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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, SANTA FE CAREER SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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## CAREER SERVICES NEWS

**Welcome back!** Welcome freshmen, GI's, and Annapolis transfers! Welcome back to everyone. If you're going to be graduating in the spring, please come by and talk to us about your post-SJC plans. If you're interested in having an internship over the summer, please come and see our Internship Coordinator, Barbara Lucero Sand, about your options. It's never too early. If you've got questions about going to med-school or applying for scholarships and fellowships, please stop by and see Margaret Odell, Director of Career Services. Our office is in the basement of Weigle and we're open 9-5pm, Monday-Friday.

**Mandatory Work-Study Meetings:** There will be two **mandatory** work-study orientation meetings for all **freshmen** with work-study jobs and **any other students who have work-study jobs in Santa Fe for the first time.** The meetings will both be in the Junior Common Room from 4:30-5:30 pm, the first on Tuesday, September 21 and the second on Wednesday, September 22. Attendance is required at only *one* of the meetings; choose whichever one fits your schedule.

**Recruiters from Villanova Law School on Campus:** Representatives from Villanova Law School in Villanova, Pennsylvania will be available on the **first floor of the Peterson Student Center on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-1:30 pm.** Stop by, pick up their material, and chat with these

recruiters about law school! You can check out their website ahead of time at [www.law.villanova.edu](http://www.law.villanova.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

There are a number of scholarships and fellowships available to St. John's students for both undergraduate and graduate study, both in the US and abroad. Below are descriptions of these opportunities **with deadlines that occur during the Fall semester.** Most of these scholarships and fellowships require nomination by the St. John's Fellowship Committee and must initially be submitted directly to the Career Services Office. **Please note that many of the deadlines to turn in hard copies to the Career Services Office occur in September, several as early as September 7<sup>th</sup>!**

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

**Goldwater Scholarships** – funding for Junior and/or Senior years at St. John's

- Provides ~up to \$7,500 to be used for tuition, books, fees, and room and board. If awarded for junior year, can be renewed for senior year.
- Must be current sophomore or junior and must be in the *top 1/4* of your class.
- Candidates must have excellent grades in science and math and be committed to careers in science, math, or engineering. Prior research/summer internships in one of these areas are essential for

a strong application.

- **Requires nomination by St. John's Fellowship Committee.**
- Applications and further information available at [www.act.org/goldwater](http://www.act.org/goldwater).
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 by noon.**

**Thorne Premedical Scholarships** – funding for summer, pre-medical classes in chemistry

- Applicant must demonstrate financial need and be a recipient of College Financial Aid at St. John's.
- Must have a grade point average acceptable to a medical school -- 3.2 or higher.
- The applicant must be a student from the Santa Fe campus and should be returning to the Santa Fe campus for the year following the award.
- The applicant must be committed to pursuing pre-medical studies leading to a career in allopathic (traditional Western) medicine as distinct from the other health sciences.
- The applicant must demonstrate the ability to do hard and good work in the sciences, and demonstrate a high promise of being admitted to medical school.
- Support is offered only for courses **required** for medical school admission. Usually, General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry are supported, and, with lower priority, related biology courses.

Tuition, fees, and required summer earnings may also be covered by Thorne awards. In addition, applications to cover books, travel, and living expenses will be considered. Partial support for a year away from St. John's can also be given. Amounts of the actual awards vary greatly, depending on financial needs and on the amount of money available in a given year.

- Applications and further information about pre-medical study are available at the Career Services Office.
- *Scholarship recipients are selected by the St. John's Pre-Medical Committee.*
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Recipients notified in February, with funds disbursed later in spring semester.**

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL COMBINED

**Truman Scholarships** – funding for Senior year at St. John's, plus 2 years of graduate school

- Up to \$30,000 for graduate study in public service fields.
- 60-65 scholarships awarded yearly: normally one scholarship for each state.
- Awarded to current juniors who have outstanding leadership potential and who intend to pursue careers in government, the non-profit sector or public service.
- Applicants must be full-time juniors in the *upper 1/4* of their class.
- **Requires nomination by the St. John's College Fellowship Committee.**
- For more information and application materials go to

[www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov).

- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE US

**Jacob K. Javits Fellowship**—funding for up to four years of study for Ph.D. or MFA in arts, humanities, or social sciences.

- This program provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral and Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.
- Must be a senior or a recent graduate.
- Eligible individuals are undergraduate students about to enter graduate school and graduate students who have not yet completed their first year of graduate study and who intend to pursue a doctoral or master's degree, if the master's degree is the terminal or highest degree awarded in an approved field, may apply.
- For more information and application materials go to: [www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html)
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> by noon.**

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD

**British Marshall Scholarships** – funding for two years of graduate study in the United Kingdom

- 40 scholars chosen in the U.S. each

year.

- Must be a senior or recent graduate.
- Must have exceptional grades, evidence of leadership, community service, and very clear career goals.
- Electronic application forms and other information are available at [www.marshall scholarship.org](http://www.marshall scholarship.org).
- **Requires nomination by the St. John's College Fellowship Committee.**
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Fulbright Full Grants and Teaching Opportunities** – 1 year of study, research, or teaching abroad

- Available in 155 specific countries. Requirements vary by country, but applicant must have clear, specific proposal and show how the project is related to previous education and future career. For specific countries, grant requirements and number of grants available per country, go to [www.us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html](http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html).
- Ideal candidate is a graduating senior or recent graduate with no previous overseas experience (vacations or a foreign exchange year in high school are not counted as overseas experience).
- BA/BS candidates receive preference, but grants also open to those with MA/MS degrees.
- Applicant must have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, even though selection is not solely based on academic record.
- May require specific language proficiency (see website for details).
- **Requires endorsement by St. John's Fellowship Committee.**
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Gates Cambridge Scholarships** – funding for 1-2 years of graduate study at Cambridge University

- Students must apply for admission to Cambridge at the same time as submission of scholarship application.
- *Does not require nomination by St. John's*, but the Fellowship Committee is available to help students evaluate and edit the content of their applications.
- For more information about the Gate Scholarships and to obtain applications materials, visit their website at [www.gatesscholar.org](http://www.gatesscholar.org).
- **National submission deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Mitchell Scholarships** – funding for 1 year of graduate study in Ireland or Northern Ireland

- Must have exceptional grades, evidence of leadership, and sustained commitment to service and community.
- Scholarships are intended to familiarize and connect the next generation of American leadership with the island of Ireland and its people.
- Must have Bachelor's degree before beginning of study in Ireland.
- **Requires nomination by St. John's Fellowship Committee.**
- For further requirements, information and an application go to: [www.us-irelandalliance.org](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org). and click on "Scholarships."
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Rhodes Scholarships** – funding for 1 or 2 years of graduate study at Oxford University

- Only 32 scholars chosen from the US. (~200 Rhodes scholars chosen

from other nations.)

- Applicants must have strong evidence of leadership, academic excellence, community service, and participation in sports/physical activities.
- Age requirements: at least 18 but not yet 24 before October 1 of the application year.
- Must have Bachelor's degree before October 1 of the year in which study is to commence.
- For further information and application materials go to: [www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org).
- **Requires nomination by the St. John's Fellowship Committee.**
- **Deadline for submission to the Career Services Office: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**



### FEATURED OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS

**Mississippi Teachers Corps:** The Mississippi Teacher Corps is a two-year program, similar to the Peace Corps, which recruits college graduates to teach in Mississippi schools, primarily in the Mississippi Delta (rural) and in Jackson, MS (urban). The program is designed for non-education majors and offers a host of benefits, including:

- Teacher training and certification
- Full scholarship for a master's degree in education from the University of Mississippi
- Job placement that includes full pay (\$30,000+) and benefits
- The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students in one of the poorest areas of the country

Eleanor Mathis, a 2007 graduate of St. John's College, Santa Fe, taught in Jackson, Mississippi as part of the Mississippi Teachers Corps. Ms. Mathis reported that she "highly recommends that other Johnnies apply. It's the hardest thing I've ever done-definitely a test of will and patience-but I've already seen rewards."

