide variety of institutions around the US, I think our program was very much dedicated to ensuring we were ready for the job field and gave us a lot of practical experience.

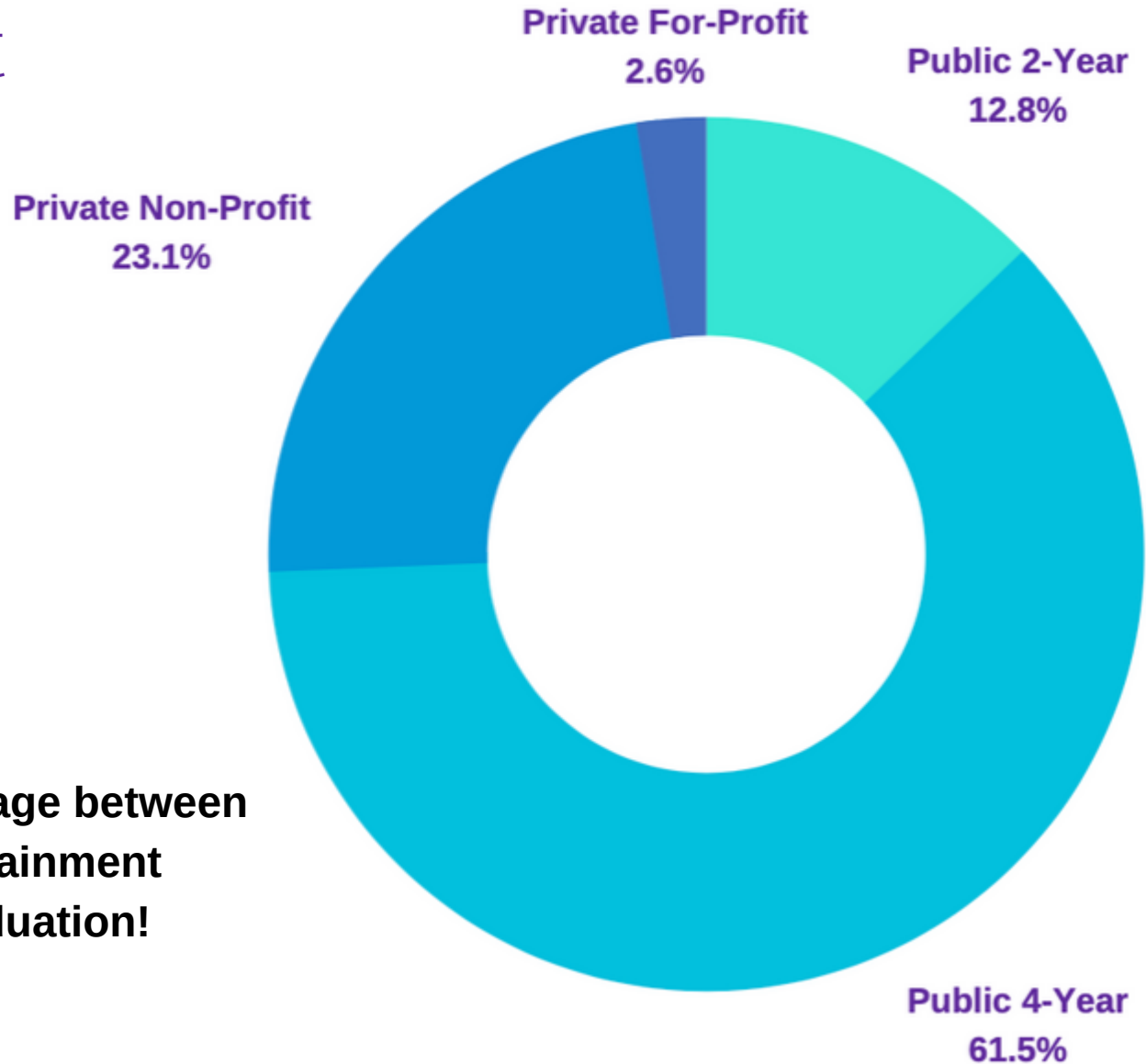
It's easy to see that the faculty genuinely care about getting to know each student, as they seem personally invested in our success. I'm grateful for their continued guidance and support.

I feel WCU's HESA program was perfect for me. I love spending time with students, and it really gave me a chance to practice the skills I learned in class.

