Nadia Nguyen, a Fort Wayne native, was awarded the Intern of the Year distinction in 2010 while interning with Fifth Freedom. Nadia actually completed 5 internships throughout her years as an undergrad (Bachelor of Science in Public Health) and grad student (Master of Science in Health Care Administration). But don’t be fooled, she didn’t always know what she wanted to do for a career. When Nadia was first exploring career options she had one thought, be a nurse. She soon discovered that direct care wasn't the career field for her. But, after speaking with her advisor, a whole new world of healthcare was introduced, the business side.

The five internships she completed included positions at Lutheran Hospital, St. Joe Hospital, Clarian Health, and Fifth Freedom. When asked how she gained so many internships, she stated that it began with cold calls. Nadia started by calling Fort Wayne hospitals to inquire about internships, with Lutheran Hospital being the first to open a door. She quickly learned that networking and relationships built with people throughout her internships were invaluable when needing career guidance and professional advice.

Nadia has a personal conviction that drives her into the medical field; her brother has autism as a result of a medical error during birth. Out of that she made a goal to start her own non-profit that would serve people with disabilities, but this is just her projected side business. Nadia also wants to work within hospitals in a position that would help prevent medical errors. Her internships introduced her to hospitals, working with people with disabilities, and even in quality and safety.

Actually, her internship with Clarian Health, in Indianapolis, turned into a full-time job when they created the position for her, as Project Manager for System Quality & Safety. Nadia believes that she was offered this job because of the vast professional experience she gained through internships.

"Do an internship!" Nadia emphatically stated. She continued by recommending to build networks and keep in touch with them. She was amazed that employers aren’t impressed with high GPAs, rather skills are more important. She’s ready to see opportunities as open doors to walk through. Nadia stated that she may want to move back to Fort Wayne, but acknowledged the risk she took with moving to Indianapolis as a way to grow professionally and personally.

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New Graduate Intern
By: Hannah Stork

My name is Hannah Stork and I’m the new Graduate Intern in the Office of Career Services. I am currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. I received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations from Indiana Tech in May 2009.

During my undergraduate studies I was a member of the women’s basketball team as well as a resident assistant in the underclassman dormitory. These two experiences helped me develop leadership skills and a better understanding of student affairs and university operations. Since graduation, I have had the opportunity to work in higher education as an admissions counselor. This gave me the opportunity to work with prospective students from the beginning of their college search all the way to enrollment.

My passion for higher education has led me to Career Services where I hope to learn more about job searching, networking, resume writing, various job markets, employment trends, and career counseling. I enjoy working individually with students to help them succeed in and out of the classroom. This internship will provide me with a great opportunity to learn about another area of student affairs. I hope to gain more knowledge about the higher education system, while developing a broad understanding of various student affairs departments. I am excited to join the IPFW staff and hope to be of assistance to employers, staff members, faculty, and students.

Corporate Sponsors

Our corporate sponsors are instrumental in helping Career Services increase the career library resources and equipment, market their services, and provide essential programs for students and alumni.

Recently, they helped purchase a new marketing tool for the office. We are now able to run a continuous slide show on a flat screen television. The slides have helped increase awareness of our events and provide career-related tips to students as they wait for appointments.

Each of the corporate sponsors (left) have demonstrated a dedication to the Fort Wayne community and IPFW through financial support and giving of their time and talents.

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History Internship Success

During the fall 2009 semester IPFW Career Services made great strides with developing internships on campus. We initiated a departmental push for internships, starting with the History Department on campus. Five history majors completed the process, which included attending an informational session, a resume critique, an interview coaching session, and submitting their resume plus top five employers from a predetermined list. Out of the five students, four were offered and accepted positions with the Whitley County Historical Museum, Science Central, and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation.

