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- **Students Discuss Summer Internship Experiences**
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From the Director's Desk

The beginning of the school year always provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on the past academic year and an opportunity to be thankful for the wonderful summer weather we were able to enjoy. Along with these reflections, however, comes a constant reminder that as a country, we face many unprecedented battles. The most obvious battles are the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, where thousands of young Americans have died while others continue to be scarred emotionally, mentally and physically. And, regardless of one's opinion of the war, the loss of human life remains difficult for anyone to accept. Just as unacceptable is the battle we face in providing a quality education to our youth in America. This battle, like war, takes on many forms; and as in war we must think strategically about the direction we want to take. This task is even more complicated in that as an institution, as a state and as a country, we are facing the second greatest eco-

nomic disaster in our history. We are all being asked to not only do more with less, but



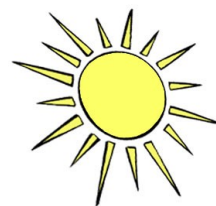
Calvin Gantt, AOP Director

also to examine methods by which to assess how we will effectively utilize the scarce resources we have at our disposal. Thus, we are faced with lots of challenges which we must face head on; the question is, how we will go about doing so and maintaining the morale of those with whom we interact?

For the AOP department, the strength to face these challenges comes in many respects from the success experienced by the students we serve. In our attempt to meet the college's mission statement which supports the development of

the "whole student", the AOP department directs a significant amount of its funding and support services to achieving this goal. We must recognize that programs such as AOP are only as valuable as the perception that exists of higher education in the United States when compared to other priorities. And as members of society, we must each exercise our voting power to insist that our representatives reinvest in America by investing in the education of our youth. Thus, this newsletter is just one way for the AOP department to not only celebrate our program and the students we serve, but also to pay homage to the amount of time, dedication and human resources necessary to invest in the future leaders of America. So as you read through this newsletter, I hope that you gain some renewed energy and that you are empowered to know that you do have a voice. Let's work together to build a better future for us all.

AOP Student Adventures in Interning!



AOP students take advantage of the summer months to explore their majors and areas of interest through internships. The next few pages highlight just a few of their adventures.

Karina Morales, Our Newest SMDEP Alum!



Karina with one of the supervising orthodontists at the University of Nebraska.

Karina Morales, a sophomore Psychology major and Business Studies minor, had the opportunity to attend the Summer Medical Dental Education Program (SMDEP) this summer. This highly selective program accepts students who have completed their freshman or sophomore years in college, and provides them with opportunities to learn about the diverse medical careers they are interested in, in a hands-on manner. Here is what Karina has to say about her experience:

“Dentistry has always been a field of interest for me since I was in high school. I had become more and more exposed to the field as time passed. When I arrived to Geneseo Ms. Ali made me aware of the program SMDEP after joining the club MAPS. I was worried about applying to the program since it is highly competitive to get into but took advantage and I was

then accepted to the University of Nebraska. My journey to Nebraska was quite an experience, and a true grand opportunity. The program consisted of many lectures within all main science courses such as Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, but on the other hand there were lectures on study skills and how to apply to medical and dental school. It was tough having these classes over the summer but it was definitely worth sacrificing for especially when your



Using skills learned at SMDEP to perform a filling.

goal is to gain a professional position in the future such as becoming a doctor. I also was given the opportunity to shadow many dentists in clinics under the College of Dentistry and even performed a filling on a mannequin! It was truly exciting to shadow dentists of different fields such as orthodontists, periodontists and pediatrics. I was even given the opportunity to shadow in the operating room

in a hospital for children who had severe cases in the mouth. Besides getting on overview of what dental school is like and what is expected, I also developed the greatest friendships with other college students from all over the United States. In the program, events and fun activities were planned for us as well, which really helped me get to know people from different places, and helped me develop friendships that will last me a lifetime. I’m really grateful for the opportunity I was given to explore the field of dentistry more than what I expected. My goal is to continue moving forward especially with the advice that has been given to me from Nebraska and to truly follow my dream without giving up. This internship has given me motivation to overcome the obstacles I will face to become a doctor someday.”



Karina in her lab coat at the University of Nebraska.