**The Mississippi Teacher Corps (MTC) started accepting applications for next year's class on September 1st, 2010.** The application is online at [www.olemiss.edu/programs/mtc](http://www.olemiss.edu/programs/mtc). MTC will have four application deadlines. However, each deadline gets more and more competitive so you are strongly encouraged to apply early. This past year MTC received more than 400 applications for 23 spots. The anticipated start date for next year is May 26th, 2011.



### CARETAKER GAZETTE

Not sure what to do with yourself for a few months or a year after you graduate? Looking for a way to spend the summer? *The Caretaker Gazette*, a bi-monthly publication, lists dozens of caretaking opportunities in the United States and worldwide. Many positions have free room and board in exchange for work, caretaking, or cooking. Some positions have large salaries attached. This publication is available on the job board located in the basement of Weigle Hall.



### GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate school applications in any field of study are complicated and highly competitive. It takes a great deal of time and effort to apply, so be sure of your interests before making the commitment. Following is a brief

overview of an ideal timetable, but don't worry if you're a senior and just starting the process. You still have time but need to meet with Career Services ASAP. A more detailed handout, "Choosing and Applying for Graduate School," is available in the Career Services Office. Here are the basic steps in researching and applying for graduate school:

### 1. Is Graduate School for you?

(Early in your Junior Year or Spring of your Sophomore Year.) Assess yourself as a candidate. Find out what your GPA is, as most schools have a minimum GPA that they will accept.

### 2. Investigate the programs.

(Junior Year.) Research the graduate schools in your chosen field by consulting reference books (e.g., Peterson's *Graduate School Guides* available online or in the Career Services Library) and speaking with tutors, alumni, friends, family, and the Career Services Office to see what they know about the schools. Prioritize *your* criteria for choosing a graduate school.

### 3. Determine what tests you need to take.

(Spring of Junior Year or summer before Senior Year.) Determine what tests are required and schedule your exams as soon as possible (**NOTE:** test centers fill up fast in the fall). In most cases, the following tests are required:

- GRE (general) *gre.org*, \$160, plus an additional \$140 for subject tests
- LSAT (law) *lsac.org*, \$136
- GMAT (business) *mba.com*, \$250
- MCAT (medicine)

*www.aamc.org/students/mcat*, \$230

Assistance books for all of these tests are available in the Career Services Library.

### 4. Research select schools

(Spring of Junior Year or summer before Senior Year.) Start narrowing your choices of schools. Obtain catalogs and applications (available online); try

to get to know as much as possible about the departments, the professors, and what they have written (Meem Library can help). Ascertain each school's application costs and procedures.

### 5. Decide how you will finance grad school.

(Summer after Junior Year or Fall of Senior Year.) Start thinking about how you plan to pay for your graduate education. Research scholarships, fellowships, and financial aid options. *Contact the Career Services Office if you are interested in any of the major scholarship programs and see the list in this newsletter.*

### 6. Visit the campuses you are interested in.

(Summer after Junior Year or Fall of Senior Year.) Try to visit some of your top choices as early as possible to get a feel for the campus. If you plan to go directly into grad school after graduation, plan to visit during the summer between your junior and senior years.

### 7. Narrow your choices.

(Summer after Junior Year or early Fall of Senior Year.) You should be able to narrow your original list of 10-20 schools down to 4-8 schools. Schedule time for yourself so you can adequately prepare your applications, the earlier the better.

### 8. Request letters of recommendation.

(Late in your Junior Year or early in your Senior Year.) Ask employers and tutors for letters of recommendation **as soon as possible!** (Tutors need time to write these letters, so don't ask a week before the letter is due.) Be sure to have a copy of each letter sent to the Career Services Office for your file. Provide all recommenders with all the necessary papers and instructions, including general descriptions of the programs to which you are applying.