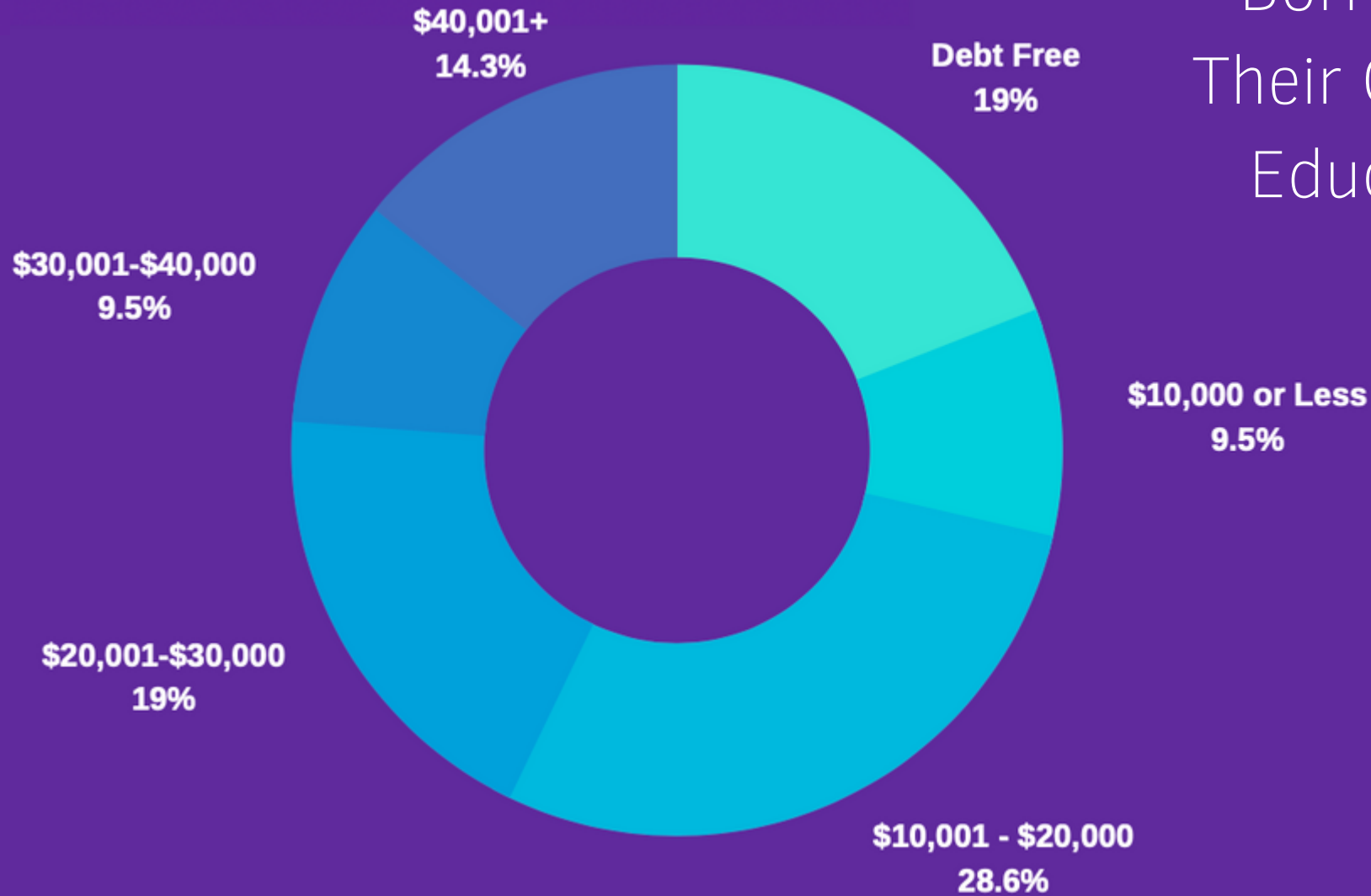
I appreciate the vast array of knowledge the HESA program provided for me, as it wasn't focused on one functional area specifically.

Where Did
HESA Recent
Grads
Get Their
First
Professional
Jobs?

**HESA cohorts average between
97-100% job attainment
rates post-graduation!**



How Much Money Did HESA Grads Borrow For Their Graduate Education?



The average starting pay for a HESA Graduate is \$35,000-\$45,000