The Internship Application Process by Christopher Parnell, Senior Communication Major



Chris Parnell with DJ Cipha Sounds of Hot 97.

Pursuing an internship is one of the most essential parts of learning about careers you are interested in. The experience of an internship can really help you to determine if you like a particular career, because you get a real life perspective of the duties and responsibilities involved with that chosen career.

This past summer I had a wonderful experience working as an intern at a Hip Hop and R&B radio station by the name of Hot97, located in New York City. Applying for an internship position was not easy. I knew I wanted some experience in the music/entertainment field so I decided

to do my internship at a radio station. Also, hosting a radio show on SUNY Geneseo's WGSU radio station influenced me to apply for the radio station internship. In preparing my resume, I had to write it in such a way that it would be persuasive enough to get the attention of my employers. I went to the Career Services office for assistance in improving my

resume. We met on several occasions discussing my internship options, updating and enhancing my resume, and learning proper etiquette during interviews. Many thanks to the Career Services office for teaching me how to write a good resume and proper interview etiquette.

I sent my resume to several radio stations feeling very confident, and after a few weeks I was contacted by several radio stations for interviews. I was overwhelmed with joy and excitement. After the process of interviewing, I was accepted by several stations, but I decided to accept the offer with my longtime favorite, Hot97. The feeling was indescribable and I was anxious to start. The beginning of the internship was the most eventful. The station was preparing for the biggest event/concert of the summer, Summer Jam. Being a part of the promotions department, we had an integral role leading up

to Summer Jam. Participating in events was the most electrifying mo-



During his internship experience, Chris was able to meet recording artists such as Kanye West.

ment of the internship. To be an important part of an event happening successfully were the most rewarding feelings. Meeting our stations disc-jockey's and meeting famous music artists were just the icing on the cake for this internship.

This summer has demonstrated to me that nothing comes easy, and if you work hard and put all your energy and effort into a project, you will achieve rewarding results. Also, when applying for an internship, it is very helpful to have faculty members and the Career Services office review your resume. As Mr. Iturbides said, "your resume is you on paper", and you would like your finest qualities to be accepted wherever you choose to go. Thank you Geneseo's Career Services Office and AOP's finest for helping me reach the level of my achievement, and of course Hot97 for a wonderful summer experience!



Chris with rapper Joell Ortiz.

Rejoyce Owusu Obtains Prestigious Internship with Target



Senior Rejoyce Owusu

Rejoyce Owusu, a senior Business Administration major with many leadership experiences, shares: "I worked as an Executive Intern over the summer for Target. I learned the overall operations of the store and chose to improve their in-stock

process sequence for my project. I successfully managed to minimize the in-stock pull time from 6.45 to 1.13 minutes at the end of my project. My overall knowledge of the business and the store has grown tremendously and the results from my project testify to that. Due to this, I was given the

opportunity to train the new in-stock team leader to properly complete in-stock task lists including RIGS, research and OUTS. Through the training process, I was also able to teach the team leader resilience and adaptability based on the workload of the day. This helped him prioritize assignments for the team members in terms of creating a list of merchandise that needed to be pulled from the back room. In addition, I also taught the in-stock team leader how to use the online MPG planogram report to execute PTM task lists as assigned. By the end of my 10 weeks, my store team

leader and mentor were very proud of my accomplishments because we were printing out MPG reports multiple times a week and making sure there were no decoded or carry forward items left to pull. I had a wonderful internship experience filled with a lot of real life experience in the business field. Our store also had numerous corporate visits, of which I had the opportunity to take part in discussions. I definitely recommend this internship to anyone willing to be challenged and to gain wonderful skills in the future.

"I was always meeting new people and creating new connections."

Nikolay Clark

Nikolay Clark Interns at Law Firm in Buffalo

Nikolay Clark, a sophomore Accounting and International Relations major, had the opportunity to intern with Hodgson Russ LLP in Buffalo, NY over the summer. Of his experience, he writes: "I was lucky and grateful to get a summer internship at the law firm of Hodgson Russ

LLP this past summer. I started out the summer as Administrative Assistant with the Records Department. I was using very sophisticated software to create and keep track of physical files for the lawyers in the firm. I believe that our department helped the firm run more efficiently. This position involved a lot of multitasking, and as a result it was always interesting and exciting. There was constant communication between

myself and the secretaries, paralegals, and at times even the lawyers. I was always meeting new people and creating new connections.