### 9. Request transcripts.

(Fall of Senior Year.) Fill out a written request to the SJC Registrar for your transcripts to be sent well in advance of the deadline. (If you have attended

other colleges, contact their registrars as well.)

### 10. Prepare your "Statement of Purpose"

(Summer after Junior Year or Fall of Senior Year.) Also called a "Letter of Intent," this essay is often your only chance for the admissions committee learn about who you are as a person, what makes you unique, and why you would be a good addition to the diversity of their class. The Career Services Office has guidelines for writing these, including examples of what admissions committees are seeking.

### 11. Make an appointment to have all your application materials reviewed by Career Services.

(Summer after Junior Year or Fall of Senior Year.) Allow ample time to have your application materials (application, statement, essays, resume or CV, etc.) reviewed by Career Services Office for refinement. Factor in sufficient time for revisions so that your application can be as strong as possible.

### 12. Assemble your application materials and send it in, hopefully 2-3 weeks prior to deadlines.

(Fall or early Spring of Senior Year.) Many applications are now done totally on line, but if you need to send hard copies, send all of your materials in one package, if possible. This will make your application easier to process and decreases the chance of lost items. Career Services will help you prepare your submission package. **NOTE:** Financial aid applications are usually separate and need to be completed as soon as the forms are available (each school will have its own form and deadline).

### 13. Wait for the response and inform Career Services of your decision.

(Spring of Senior Year.) Wait for acceptance, wait-list, or rejection letters. Be proactive; don't be afraid to negotiate, bargain, and haggle for acceptance and financial assistance. Career Services is available to help you.

*If you have questions about the graduate school application process, please schedule an appointment with the Career Services Director and staff for help. We are happy to meet with you weekly or even daily as your deadlines draw near.*

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Simon Charitable Foundation Tutoring Program:** The Simon Charitable Foundation is looking for tutors for the 2010-2011 school year in a variety of subjects, including: Math (Geometry, Algebra, Calculus), Chemistry, Physics, Biology, English and History. Tutoring is with individuals or small groups, and takes place on the St. John's campus, Saturday mornings from 10:00 am until noon. The rate of pay is \$15 per hour. Tutoring experience is preferred but not required. Applicants who are comfortable tutoring more than one subject are preferred. Students are highly motivated and eager to learn! Tutoring will begin in mid-September and does not occur over Winter, Spring or Summer Breaks.

To apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to Mike Ammerman, Program Director, [mike@simoncharitablefoundation.org](mailto:mike@simoncharitablefoundation.org)

**Do you need a part-time job to afford your book or coffee habit? The following is a short list of employers in Santa Fe that have hired Johnnies in the past, often have part-time employment available, and have recently indicated their desire to hire more St. John's students in the future:**

**Hotels:**  
La Posada: 330 E. Palace Ave., 505-954-9649. Please consult the

following website for all of their open positions: [www.skjob1.com](http://www.skjob1.com).

**Restaurants/Coffee Shops:**

Ohori's Coffee: 1098 1/2 S. St. Francis Drive, 982-9692; [ohoriscoffee@gmail.com](mailto:ohoriscoffee@gmail.com). They are happy to accept resumes now for any future open positions.

Subway on the Plaza: 66 E San Francisco St; (505) 988-2604.

**Additionally, Career Services maintains a job board just outside our office with postings for full and part-time local jobs. Finally, come by to sign up for our Need Cash? email lists which deliver these postings directly to your inbox!**

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**INTERNSHIPS**

**U.S. Department of State Internship Program:** The U.S. Department of State Internship Program was established to encourage college students to consider careers in a foreign affairs agency and aid the Department in achieving its mission to administer US foreign policy and maintain diplomatic relations throughout the world.

The internship program is highly competitive and the application process starts very early as security clearance alone takes approximately 60-90 days. Open to U.S. citizens, must be a junior, senior or graduate student from an accredited college or university who has completed at least 60 credits and is in good academic standing. Deadline for Summer Internships is **November 1st**. To apply, visit <http://careers.state.gov/> and click on "Student Programs" to access "Gateway to State."

