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“I’m pleased to report that **96 percent** of the graduates from the Class of 2015 are either employed or pursuing graduate education, just six months after graduating. Over the years, we’ve helped thousands of students and alumni, and made valuable connections with top employers and graduate schools across the country that we can put to work for you. We’re on the second floor of the Myers Welcome Center, the same building as the Admissions Office, and we encourage our first-year students to come see us as soon as they can!”

*Warren Kistner ’83, Director, Hart Career Center*

**The Hart Career Center provides**

*Pictured: Participants of Illinois Wesleyan’s Summer Enrichment Program (see Page 2 for details).*
Whether you’re looking to start your career following graduation, exploring internships or other experiential learning opportunities, or preparing for graduate school, the Hart Career Center staff is ready to counsel, assist and encourage as you develop your plan for the future.

On the pages that follow you’ll find out more about the services of the Hart Career Center and the success that our students and alumni have accomplishing their goals.
“Over 66 percent of recent IWU graduates reported participating in at least one internship during their college experience, and half of those students participated in more than one. The Hart Career Center works with students to help them find internship opportunities.

INTERNSHIPS
Get Started Early

Every year more than 500 Illinois Wesleyan students participate in internships that take them across town and around the world gaining experience with Fortune 500 companies, businesses of all types and sizes, healthcare providers, not-for-profit organizations, governmental bodies, community groups, and everything in between. Internships are available during the school year and over the summer, and all provide valuable and practical work experience that potential employers value. Interns and employers often view the internship as a tryout for a permanent job.

Summer Enrichment Program

Participants in Illinois Wesleyan’s distinctive Summer Enrichment Program have a paid internship, learn from formal training workshops, and work on a summer-long project servicing the Bloomington-Normal community. Those who successfully complete the program are awarded a $1,000 scholarship. “It’s a really inspiring and encouraging program,” said Ayrren Calhoun, an aspiring attorney who interned at local law firm Allison & Mosby-Scott.
and to prepare them for success in the hiring process. We assist employers in connecting with future interns through career fairs, job postings, and campus interviews.”

*Laurie Diekhoff, Assistant Director/Internship Coordinator, Hart Career Center*

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**Google Job Offer Follows Internships**

*Google receives over two million job applications each year,* so Alan Russian must have been a one-in-two-million candidate. Prior to his junior year, Russian landed an internship at Boeing in St. Louis, and the next year he headed to California for an internship with Google. After that internship, Google offered Russian a job at the company that tops Fortune’s list of Best Companies to Work For. Russian, a computer science major, served as president of IWU’s chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery and led the chapter in creating a self-guided tour of the campus using Google Glass.
National Programs Offer Range of Internship Opportunities

Internships and research opportunities in Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago are available through collaborations with American University, Marist College and the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. Illinois Wesleyan students spend a semester living in these major cities where they can intern, conduct research and study in the areas of the federal government, the United Nations, the arts, entrepreneurship, urban studies, the law, news organizations, not-for-profits and public relations agencies.
Illinois Wesleyan accounting majors have a unique opportunity to apply to spend part of the spring semester of their junior year working at an accounting firm, including the Big Four global accounting firms based in Chicago. Unlike many other accounting internships, which are part-time or take place over the summer, this program has Illinois Wesleyan students working full-time during the busiest time of the year for accountants and auditors. Since the program began in 2006, more than 200 students have taken part and the majority came away with a job offer.

Determination Drives Success

Mike Hennel (above) started his college career as one of 30 students selected from a handful of colleges around the country to study at Pembroke College, Oxford University. He later secured an eight-week internship at Goldman Sachs, which paid off with an offer to join the firm’s New York office full-time as an investment management analyst. “The one-on-one interactions between professors and students at IWU enable students to learn how to effectively engage with colleagues,” Hennel said. “If you are willing to put in the work, there’s nothing you can’t do here.”
“I had so much fun during my time here in Hong Kong, and learned many things about working in unnatural situations and how I personally handle such occurrences. I met some great people, and I hope to always carry my perceptions and experiences with me, wherever I may end up.”

