Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

A Story of Student Impact and Success - Spring 2016

The Center for Experiential Learning focuses on helping students thrive through service with the Mentor-Scholar Program, work experiences gained through internships and co-ops, self-discovery and scholarship in our classes and community interaction that is weaved throughout our programs.

Semester in Review:

GST 101 Professional Skills Preparatory saw continued success and growth with 141 registered students. The GST 101 curriculum is designed to develop critical thinkers with theoretic and tactical skills, communication and interpersonal skills, and work place ready interactive skills through instruction, assessment, assignments and evaluation.

GST 303 Leadership in Your Field aligns with the SUNY Applied Learning Initiative and builds upon the course work in GST 101 while giving students the opportunity to work outside of the classroom. This builds leadership skills and gives students an understanding of their role in the community. This semester, the 49 students registered in GST 303 volunteered 1,500 hours in the community.

The Mentor-Scholar Program had 122 SUNY Oswego student participants who contributed over 2,700 hours of direct service and academic support to local school districts.

The Co-op Program had 9 student participants who worked a total of 5,610 work hours at:
- Biogen
- Burlington Community Parks
- CACI
- PAC Associates
- Port Authority
- Syracuse Research Corp.
- Wegmans Food Market
- Youth Exchange Program
**Internship Program:** The Center for Experiential Learning had 284 interns earning over 900 academic credits. The interns in our program provided over 36,000 hours of direct support to organizations across the US.

**Internship Companies this spring:**
- AXA Advisors
- Binghamton Senators AHL
- Bower's & Company CPA's LLC
- Fort Ontario
- Gypsum Express LTD
- H. Lee White Marine Museum
- iHeart Media
- Make-A-Wish-Foundation
- Noble Health Services
- Office of US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- Onondaga County District Attorney's Office
- Oswego County Child Advocacy Center
- Oswego County Humane Society
- Rochester Razor Sharks
- Senator Charles Schumer's Regional Office
- Trinity Catholic School
- United Way of Oswego County
- Walt Disney World
- WSYR News Channel 9

**QUEST Day 2016**

QUEST debuted in 1980 as a symposium dedicated for sharing scholarly and creative pursuits of students and faculty. Our 36th annual QUEST day continued the tradition. There were 35 departments, 145 presentations, 77 posters, 5 ceremonies and inductions, and over 411 students participating. Presentations ranged from an interactive children's story on iPad to analysis of the chemical composition of latent fingerprints to a parliamentary style debate of cultural unity vs. cultural diversity. It was a day the Oswego college community was able to explore, create and learn.

**Mentor-Scholar Recognition Dinner**

On April 22nd, the Mentor-Scholar Program held its Fifth Annual Recognition Dinner. This event welcomed all program participants (175 attended) to the SUNY Oswego Ice Arena to celebrate the hard work and dedication put into the year from both parties. It was a night of celebration and the bringing together of campus and community as one last finale for a successful 2015-2016.

**SUNY Oswego Chemistry and Biochemistry Students tour Anheuser-Busch**

In March, students from majors in Chemistry and Biochemistry visited Anheuser-Busch Companies in Baldwinsville, NY for a career exploration tour and a co-op/internship information session. “For more than 160 years, Anheuser-Busch and its world class brew masters have carried on a legacy of brewing America’s most popular beers. Anheuser-Busch operates 16 local breweries, 17 distributorships and 23 agricultural and packaging facilities across the United States.”

The information session and tour presented by Brew Master, Matt Morgenthaler, allowed students the opportunity to get a look and feel of the brewery. Students were able to learn about the company, tour the facility, taste test the oats and smell the hops used in the brewing process. They also toured the chemistry labs to see how their chemistry courses and labs align with the company.

Matt offered valuable career advice on the importance of getting an internship and co-op as well as having good professional skills and preparing for the interview process.
SUNY Oswego Students Co-op at Port of Oswego Authority and Interview with CNY Central News

SUNY Oswego Cooperative Education students William Ernest, Geology major, and Alison Taylor, Biochemistry major, spoke with CNY Central News, Syracuse about their co-op experience at the Port of Oswego Authority. Both Alison and William worked full-time this spring testing and analyzing grain for quality control standards for food that will be shipped around the world.

Students and Faculty Traveled to Benin, West Africa as a Quarter Course

The class focused on permaculture, Benin’s education system, and cultural visits that included meeting a King, attending a Voodoo festival, and viewing the Door of No Return.

Think Summer!

There is still time to register for summer internship credit or for a summer GST course. Gain experience and build your resume! Contact us for more information and check your email each Friday for the newest experiential learning opportunities in our Weekly Roundup.

The Mentor-Scholar Program took participating students on campus visits to SUNY Oswego. The secondary students from Red Creek Middle and Red Creek High School, CiTi, Oswego Middle and High School all got to partake in a variety of campus-related activities. They were able to see the mock dorm room in Hart Hall, a trip to outer space in the Shineman Center’s planetarium, thanks to Dr. Roby, explore potential future careers with help from Compass Navigator, Erica Bentley, and dine at Cooper Dining Hall. The students experienced firsthand some of the great programs that SUNY Oswego has to offer. Trips to SUNY Oswego brought local teens to campus to experience what college could be like for them. Many were excited to see the campus and said that they wanted to go to SUNY Oswego in a few years! The Mentor-Scholar Program had 122 SUNY Oswego student participants who contributed over 2,700 hours of direct service and academic support to local school districts.

Record Number of SUNY Oswego Students to Participate in the Walt Disney World College Program

Twenty-five SUNY Oswego students have accepted internship positions with the Walt Disney World College Program for this summer and/or fall. Tens of thousands of students nationwide are interviewed for the highly competitive Disney College Program each semester. Accepted students learn and earn while they spend the semester in Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Students become part of the Disney magic that is known worldwide and get valuable experience in the parks and resorts.
Center for Experiential Learning Spring Gift Card Winners

Congratulations to Alexander DiBartolo and Grayson Pellerito! Alexander and Grayson each won a gift card for their participation in an Experiential Learning Information Session.

Pictured from left to right:

Tyler Penberthy - Student SHRM President
Susan Post - Divisional Director (East) for SHRM National Chapter
Denise Milde – VP of Human Resources, PAR Technology Corporation
Sarah Towsley – Director of Human Resources, Liberty Resources
Nicole Moccaldi - Student SHRM Vice President
Kimberly Cassa - Student SHRM Secretary
Rob Didio – Director of Human Resources, L&JG Stickley

Summer internships and co-ops are still available and being announced daily.

Follow us on social media or use our Find an Internship web page to explore opportunities.

The summer internship registration deadline is July 1.

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