For more detailed information on the various agencies within the State Department visit: [http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0\\_Student\\_Intern\\_brochure.pdf](http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf)

**Many other Federal and State Summer Internship opportunities have early fall and winter application deadlines, as well as, private corporations such as in publishing and banking. Please stop by the Career Services office to get research tips and assistance.**

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**LAW SCHOOL**

**Applying for law school this year?:** Then register NOW with [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org). The Law School Admission Council is a critical partner for law schools and prospective law students throughout the world. They work directly with law schools to provide all of the tools you need to assemble your law school applications. Once you go to [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) and set up your secure account, you can: 1. prepare for the LSAT with a free, sample test; 2. easily research law schools, their admissions requirements, and deadlines; 3. sign up for Law School Forums where you can meet face-to-face with more than 150 law school recruiters; 4. register for the LSAT; 5. sign up for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service to easily meet law school requirements for transcripts, recommendations, and applications; 6. use your LSAC account to apply electronically to as many law schools as you like; and 7. keep track of everything related to your law school admission with just a few clicks. Sign up now for this indispensable service.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Citizen Schools:** Citizen Schools is a growing national network of after-

school education programs for students in the middle grades (6th, 7th and 8th), which complement classroom learning by engaging students in hands-on learning projects led by adult volunteers after school and supported by a staff of professional educators. Through the demonstration of partnerships with out-of-school advocates, Citizen Schools are at the forefront of a movement to transform the learning day and improve the educational trajectories of young people across the country.

There are several avenues in which individuals can volunteer for Citizen Schools:

1. **Apprenticeships:** Volunteers are needed for the Spring, to lead hands-on classes that feature one of the volunteer's personal passions or field of expertise. Apprenticeships culminate in a WOW!-the final product, presentation, or performance that showcases students' learning for a public audience of family, school staff, and community leaders. All volunteers are paired with a full-time Citizen Schools staff member who helps to develop a 10-week curriculum and weekly lesson plans. Great for individuals looking for teaching experience.

2. **Academic Coaching:** Assist students with their homework. Volunteers needed immediately. Schedule varies.

3. **Host an Exploration:** Share your workspace with a group of Citizen School students by hosting a 60-90 minute field trip! This is a great way for students to make the connection between academic success and a future career.

4. **Lead a Choice Time:** Teach one 60-90 minute class on a personal passion/hobby or field of expertise.

5. **Serve as a panelist at a WOW!:** Offer your expertise by providing feedback to students regarding their final WOW! projects from their work during apprenticeships. 60-90 minute commitment.

6. **Serve on a College Career Panel:** Share your knowledge of higher education with middle schoolers! 60-90 minute commitment.

All applicants must apply online at [citizenschools.org](http://citizenschools.org). The following link will take you directly to the team leader application page:

<http://www.citizenschools.org/careers/teamleader.cfm>

Information about Citizen Schools has been provided by Graduate Institute alumni member Caitlin Riopel. After finishing her masters degree, Caitlin has been employed as a Teaching Fellow at Citizen Schools at the De Vargas Middle School campus. This is an organization dedicated to employing young, enthusiastic college graduates who want to make a difference in the lives of students living within their community.

**WWOOF-USA:** WWOOF-USA facilitates worldwide volunteer opportunities on organic farms. The program is available to anyone over 18 years of age: urbanites, professionals, students, families, farmers, gardeners, or people who have never touched soil in their lives. Volunteers generally work for a half-day, participating in farm work and projects as needed. In exchange, farmers provide volunteers with meals and accommodation. There are

more than 300 host farms in the WWOOF-USA Directory of Organic Farms, located throughout the US, including Hawaii and the US Virgin Islands. Membership (\$20) is required in order to access the database. For more information, please visit their website at [www.wwoofusa.org](http://www.wwoofusa.org).

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Additional information and/or printed materials on all opportunities and programs listed in *Going Places* are kept in the Career Services Office. The office is staffed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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