*Emma Alcock,* Hispanic Studies and sociology double major

*interned at Lingnan University in Hong Kong*

**FREEMAN FOUNDATION**

*Supports Internships in Asia*
“I had such an amazing journey and learned and experienced far more than anything I could have ever hoped for. As an aspiring nurse with an ardor for travel, I am truly grateful for this experience and the people I encountered throughout my time here.”

Brianna Dao, nursing major
interned at the Food Nutrition Research Institute in the Philippines

Over the past two years, Illinois Wesleyan has secured two grants totaling $500,000 from the Freeman Foundation, enabling 40 students to participate in the IWU Asia Internship Program. The Freeman grant covers airfare, housing, a living allowance, and all internship placement and visa costs for the students. In 2016, students interned in Japan, China, South Korea, and the Philippines.

“Aside from learning about the Filipino culture, I have also learned so much about myself. My internship truly shifted my perspective on life and I am eternally grateful. I realized that just like this trip, life is too short to be hesitant or fearful. If you want to do something, there is no better time than now.”

Keila Magafas, biology major
interned at the Food Nutrition Research Institute in the Philippines
Each year, Illinois Wesleyan students are able to explore internship and volunteer opportunities at our Internship Fair. Over 50 employers typically attend, ranging from local museums and social services agencies to healthcare organizations and large national corporations. In addition, IWU hosts a Nursing Career Fair and participates in the Illinois Small College Fair.

On-campus Interviews

In an effort to help students as they prepare for life after Wesleyan, the Hart Career Center hosts approximately 40 on-campus interviews each year, many more than the typical small liberal arts university. We benefit from our excellent reputation, history of student success, and our location: IWU’s proximity to Chicago and large nearby universities help to draw prospective employers.
“It’s a very competitive marketplace today, and it’s almost expected that a new college graduate looking for work has completed at least one internship, if not more. An internship experience can make the difference between a good candidate and a great candidate.”

*Katie Cummins* (opposite page, near right), Director of Human Resources, The Horton Group

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**Career Immersion Excursion (CIE)**

Twenty students spent spring break 2016 in downtown Chicago, meeting with industry executives, making professional connections, networking, and clarifying career goals.

The 2017 CIE destination is Washington, D.C.
“Illinois Wesleyan students have been ideal interns because of their professionalism, their ability to operate independently and their level of responsibility in investigating specific topics.”

Doug Johnson, Executive Director, McLean County Arts Center

“We have an excellent relationship with IWU — a relationship based on the shared values of the institutions which is reflected in the high-caliber graduates and excellent leadership within the Hart Career Center.”

Mark Schwamberger, Vice President and Controller, State Farm Insurance

“Our relationship with Illinois Wesleyan is time-tested. Students are prepared to contribute early in their careers with a strong academic foundation and the leadership qualities necessary to engage with a complex, global organization.”

Scott Searles, Senior Consultant, Kimberly-Clark Corporation

“Illinois Wesleyan candidates tend to have superior innovation and problem-solving skills, as well as curiosity about the world and eagerness to learn. They’ve often had opportunities to become well-rounded talents through undergraduate research, international travel, independent study or other experiences.”

Patrick Palmer, Partner, VSA Partners brand and marketing firm
“Illinois Wesleyan provides a well-rounded, liberal arts education. Through the small classroom size and access to a variety of extracurricular activities, it provides an opportunity to develop key skills essential to success in corporate America, including global acumen communication and relationship and leadership skills. In addition, students build a network that sticks with them throughout their professional career.”

*Rod Adams, U.S. Talent Acquisition Leader, PwC*

**TOP TEN THINGS**

*Employers Look for in New College Graduates*

While you may think that choosing the “right” major is key to getting a good job, your long-term professional success will depend far more on acquiring the right skills for a rapidly changing workplace. These top 10 attributes were identified by employers in a landmark piece of research conducted by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, and they are precisely what an Illinois Wesleyan education is designed to provide.

