Career Center Close-up
Majors, Internships, Career Planning & More!

Hart Career Center – Minor Myers
Welcome Center

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Hart Career Center Staff

Assisting students with their career goals

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Career Center

4 Main Areas of Support

- Career Guidance & Exploration
- Internship Assistance
- Graduate & Professional School Prep
- Job Search & Employment Assistance

Hart Career Center Assists in All 4 Areas!
MANY students are unsure of career plans!

- Two professional counselors on staff
- Provide Interest / Skill / Personality assessments
- Major / Minor selection
- Career discovery *(What can I do with my major?)*
- Graduate school exploration *(30-35% of our students go directly on to graduate school)*
Career Planning Cycle

Self-Assess → Explore Options
Set Goals → Experience Opportunities

A circular & on-going process that will last throughout lifetime!
How Can Parents Help?

- Help identify strengths & passions
- Encourage student to explore through:
  - introductory courses
  - involvement in campus groups, volunteering or internships
  - job shadowing or informational interviews
  - Career Center meetings or programs
IWU Internship Program

Experience the Possibilities!

- Provide centralized database of opportunities
  - 24/7 access to Internship & Job postings
  - Alumni mentoring network

- Help students sift through options

- Assist with resumes & cover letters

- Over 400 students interned last year
Internship Spotlight

Celina, Sociology ‘10

Summer 2008: Catholic Charities, (through SEP Program)

Summer 2009: State Farm Public Affairs and Downtown Bloomington Association (through Community Partner Program)

Fall 2009: WJBC Radio, Spanish Language Program Producer Intern

Currently: full-time at State Farm
Internship Spotlight

Emily, International Studies & French ‘11

Summer 2008: Carle Clinic Intern, Urbana

Summer 2009: Intern at World Health Org (Geneva) and Dutch Parliament

Summer 2010: U.S. State Dept Intern in Sarajevo

Future: Fulbright Grant - teaching in Bulgaria
Michael, Bio/Pre-med ‘12

2008-2009: Started IWU FACE AIDS organization

Summer 2009: Nigeria AIDS Prevention in Africa Intern

Summer 2010: Selected to serve on National FACE AIDS Steering Committee

Summer 2011: Biking in Ride Against AIDS across U.S.
Internship Spotlight

Kathleen, English Literature / Secondary Education ‘11

Summer 2009: WorldTeach (Riomba, Ecuador)

Summer 2010: Intern at Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and Newberry Library (Chicago)

Fall 2010: Student Teaching, Normal Community West

Fall 2011: English Teacher, Mt. Pulaski High School
Partners for Career Success

- Resume Preparation & Review
- Practice Interviews
- Extensive Resource Library
- Job Shadowing Opportunities
- Job Fairs & Campus Interviews
- Career Workshops & Panels
- Internship & Job Search Assistance
What Can Parents Do?

- Support campus involvement balanced with academic achievement
- Emphasize internships and volunteering
- Activate and share your network *(Are you LinkedIn?)*
- Help them think widely about options, and……
Encourage students to visit the Career Center early and often!

- Meet our staff
- Determine Career possibilities
- Explore internship opportunities
- Develop resume & cover letters
- Participate in practice interviews
Hart Career Center:
Minor Myers Welcome Center, 2nd Floor

Online: www.iwu.edu/cccenter