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Landing an

INTERNSHIP

This month, Peer Mentors Nate Perry and Matt Venneman put together an informative event targeted at helping you start the internship application process. In case you couldn't make it (yeah, we know how busy this time of year is), here's a re-cap of what you missed.

An internship is real world experience for those looking to explore or gain the relevant knowledge and skills required to enter into a particular career field. It is relatively short-term in

nature with the primary focus on getting some on-the-job training. Additionally, it is real world experience to those looking to explore or gain the relevant knowledge and skills required to enter into a particular career field. There are multiple places to look when searching for an internship; the best sources are Career Expos, Websites, and using your networks. Networks can be utilized through student organizations, professors, and alumni, along with anyone else you know.

When considering an internship, look for a position in a field that you're either working towards or potentially interested in. Most importantly, search for a company that can teach you, since

Websites

that will help you jumpstart your internship search:

Truman.experience.com

Indeed.com

College.monster.com

Internships.com

Careerrookie.com/internships

Internqueen.com

that's the point! It's great if you can get a paid internship, but don't turn down unpaid positions on principle. Often you can get the best learning/career experiences at unpaid internships. If your first choice of internships isn't available, don't be afraid to branch out and search different options.

In Case You Want to Start Networking...

Check out what some of the peer mentors are going to be up to and keep in touch!

Jonathon Davis—Audit Intern at RubinBrown in St. Louis

Kayla Jacobsen—Associate at ISNetwork Software Corporation in Dallas, TX

Nate Perry—Account Manager at NISA Investment Advisors in St. Louis

Michael Roberts—Summer Intern at NISA Investment Advisors in St. Louis

Angela Suit—Intern in Internal Audit Department at Emerson Electric in St. Louis

Matt Venneman—Summer Intern at Ernst & Young

Sarah Weinhold—Summer Intern at Towers Watson (an actuarial firm) in Washington D.C.

Jean Xie—Summer Finance Intern at Target Corporation in Minneapolis, MN

Five Minutes with the Last (*But Certainly Not Least*) Peer Mentor



Jean is a junior double major in business (finance) and public communications.

Jean Xie

Where is your hometown?
Ankeny, Iowa

What made you want to join the peer mentor program? I thought the idea was a really neat one and when I think back to my freshmen orientation, the first real Truman person I met was my academic adviser. He turned out to be an awesome resource, and I felt like becoming a peer mentor would give me a great opportunity to hopefully do the same for freshmen/sophomore business students.

What is your favorite thing to do after you get home from class? Besides the typical "college" things like napping, movies, and just plain hanging out, I really enjoy taking walks about Kirksville and exploring the town (when the weather's nice, of course).

What is your favorite type of music? I don't really have a favorite because my mood really determines what I listen to. I love Katy Perry and Sara Barailles and any talented female singers. On occasion, I'll listen to classic rock, Broadway musicals or just Top 40 songs.

What do you hope to do after college? I hope to work for a corporation in a big city that's not my hometown of Des Moines so I can explore the US. Ideally, I'd be on the East Coast somewhere working in either the Finance department or Global Strategies working on how a company can expand internationally and extend relationships overseas.

What are your extracurricular activities? I've been in Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity since my freshman year, and I'm currently serving as Treasurer. I also used to be in

Chamber Choir and Cantoria because I love to sing.

If you were a crayon, what color would you be? Magenta. It's feminine but the deep color signifies power, at least to me, so I'd like to think I'm a strong woman, just like magenta is a stronger pink color.

What's your favorite movie? I actually have five favorite movies because I'm indecisive. *Moulin Rouge*, *Down with Love*, *Forrest Gump*, *She's the Man*, and the *High School Musical* series. I'm a total kid at heart and movies are kind of my escape back to being a kid.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? I went from wanting to be a princess to a flight attendant to a teacher to just wanting to be famous. That has since changed to something more realistic :)

What to do with a Management Major

Another part of the Business Administration major is the Management concentration. A management concentration is a great foundation for students wanting to pursue a Master of Business Administration or a law degree. The management concentration is also great for those who have entrepreneurial aspirations.

Six out of ten people working in wholesale, retail trade and service industries are general managers, so opportunities are numerous. Managing hotels, food service enterprises, retail sales, travel agencies, athletic and recreation facilities, and real estate brokerages repre-

sent are just a few possibilities. They also can be employed in management positions in state and local government, manufacturing, service, health care, and not-for-profit organizations.

You may be a great fit for management if you are a problem solver, forward thinking, enjoy being a leader, and have great communication, planning, and problem-solving skills. Being able to see the big picture of an entire company and how the company interacts with bigger forces, such as the economy is another essential quality of a management major.

At Truman, you will learn organizational principles and need for labor division and resource allocation from management classes. All business students have to take Organizational Behavior and Operations Management, which discuss basic management theories. If you choose to continue on the management path, you'll also take classes in project management, human resource management, and management information systems.

50-75% of managers in America are estimated to be incompetent, and 30-50% of appointed executives end up being fired or prematurely resigning. Choosing to concentrate in management at Truman will allow you to be a well-qualified manager with the appropriate skills for success!

Get to Know the Professors

Dr. Alan Davis, Associate Professor of Accounting

1. How long have you been at Truman?

Since, 2004

2. What made you want to be a professor of your field?

I worked as a finance clerk when I was in the Army and found that I was good at (and enjoyed) working with numbers.

3. If you had to choose a career that had nothing to do with your field, what would you be?

Being a philosophy professor.

4. It is Friday/ Saturday night, what are you doing?

Staying at home with my wife and bird.

5. If you could give one piece of advice to the "mentees" for their collegiate career, what would it be?

Enjoy life. Treat school as if were a 8 to 5 job and you will find that you have plenty of time to do everything that you want to do and still get good grades.

6. What is your favorite movie?

Casablanca

7. What is the last song you listened to on your ipod, radio, CD player, etc.?

"Georgia on my mind" – by Ray Charles



From all of the School of Business Peer Mentors, enjoy your summer! See you next fall!

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The Academic Peer Mentor Program is housed in the Business Academic Advising Center in Violette Hall 2416. The Peer Mentors are upper-class students in the School of Business majors: Accounting and Business Administration. The mentors are paired with first-year Pre-Accounting and Pre-Business majors, to provide them with peer advice and support.

The mentors have regular office hours each week, during which they are available to meet with their assigned mentees and any other student who wishes to talk with an upper-level major about the benefits and opportunities in the School of Business. Click on the links below to access information and office hours about the individual peer mentors.

Please feel free to contact Kayla (krj3167@truman.edu) if you have any comments/questions/concerns about the newsletter.