1. The ability to work well in teams — especially with people different from yourself
2. An understanding of science and technology and how these subjects are used in real-world settings
3. The ability to write and speak well
4. The ability to think clearly about complex problems
5. The ability to analyze a problem to develop workable solutions
6. An understanding of global context in which work is now done
7. The ability to be creative and innovative in solving problems
8. The ability to apply knowledge and skills in new settings
9. The ability to understand numbers and statistics
10. A strong sense of ethics and integrity

Nursing students at Illinois Wesleyan have a 100 percent placement rate upon graduation, in large measure because of the exceptional clinical experiences they participate in. Beginning in the sophomore year, nursing students travel — at the University’s expense — to more than 25 diverse clinical sites, including local hospitals, large regional medical centers, community health and home health agencies, and early childhood centers. These experiences in multiple settings enable our students to compare various healthcare delivery systems and to learn about care to diverse populations, making them very attractive to a wide range of healthcare providers upon graduation.

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Graduate and Professional School Options

Before starting their careers, approximately one quarter of our graduates attend graduate or professional school. Our graduates have recently been admitted to law schools such as Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Virginia, and Washington University; medical schools such as Harvard, Dartmouth, Duke, Johns Hopkins, and Northwestern; and graduate schools such as Stanford, MIT, Harvard, Yale, Chicago, and Columbia.

Students Selected for NSF Research

For Fiona Breyer and Andy Ding, the opportunity to engage in research with Illinois Wesleyan faculty led to valuable research experience as recipients of nationally competitive National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates internships. At Harvard, Ding worked on single-cell immunization using microfluidic devices, while Breyer worked on an X-ray spectrometer used for suborbital astrophysical observations at University of Wisconsin-Madison. “This research opportunity will allow me to be a more competitive applicant when applying for jobs, and it has solidified my decision to continue doing research, potentially as a career,” Breyer said.
Andrew Chereck ’04, a senior systems engineer at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co., was part of the team working on NASA’s Orion spacecraft. Orion is NASA’s deep space exploration capsule, which was successfully tested in December 2014. Chereck majored in physics at IWU and later received a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has also earned a Certificate in System Architecture and System Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. He joined Lockheed Martin in 2007. As Orion senior systems engineer, he worked on projects including vehicle design, system integration, subsystem requirements and wire harness design and integration.
Illinois Wesleyan definitely taught me how to build relationships and respect others—how to engage one another, how to engage the world and how to care about one another.”

Chad Maxwell ’02 (below) is Senior Vice President of Starcom USA

Brand-Building Expert

Chad Maxwell ’02 took his anthropology major and has put it to good use helping some of the world’s most recognized brands to better understand their consumers and design messages to motivate them to purchase and stay loyal. Maxwell is Senior Vice President of the Integrated Insights, Human Experience and Intelligence Group, Starcom USA, which is part of the Paris-based Publicis Group and one of the “Big Four” multinational advertising agency groups.
In business and throughout life, my Illinois Wesleyan education has served me exceedingly well.”

Edward B. Rust, Jr. ’72 (opposite page) is chairman of the board and former CEO, State Farm Insurance

Mayo Clinic Researcher

Dr. Gregory Poland ’77 is the founder and director of the Mayo Clinic’s Vaccine Research Group, where he also serves as the Mary Lowell Leary Professor of Medicine. Poland is often asked to advise government and military officials regarding vaccination policies and infectious disease prevention. He was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service for his work on the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board.

The Vaccine Research Group’s mission is to improve the health of individuals across the world through research addressing the threats of infectious diseases and bioterrorism. The group conducts National Institutes of Health-funded research investigating the immunogenetics of vaccine response and conducts clinical studies of novel vaccines in adults and children.
“I think about Illinois Wesleyan all the time. A liberal arts education has such value, even just for the philosophy itself. Your college education is the springboard to your future. Those years are so important; every parent needs to weigh those [options] out very carefully.”

