Intern Spotlight Success!  By: Carlos Esparza

Currently I am entering my final year as a General Studies student at IPFW. As reality begins to set in that college is almost over, the need to answer the question, “What do I want to be when I grow up” is now a necessity. Several months ago I was invited to an E-Mentoring workshop. The E-Mentoring workshop brought students, faculty and alumni together to share stories of success and guidance. I have always been interested in being an intern; however, my problem was that I didn’t know how to go about it. The feedback at the workshop was great, and everyone recommended I get in contact with Career Services. I set up an appointment with career counselor Karen Obringer, who has now become a very important asset to me. She helped me complete my resume and recommended I attend a job fair that was being held at the Walb Student Union Ballroom. She gave me a list of potential employers that were going to participate. On that list I found 98.9 The Bear. My family and I have listened to The Bear for years, and given my interests in the media industry, I had to give it a shot. Upon approaching The Bear booth, I was greeted by the TNT morning show’s own Turner Watson, and my life significantly changed. After an on-air audition about a week later, I was selected to become a member of the show (WOW, me, a TNT member)! One of the wonderful things about being an on-air personality is that “YOU” are the product. During my internship I learned how to produce commercials, which was a lot of fun.

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Two things every student should leave college with: a degree & an internship!

One of the greatest hurdles career counselors face is convincing students they key to career success is gaining experience prior to graduation. This can be attained through job shadowing, externships, volunteering and especially internships.

November is National Career Development Month, and this year the Office of Career Services is hosting a variety of events encouraging students to connect their academic work with professional experience. Most events are networking panels designed around various career areas like science, government and non-profit agencies. There are also opportunities for students to learn how other alumni have used their degree in a less conventional way and how current students can still make time for internships even though there may seem like there’s no time to spare.

We are also very pleased to welcome Amy Mireles from Northwestern Mutual as the keynote speaker during the Internship dinner on November 11th. We will invite IPFW Sophomores and their parents to educate them on the importance of internships and provide a networking opportunity for students and employers seeking internships/Interns.

Internships are invaluable to employers as well! Think of the intern as going through a 3-month interview and training process. You have the opportunity to connect with students prior to graduation, reducing the needs for opening up candidate searches and additional training for new hires.

If you’re an employer and want more information on how to set up an internship program at your organization, contact Karen Obringer, Internship Coordinator, at (260) 481-0121. She provides assistance with the types of projects an intern can/should do, referrals, supervision requirements, and IPFW supervision/support throughout the internship process.

For more information on Career Development Month Events, please refer to the Upcoming Events section on page 1.

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Our corporate sponsors are instrumental in helping career services increase their career library resources and equipment, market their services, and provide essential programs for students and alumni. One such event is our Dining Etiquette and Networking Dinner offered on October 22nd.

We would like to thank them for their support and participation.

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Did you know that you can actually slow someone's voice down to make them sound intoxicated or like they were under water?

Being a part of the morning show also had its perks. I was able to meet the lead singers of various rock bands such as “RA and Drowning Pool.” I also played soccer against local celebrities such as Ryan Elijah, Melissa Long, and Jason Meyers, members of Indiana’s NewsCenter. My favorite moment was when I attended Pierre’s Nonpoint rock concert. The TNT morning crew invited me onto Pierre’s main stage to introduce Nonpoint. (On a side note, my on-air name has been Dangerous Carlos, or DC for short.) While on stage, I heard one fan in the front row start chanting DC...DC...DC, which was so amazing. I instantly gained hundreds of friends that night and even today when people see me in public, they yell “DC!”

The best part of the internship was the connections I made between the classroom and the professional field. While working for 98.9 The Bear, I was setting up broadcasting equipment for live shows outside of the studio and also gaining a better understanding of FCC regulations. I also learned how to sequence on-air spots (or commercials) with live audio broadcasting. Throughout the internship, I also improved my public speaking skills, as well as the ability to cope with and adjust to unscripted dialect. Now I understand frequency levels and how to manipulate them to produce the best vocal quality. This experience has renewed my appreciation for my education greatly.

I am grateful to everyone who helped me with all that I achieved so far this year. One of the speakers during the E-Mentoring workshop (Doug Hastle) frequently explained not to sit idly by and wait for something to happen. He said to find what you want and kick the door open. I’ve been doing my fair share of kicking doors since, and let me say I have more fun kicking down doors than waiting on a miracle. I just hope that someday I will be able to return the favor to someone else.

Alumni Spotlight Success!

Allow me to introduce you to David Paul, an alumnus of IPFW. He finished his Bachelor of General Studies degree in December 2006 and quickly began job hunting for a great career.

It didn’t take long before the resumes were being sent out with the interview requests coming in. He came prepared for the interviews, by practicing and also researching companies. Due to his preparedness, the job offers started flowing in. After meeting with the management team from Enterprise, his decision was made.

IPFW had prepared David to take on the task of the demanding training program offered through Enterprise. IPFW frames all their degrees around 6 key foundations for a student’s success: Acquisition of Knowledge, Application of Knowledge, Personal and Professional Values, A Sense of Community, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, and Communication. Enterprise also assisted with his success through an excellent training programs, as well as an outstanding on-the-job training from management.

The combination of IPFW’s Baccalaureate program and Enterprise’s training has led to rapid promotions for David within a short time period. Enterprise’s promotions are held strictly within the company, but the possibilities are endless. David’s career with Enterprise Rent-a-Car has been exciting and very rewarding. He looks forward to using the vast knowledge obtained from IPFW to help further his career and continue to grow the Enterprise business.
Professional Dress is Required.
You will not be admitted into the program without professional attire. You must also be on time.

Event Venue:
Fort Wayne Summit Club
110 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN
National City Center Building,
25th Floor

Enjoy a great meal with the opportunity to meet and inspire students!
October 22, 2008; 6-9pm

Schedule:
6 pm Dining Etiquette Presentation
(no one admitted after 6 p.m.)
optional for employers

7 pm Networking with Students and Area Employers

7:30 pm Dinner is Served

9 pm Event Concludes

Dinner reservations are limited, so reserve your space early. Sign up at www.ipfw.edu/career!

Dinner Menu:
First Course:
1. Tomato Basil Soup

Second Course:
1. Summit Club Signature Salad

Third Course: Your choice of entrées:
1. Chicken Marsala
2. Stuffed Sole
3. Boneless Pork Chop
4. Vegetarian Pasta

Fourth Course: Your choice of desserts:
1. Chocolate Cheesecake
2. Key Lime Pie

How do you gracefully manage a formal meal? Learn how on October 22nd!