Spring Externships

For some students, spring break 2013 wasn’t spent on a beach or sunbathing but instead working behind a desk in the cold Indiana weather, in a laboratory, or working with valuable art pieces! That’s right, some IPFW students took advantage of their spring break and chose to gain experience.

IPFW Career Services arranges externships with local companies and organizations, and this year, 27 agreed to host one or more student externs. We had more than 70 applications submitted by students, ranging from freshmen to graduate students. We were able to make 33 externship placements into 22 of the arranged companies and organizations. Some did not receive placements due to lack of applications for that employer or externship focus. We had a wide variety of participation, ranging from graphic design, business management, construction, human resources, court systems, social services, accounting, medical administration and laboratory work, sports management, and even two focused on art management and preservation.

Here you see Lauren Shaffer and her extern supervisor, Shane Perfect, at ACRES Land Trust. Lauren was in “seventh heaven” working in this environment and helping ACRES Land Trust with various projects. Her supervisor, Mr. Perfect—an IPFW alumnus—even discussed opportunities for the future with her and offered to connect her with his networks in the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. We know that networking is the #1 way people find employment and it’s mentoring and networking like this that makes it possible for IPFW students to pursue their career dreams.