Another part of my job was to order and send the files to and from the warehouses. I had to create a daily invoice of the materials that were sent to the warehouses; this included files, boxes, new materials, filing materials and other things. When the materials changed hands from our department to the warehouse, I was responsible to change the systems information to reflect the current location of the materials.

Besides keeping track and creating new physical files for the headquarters building in Buffalo, I had to provide services to the other regional offices. It was always exciting whenever I had a request from one of the regional offices. I had to use

my phone and computer skills from training to understand exactly what the person at the New York City, Johnstown, Albany, or Toronto, Canada Offices wanted. Some of the requests were creating new physical files, finding the location of current file, and retrieving files from the warehouse.

The last two weeks of my internship I was promoted to Marketing Department Assistant. This was a completely 360° turn for me compared to everything I was doing as an Administrative Assistant. The new position was great, and I learned the other end of business - how to bring in clients, and put on events in the firm. This part of my internship consisted of lots of data analysis, data comparison and doing research. Over all, I had a great experience working at HodgsonRuss LLP.



Sophomore Nikolay Clark

Anthony Hernandez Gains Valuable Experience with Congressman's Office

Anthony Hernandez, a freshman Political Science major with Adolescent Certification, spent part of his summer attending the AOP Summer Orientation Program. During the spring of 2010, he had the opportunity to learn about politics through an internship with

Congressman Tim Bishop of the first congressional district in Coram, NY. Anthony states, "During the spring of 2010, interning for the Congressman was a professional and truly an exciting opportunity. During my time within the office I collected news clips that

the Congressman was mentioned in, answered phone calls and directed calls to congressional aides depending on the issue. After learning and spending time within the Coram, NY office, I was able to work on cases and along side of an aide as their personal intern."

*Congratulations
are in order for
Anthony
Hernandez and
Jana Wong, who
are student
members of the
College Senate!*

Meet Thomas Chew, Our Newest AOP Counselor!

In October, Thomas Chew, our newest counselor, has joined the AOP department and the SUNY Geneseo community. We asked him a few questions so that you can learn some interesting facts about him.

What attracted you to SUNY Geneseo and the AOP Department?

I grew up in the area and have quite a few friends who are now Alums. Everyone I talk to loves Geneseo and got jealous when I told them I would be working there. The AOP office was instantly comfortable and I really felt like I could bring something positive to the team.

How did you get to where you are in terms of your career?

For me it all started in college. Once I found out I could work on a campus as a career law school looked significantly less appealing. I was a really involved student that led to Graduate School for Higher Education Administration in Boston. I have tried to experience all areas of campus life, but always keep my focus on positive student experiences and developmental opportunities.

How would you describe your role in AOP?

For a little while my role will probably be the new guy. I hope that means fresh ideas and a new smiling face for students, faculty and staff to get to know. I come from an Orientation background, so I hope I'll be able to utilize my programming and student leadership background. So basically I bring a lot of ice breakers and a few high fives.

What is some of the best advice you received when you were a student?

One of my best friends and mentors told me it was just as important to get involved as it was to get good grades. Being invested in a club, sport or group can help you focus and give you an extra reason to do well in your classes.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to cook (and watch cooking shows). I am a huuuuuge movie and pop culture trivia fan. Classic movies, good movies, bad movies, action, comedy, foreign films, zombies, I love 'em all! I also love music, being outside and hanging out with friends too. Give me a grill, a football to toss around, and a bunch of friends listening to Bruce and talking about the new Wes Anderson and I'm good.

What are some of your favorite books, TV Shows, movies and musical performers?

Too many to choose from! I liked the Harry Potter books a lot and love Chuck Palahniuk and Kurt Vonnegut books. Scrubs and LOST were classic shows as well as the HBO series like Deadwood and Rome. It's always changing, but my three favorite movies right now are A Life Aquatic: With Steve Zissou, Lucky Number Slevin, and Serenity. I can't go a day without listening to music. From Bruce Springsteen and the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Weezer, Mos Def and Bright Eyes, I literally like a little bit of everything.

What are the most important things you'd like students to know about you?