Dr. Ann Stroink ’76 (opposite page)

Her Own Person

Dr. Anne Stroink ’76 is the first woman to enter the Neurosurgical Residency Program at the Mayo Clinic and is president of the Illinois Neurosurgical Society. Ann began her college career at the large state flagship university that her father thought was the right choice for her, but before the end of her first year she wanted something more, which brought her to Illinois Wesleyan.

State Farm Chairman of the Board

For more than 20 years, Edward B. Rust, Jr. ’72 served as chairman and CEO of State Farm Insurance Companies, a Fortune 50 company and the nation’s largest auto insurer. Rust grew up in Bloomington and is the third member of his family to lead State Farm, beginning with his grandfather Adlai Rust who was also an Illinois Wesleyan graduate. In 2015, Rust turned over the chief executive officer title to fellow IWU graduate Michael Tipsord ’81.
Entrepreneur and Mentor

“At IWU I really learned how to learn, lead and seek out new challenges. The environment allowed me to spread my wings as an adult and gave me many opportunities to interact with professors, coaches and alumni who provided me with great guidance and advice. After graduation, I have sought opportunities to return the favor. Being able to speak at events, mentor undergraduates and even hire an IWU graduate into our company has been extremely rewarding on a personal and professional basis.”

Chris Bisaillon ’92 is a co-owner (along with two other alumni) of Bottleneck Management, which operates restaurants around the U.S.

Top Doc

Stephanie A. Whyte ’91 serves as the Medical Director for Aetna Better Health of Illinois. Previously she was the first-ever Chief Health Officer for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

Whyte majored in biology at IWU. She received her medical degree from Fitch University of Health Science/The Chicago Medical School (now Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science), where she is an assistant clinical professor.

Tremendous Earning Potential

The U.S. Department of Education’s College Scorecard, using IRS income data, finds that Illinois Wesleyan’s graduates earn more (10 years after graduation) than those of any other liberal arts college in the Midwest.

At $54,400, our average graduate’s earnings rank 22nd among the top 100 national liberal arts universities, according to U.S. News & World Report.
International Vocal Talent

“It was Professor David Nott who first told me I might have what it takes to become a professional performer... I just can’t say enough about what that meant to me, and how truly wonderful and supportive the Wesleyan faculty were and continue to be to this day.”

Dawn Upshaw ’82 is a five-time Grammy Award–winning soprano and MacArthur Fellow

More Successful Alumni

Bill Damaschke ’85 served as Chief Creative Officer at DreamWorks Animation.

Richard Jenkins ’69 (right) was nominated for an Academy Award for “Best Actor” in 2009 and won an Emmy in 2015. He has 108 actor credits including Step Brothers and Eat Pray Love.

Demetria Kalodimos ’81 is an Emmy Award-winning news anchor.

Mike Mason ’80 retired as the Executive Assistant Director of the FBI and now serves as Chief Security Officer for Verizon.

Denny Matthews ’66 is a Kansas City Royals announcer, member of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame 2007 and winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasting excellence.

Jeff Morriss ’73 is a member of the five-person Intel team that developed the USB.

Burke Nihill ’00 is general counsel for the NFL’s Tennessee Titans.

Joni Williams ’82 is the president of Kelly Scott Madison, a Chicago-based media firm.
“In addition to bringing many of the nation’s top employers to campus for interviews, our staff provides career counseling and job search advice for our students and graduates. We also provide assistance in developing resumés, and prepare them for the all-important interview, whether that be on campus, at the employers’ offices or sometimes over the Internet.

Warren Kistner ’83, Director, Hart Career Center
The staff at the Hart Career Center has more than 30 years of collective experience in connecting employers with student talent. The Center’s responsibilities include employer network development, student career counseling and graduate school preparation, and alumni career services.