A UNIQUE INTERNSHIP
One of the interns, Shane McCord, was asked to share about his internship experience with the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation department. Shane was excited for the “chance to learn about the city’s history and to perform [what he believes is] a valuable community service.” He stated that “some of [his] best memories involved the parks” and was very happy to give back by researching the local park history. The internship gave Shane the opportunity to hone his research skills while inventorying the Parks and Recreation archives, and writing about the history of each Legacy Park plus other Fort Wayne parks. He continued to increase his writing skills by creating an internship manual for the Parks and Recreation Department, to use with future interns. Throughout the research process he learned about the various families that contributed to the development of Fort Wayne, like the Fosters and McMillens, plus Col. Henry Lawton, a Medal of Honor recipient. Shane stated, “learning more than I ever could have hoped for about the city” was very fulfilling.

This internship experience also provided Shane with personal fulfillment through the “realization of what [he] would like to do for [a professional career],” networking with people in the same industry, and clarifying his professional goals. Shane stated that he wants to make Fort Wayne an enjoyable place to live through the celebration and appreciation of local history. He is currently volunteering at the History Center and continues to pursue his passion of giving back to the community. In fact, the research done through the Parks and Recreation department has assisted him at the History Center, specifically Olaf Guldin and the park named in his honor.

2010 Externship Program: From the student’s perspective!

By: Jillian Penny

Upon my selection for the externship at Aunt Millie’s Bakery, I took the needed time to research and familiarize myself with the company and core values. During this opportunity I experienced, first hand, applied marketing and management policies and practices. I attended a product development meeting where corporate personnel strategized a product presentation in retail formats. This meeting allowed me to see the applications of a collegiate classroom in a real world setting.

During my externship at Aunt Millie’s, I gained immeasurable experience in qualitative marketing and business practices as applied in various marketing procedures. From creative and graphing design through website development, the process for traffic and project management was a rewarding experience.

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SHANE’S ADVICE TO STUDENTS

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By: Karen Obringer

Melissa Dunning, my mentor and handler, welcomed me as a participant of their team, but also empowered me to embrace many diverse responsibilities of the marketing role. From this opportunity I was able to better determine which areas of business I would like to pursue. From this experience, I have broadened my scope of interest leading to the pursuit of a corporate marketing management career. Without the opportunity brought forth by this externship I might not have otherwise learned what possibilities exist.

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Federal Work Study

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a federally subsidized program awarded through Financial Aid to undergraduate students based on their financial needs. Through the FWS program, students are hired to work for the university or community non-profit organizations. The federal government then provides 75% of the students' wages while the employing organization pays the other 25%. Students find out if they qualify as part of their financial aid award package. Students employed through the FWS program not only provide essential services to the university or the community, but also have the opportunity to secure positions that relate to their educational objectives, or enable them to gain valuable work experience.

The IPFW Work Study website www.ipfw.edu/workstudy has an abundance of resources available for both FWS supervisors and student employees. Under the student section there is a PowerPoint that covers such training topics such as good customer service, professional etiquette and employer expectations. There's even a quiz students can take to verify they've read the material. Also included, is important information on FERPA regulations. For supervisors, there's a copy of the PowerPoint from Federal Work Study Supervisor Training, the Federal Work Study Guide for Employers, and information on the Student Employee of the Year Award.

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Upcoming Events

September 20th and 21st, 2010
Job Fair Prep Sessions 10:00am-4:00pm; KT 109

September 23, 2010
Career and Internship Fair 10:00am-2:00pm; WU Ballroom

September 29, 2010
Majors Fair 11:00am-1:30pm; WU Ballroom

November is National Career Development Month!

November 3, 2010
Hispanic Professionals Panel 12:00-1:00pm; SB 185
Lunch provided

November 4, 2010
Social Services Mock Interview Day 1:00-5:00pm; KT 109

November 9, 2010
Nursing Mock Interview Day 1:00-5:00pm; KT 109

November 10, 2010
Management Mock Interview Day 1:00-5:00pm; KT 109

November 16, 2010
Marketing Mock Interview Day 1:00-5:00pm; KT 109

November 17, 2010
Engineering Panel 12:00-1:00pm; ET 146
Lunch provided

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