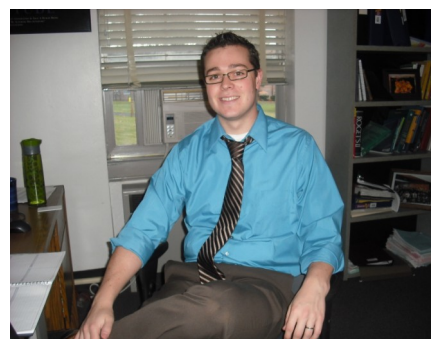
I would like students to know how excited I am to be here. I hope once we get to know each other everything else will fall into place. I'm here, I'm excited to help out and I really want to be a resource for anyone and everyone who might want my help.

What are some of your pet peeves?

When department stores put up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving. That's the biggest, I'd say. Morning radio DJ's can be pretty obnoxious as well.

Do you have a motto you try to live your life by?

There's never any reason not to smile. No matter what's going on I like looking for that one thing, even if it's small, that can be seen as the light at the end of the tunnel.



Thomas Chew, TOP Counselor and Academic Advisor.

Summer Program 2010— A Summer of P.R.I.D.E.

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The 2010 Summer Program was an exciting experience this year!

It began with the students meeting the professional staff and learning about the expectations of the AOP department. During the program, the pre-freshmen students were given the opportunity to learn study skills in a classroom environment. They were asked to reflect and

and roommate concerns. They also attended General Orientation for two days, giving them the opportunity to interact with the other pre-freshmen, and met faculty during a “speed” roundtable discussion.

The students attended an educational field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass, and participated in many ice breakers and bonding activities outside of their mandatory study time.

The pre-freshmen were mentored by upper-level student staff who acted as floor supervisors and peer tutors. This year, mentor/mentee discussions were held during communal meals, where the students discussed issues related to the theme of P.R.I.D.E.—Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity, and Empowerment.

The program culminated with a dinner where students and staff received recognition for their hard work and dedication to the summer program.

The students may have been on campus for a



shorter period of time than previous years, but

within that time, they built strong relationships with each other, with their peer mentors, and with the AOP department.

The professional staff is grateful to all of the departments and students who helped to make the program a success.



write journal entries regarding their learning styles and study habits, and also took an intensive writing seminar. They also attended workshops on registration, academic advisement, career development, financial aid, health issues and concerns,



2010 Chi Alpha Upsilon Society Induction

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 fourteen students were rewarded for all of their hard work by becoming new members of the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society (XAE). Students are eligible for induction into the honor society after two consecutive semesters with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. The ceremony took place in the Hunt Room in the College Union, after enjoying brunch together along with the XAE executive board members. The ceremony is closed to non-members, because the secrets of the society are shared and practiced. All new members received a pin and honor cord to wear at graduation. The executive board also voted to award honorary honor society membership to Sharon Huette, our wonderful full time secretary who retired this

fall, and Teresa Walker Chan, an AOP Advisor and former tutor coordinator. It was a proud and enjoyable day. In addition to the induction, thirteen current XAE members earned pin upgrades for their excellent academic achievement. Members can earn a ruby pin for a semester with a 3.5-3.74 GPA, an emerald pin for a semester GPA of 3.74-3.99, and a diamond pin for a semester GPA of 4.0.



2010 Inductees:

Donte Bothel
Dalia Calix
Melody Conde
Jacob Griffin
Theona Hudson
Yuki Kawae
Rejoyce Owusu
Cladia Plantin
Haisu Qu
Daniel Solow
Adam Tran
Sarka Turecka
Derek Weng
Jenny Wong

Pin Upgrades:

Jamie Abreu- *Ruby*
Amy Chan- *Ruby*
Callie Eidler- *Ruby*
Fiona Harvey- *Emerald*
Guangchong Li- *Ruby*
Guangyi Li- *Emerald*
Deanna Long- *Emerald*
Mekal Ogbeab- *Ruby*
Danielle Orsini- *Emerald*
Pamela Reyes-Mercedes- *Ruby*
Catherine Veytia- *Emerald*
Sylest Williams- *Emerald*
Chen Zhou- *Ruby*

2010 Chi Alpha Epsilon members at their Induction Ceremony.