Career Development
main office:
Hekman Library 372
Walk-in Hours:
Monday - Friday,
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

New year, new events!

With the new year, as well as a new Director, the Career Development office is implementing some new programming.

Small group workshops will be offered each weekday at 10:00 a.m., using the following rotation of career topics:

- Mondays: Major Selection
- Tuesdays: Job/Internship Search
- Wednesdays: Interviewing
- Thursdays: Networking
- Fridays: LinkedIn & Portfolio

The spring semester will also be filled with a variety of other workshops and career fairs:

**Workshop: Interviewing**
Thurs., Feb. 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Workshop: Career Fair Prep for International Students**
Tues., Feb. 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Workshop: Career Fair Prep, Networking & Small Talk**
Thurs., Feb. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Job Pursuit**
Fri., Feb. 19, 9:00 am-4:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel—Lansing, MI
Pre-registration required

**Fireside Chat with TaRita Johnson: How to Prepare for Life After Calvin**
Wed., Feb. 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Library Lobby

**Winter Career Fair & Health Careers Day**
Thurs., Feb. 25, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
DeVos Place Convention Center

**Camp Fair: Summer Jobs**
Mon., Feb. 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Library Lobby

**Out of State Teacher Fair**
Mon., March 7, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
GSU Allendale Campus—Kirkhof Center
Follow-up interviews on March 8

**Liberal Arts & Graduate School Fair**
Wed., March 9, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Covenant Fine Arts Center, 2nd floor hallway

**Workshop: Internship & Job Search Strategies**
Wed., March 23, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Summer Jobs Fair**
Tues., March 29, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Library Lobby

**Fireside Chat with TaRita Johnson: What Has God Called Me to Do?**
Wed., March 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Library Lobby

**Workshop: Building Your Personal Brand—Social Media & Networking**
Tues., April 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Workshop: Healthy, Wealthy & Wise**
Wed., April 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
VanNoord 235

**Workshop: I Landed an Internship! Now What?**
Thurs., April 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

**Teacher Search**
Tues., April 26, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Prince Conference Center

**Career Conference**
Wed., April 27, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Meeter Center Lecture Hall

More details about these events can be found on our website: www.calvin.edu/career/events-list.html
Over 275 Calvin students completed a fall internship, giving them the opportunity to develop the professional skills employers are seeking in candidates.

Students: report your internship at www.calvin.edu/career for a chance to win $15 to the Campus Store!

Fall 2015 interns

Steven - Words of Hope

Katie - Celebration! Cinema

Jane - Mixed Staffing

Matt - Grand Rapids Symphony

Lessons Learned from Fall Internships

“My internship experience was very beneficial because I learned about working in a global nonprofit and gained a clearer view of the work environment I would like to join in the future.”
- Carmen, intern at Partners Worldwide

“I’ve gained valuable communication skills, learned how technology works in a large corporation, and furthered myself as a professional!”
- Blake, intern at Lumbermen’s Inc.

“I have learned that I appreciate new projects, meeting new people, and doing graphic design. I have learned that there’s a lot to be said about putting a little extra into every task and showing up early. I have also grown to appreciate the gifts God has given me and how to utilize them to their full potential in my professional life.”
- Holly, intern at Celebration! Cinema

Nick - McCall & Company

Katelyn – Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Alumnus Profile: Elvis Garcia Callejas ‘13

Since graduating from Calvin in 2013, Elvis Garcia Callejas has been quoted in *The New York Times* and was an invited participant at a recent meeting held at the White House. Both of these distinctions are a result of Elvis’ work as a Case Manager with Catholic Charities Community Services’ Program for Unaccompanied Minors in New York City.

In his current role as Case Manager, Elvis helps children who are looking for protection in the United States after they have been forced to flee their countries due to violence or poverty. He spends many days traveling to detention centers run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in New York State to give presentations to unaccompanied minors about their rights, the immigration systems and the different reliefs available for immigrant children in the United States. He also conducts individual interviews with unaccompanied children in ORR custody to determine whether they can be protected under United States laws.

Elvis is confident that his education at Calvin prepared him for his work with immigrant children. “It is thanks to the Christian studies and values through the International Development and Spanish programs that I can see unaccompanied minors for what they truly are: children of God,” Elvis says. “My semester abroad in Honduras also prepared me to understand why so many children are leaving Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.”

In addition to Spanish and International Development courses, work and internship experiences helped equip Elvis for his professional life. During the summers of 2010 and 2011, Elvis worked as a Migration Assistant at an immigration law firm in Chicago, Illinois, which gave him the opportunity to assist immigrants through the legalization and naturalization process. He also completed an internship with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Washington, DC. This internship gave Elvis the chance to be part of a research report called *Children on the Run*, which focused on the stories of unaccompanied minors fleeing Central America and Mexico.

After graduating from Calvin, Elvis interned with a United States Senator in Washington, DC, and worked for a gubernatorial campaign in Virginia before accepting his current position with Catholic Charities Community Services.

Looking for success stories

Congratulations to seniors who have already accepted a job offer or have been accepted into graduate school!

Seniors, please report your job or graduate school plans on our website, (www.calvin.edu/career) and we will send you a $15 gift certificate to the Campus Store. We would love to feature you on our Facebook page or in future newsletters, so please keep us updated with your success stories!
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
- Online job posting system

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