



Connecting the career development office with faculty, administrators, students and parents

Spring Semester Highlights

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Hours:
Monday-Friday,
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Economic news in the U.S. has taken a positive turn in recent months: unemployment rates are decreasing, and employers are anticipating continued growth and hiring. This positive news has also impacted the work of the career development office. For example, **every career fair that the career development office sponsored in the 2011-2012 academic year had an increased number of employers** over the past year. Other positive news and events from the spring semester are highlighted below.

- The Engineering and Computer Science Career Fair was held on February 8 at the Prince Conference Center and was just one of several career fairs during the month of February. This event included 42 employers, **an increase of 3 employers** over last year's event, and an increase of 12 employers over the 2010 fair. 170 students participated.
- The Health Careers Networking Reception attracted a **record number** of 73 students, who met with recruiters from 18 different hospitals, camps, and medical facilities. This represents an increase of 35 students and 4 employers from last year's fair. The reception was held on February 22 and included all of the major local hospitals, as well as representatives from Mayo Clinic.
- In partnership with the Calvin Business Forum, the career development office coordinated a panel about social media. Over 50 students attended to learn about

using social media, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, in the workplace and as tools for job searching. Panelists included Deirdre Honner, Associate Director of Human Resources at Calvin; Steve Volkers, Steve Volkers Group realty; John VanderHaagen, Social Media Manager for the Grand Rapids Griffins; and Tom Betts, Marketing Professor at Calvin.

- The career development office worked with the Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF) to recruit students for an interview day on March 2 at Whirlpool Corporation's headquarters in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Students from private, liberal arts colleges in Michigan were eligible to apply. Of the 13 Calvin students who applied for consideration, 6 received interviews. Two students were invited back for 2nd interviews, and one of those students received an offer for full-time employment with Whirlpool.
- Lydia Frens recently joined the career development office as a part-time career counselor. She is a Calvin graduate and completed the GVSU master's program in adult and higher education. Lydia's most recent professional experience was in the HR department at The Stow Company. In addition, she also has experience as a graduate intern and then as a career services specialist with Hope College's career services office.



A Photo Gallery of Spring Interns

294 Calvin students reported having a spring internship. The total number of internships that Calvin students were involved in for the 2011-2012 academic year was 861, which represents a 5% increase over last year.



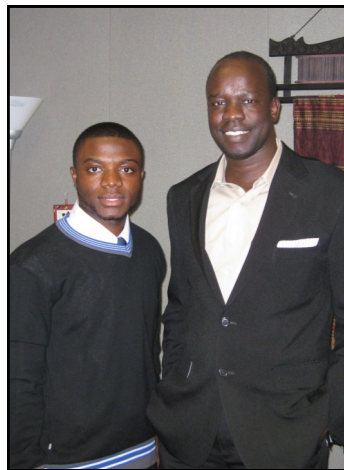
Mallory interned with the Grand Rapids Symphony.



Jon spent the semester as an intern with AFAB Manufacturing.



Catherine gained human resources experience as an intern with Aflac.



Wisoba and his supervisor at PARA.



Emily was a marketing and communications intern with Spectrum Health United Memorial Hospital.



Kyle and Joella were both interns at Youth Unlimited.



Ryan spent the spring semester interning with New York Life.



Yo Han interned with Rua Associates.

Other internship photos are included on the front page of this newsletter. For a full gallery of spring internship photos, visit the career development Facebook page: www.facebook.com/calvin.career.development

Seniors Report Their Jobs/Grad School Plans

The career development office sends a \$15 Campus Store gift certificate to seniors who report their job or graduate school plans within 6 months of graduation. The report form is at www.calvin.edu/career/jobreport.html. See where a few seniors are headed below. Congratulations, class of 2012!



Sam Cooper
Process Safety Consultant
Siemens Oil & Gas
Houston, TX
How found? Networking



Andrea Lima
Staff Registered Nurse
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN
How found? Internship

John Passeno
Accountant
KPMG
Chicago, IL
How found? Networking



Chris Brown
Database Administrator
Vanguard
Malvern, PA
How found? Company website



Danielle D'Ottavio
Human Resources Administrator
Pella Windows and Doors
Grand Rapids, MI
How found? Company website



Kristin Visser
Special Events Coordinator
Thousand Oaks Golf Club
Grand Rapids, MI
How found? Networking

Rebecca Kamp
Special Education Teacher
Westminster Christian Academy
St. Louis, MO
How found? CalvinLink (career development's job posting system)



Kobby Berko
Analyst
Goldman Sachs
Salt Lake City, UT
How found? Internship



Dan Oram
Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine
M.D. Program
Grand Rapids, MI



Evan Buikema
Wheaton College Graduate School
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
Wheaton, IL

Rebecca Dyer
Youth Treatment Specialist
Wedgwood Christian Services
Grand Rapids, MI
How found? Networking, company website



Jasmine Wilson
Princeton Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity
Princeton, NJ



Arnold Aquino
Systems Engineer
Dematic Corporation
Grand Rapids, MI
How found? Internship



Andrea Beukema
University of Michigan
School of Dentistry
D.D.S. Program
Ann Arbor, MI

Kristin Selvius
Marketing Specialist
Hex Armor
Grand Rapids, MI
How found? Internship, networking



Michael DeLadesmo
University English Teacher
Peace Corps
China
How found? Job fair



In partnership with students, graduates, employers, and faculty, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world.

Career Development's Mission Statement



Class of 2011 Employment and Graduate School Results

Every year, the career development office collects reports from graduating seniors about their employment or graduate school plans. The Class of 2012 has already begun submitting their information (and a few of these graduating students are included on page 3 of this newsletter). However, it takes several months to gather complete data. While information on the Class of 2012 is still being collected, the Class of 2011 results are in and are outlined below (along with a comparison of the graduating class of 2010).

Graduate Response Summary

	Class of 2011	Class of 2010
Total Graduates	866	906
Total Respondents	719	724
Response Rate	81.2%	79.97%

Post-Graduate Activity

	Class of 2011	Class of 2010
Employed	551** (76.6%)	518** (71.55%)
Graduate School	164**(22.8%)	221**(30.52%)
Not Employed	18 (2.5%)	6 (0.83%)
Seeking Employment	12 (1.7%)	5(0.69%)
Not Seeking Employment	6 (0.8%)	1 (0.14%)

**Some graduates reported both graduate school attendance and employment, which creates an overlap in statistics

Internships

In the 2011 graduating class, 672 out of the total 866 grads (75.8%) had at least one internship/practicum while at Calvin. This includes required practicums (such as student teaching or social work practicums) as well as optional experiences.

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We offer a variety of services for students and alumni:

- Career counseling
- Major selection
- Career testing
- Internships
- Job search assistance
- Job fairs
- Practice interviews
- Resume and cover letter critiques
- Web-based job posting system

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