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An interesting, if slightly depressing, article was in the *Wall Street Journal* last weekend. *Wanted: Jobs for the New ‘Lost’ Generation* tells the story of young people who are struggling to find work in the current economy. Obviously for those who are currently unemployed or underemployed, the past five years have been painful, and many of those young people are liberal arts college graduates, but I still believe that a broad-based liberal arts education is the best choice for a lifetime.

The ability to think critically and analytically, write well, communicate clearly, work in groups and, most importantly, to continue to learn, are skills for any economic environment. As the economy continues to slowly improve, residential, liberal arts grads will be just fine. This is not just a faith based statement but is based on the successes of our graduates, even in a tough job market. We have gathered evidence about our students outcomes [here](#) for those who are interested. For students and parents who are wondering whether a residential, liberal arts college (and in this case Catholics and Benedictine) can deliver on the economic promise of a college degree, these data should prove consoling.

I would also recommend [this article](#) about two current students who recently had an internship experience that highlighted the value of the liberal arts in a “real world” setting.

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