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Career Services Office



At left: Jennifer Dalton conducting cancer research at City of Hope Hospital in Duarte, CA. Above: Ruohan Chen, (second from left) interned at Breakthrough Collaborative Summerbridge in Hong Kong.

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Welcome

Career Services welcomes students to the work and the excitement of fall 2011 at St. John's College.

Career Services' mission is to:

- Provide information and assistance to students and alumni for making internship, education, and career-related decisions.
- Assist students and alumni with acquiring skills needed to implement those decisions.
- Connect students and alumni to career-enhancing opportunities.

To accomplish this mission, Career Services is dedicated to working with students to brainstorm about future plans that can range from internships or apprenticeships, to study abroad, to job shadowing, to scholarships and fellowships, to graduate school, and part-time and full-time jobs. We do this through individual meetings, workshops, information sessions, newsletters, our own Facebook and LinkedIn groups, on-campus recruiters, the Ariel Internship program, and our new student information management system, Agora.

Each currently enrolled undergraduate and GI, on both campuses, has been entered into the Agora system. Every one of you should already have received an email from Career Services with directions on how to enter Agora to complete your profile. (Check your SJC e-mail account for that message.) Once that profile is completed, you can upload your resume and search for jobs being posted from within the college and by outside organizations. You will also have access to our

on-line Resource Library and a calendar with upcoming events. Our next goal is to begin populating the Mentor Database so that students can connect directly with alumni and friends of the college who are willing to share their own career stories and offer advice for students.

All of these resources, however, are worthless if students don't take advantage of them. Visit the Career Services office to get to know the staff and so we can begin to know your interests and aspirations. Attend the information sessions and workshops to learn how to present yourself and your skills to employers, graduate schools, and potential mentors. Complete your Agora profile and post your resume so you are ready to apply for jobs that are posted throughout the year. Let Career Services assist you in taking the ideas and questions you are formulating in the classroom and turn them into a plan for your future.



Noam Freshman spent his summer as a Congressional Intern in Washington DC.

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Have you been to Agora??

Set up your profile for access to Career Services Staff, off-campus employers, job recruiters, part-time jobs, work study jobs, alumni mentors, and graduate school recruiters. Please check your student email account for an email from Career Services with Agora in the subject line. This email will include your username and password. And don't miss out; we already have employers posting positions!

Check it out!

<http://www.myinterfase.com/sjcsf/student>



Carolyn Manning spent her summer as an intern at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA.

Events and Opportunities

Recruiting

Stop by to chat, get information, and go somewhere!

National College of Natural Medicine (NCCM) is a naturopathic medical college that combines Chinese medicine with modern science. Be part of the ancient tradition of the medical scholar and learn to care for health in the classic style. A representative will be in the Peterson Student Center Hallway from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5.

JET Program is an exchange program to improve foreign language teaching and promote international understanding. College graduates have opportunities to work as English teachers or as International Relations Coordinators in Japan. JET has been recruiting Johnnies for 15 years. A representative will be in the Peterson Student Center Hallway from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13. Robert Conti (SF*11) and Amariah Fuller (SF*11) are currently in Japan with the JET program.

Workshops

Ariel Introduction Workshop – Tuesday, October 11, 12:15 p.m., Junior Common Room (JCR). Summer 2011 Ariel interns share their experiences and the Ariel process and resources are explained.

Graduate School Panel – Wednesday, October 19, 12:15 p.m., Senior Common Room (SCR). St. John's tutors offer advice for choosing a graduate school program and navigating the pitfalls of the overall application process, including entrance exams, statements of purpose, finding financial aid, and requesting letters of recommendation.

Statement of Purpose Workshop – Wednesday, November 2, 3:15 p.m., Senior Common Room (SCR). Discussion and examples of good and bad statements, and an opportunity

to work with the Writing Archon, Writing Assistants, and Career Services on your statement of purpose.

Mock Interviews with Alumni – Wednesday, November 9, 5:30 p.m., Junior Common Room (JCR) and Fireside Lounge (FSL). Advice for job-hunting during Winter Break, opportunity for mock interviews with alumni, and final resume work.

Ariel Application Workshop – Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 p.m., Senior Common Room (SCR). See examples of good and bad Ariel applications, and hear advice for presenting the very best application.

Internships

Why Should Johnnies Complete an Internship?

from Terrance Manning II, Internship Coordinator

St. John's provides students with a rigorous and well rounded education which gives students a solid foundation of important skills that liberates them to pursue and succeed in any career they choose. Yet the fact is most employers want to hire employees who have proven that they can complete the practical work encompassed in their profession. With that in mind, an internship is an important step for future employment. An internship allows you to prove that your St. John's education is valuable and that you can succeed in the field of your career track. In addition, it is no secret that jobs are very competitive right now. Successful completion of an internship will help give you an advantage over other applicants.

There is another important function of an internship: to help students discern which career they wish to pursue. As is common with Johnnies, we are competent and interested in a variety of career options. Internships are a great way to try out a career and see if "it fits". It allows students to find out what it is really like day to day to work in a certain profession. Some students find that their internship has confirmed their career goals, while others find that the career they had in mind is not at all what they want to pursue.

INTERNSHIP BOARD

Career Services keeps current internship information posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Be sure to stop by and check for new internships or updates, or pop in and chat with Terry. Opportunities are out there – find them and take part!



As an intern, Casey Hudak wrote and produced original plays with foolsFURY in San Francisco, CA.

When should I apply for an internship?

We recommend that students only apply for internships that take place during the summer. It is common for internships to be offered throughout the academic year, but these are not amenable to the St. John's curriculum. Traditionally, students have applied for internships their junior year, but we recommend that students apply for internships as soon as they would like. Building a resume of internships and showing a commitment to a field is a powerful tool to help you reach your career goals. Lastly, it is important to pay attention to deadlines. Some internships have early deadlines (government positions, State Department, etc.) where they require you to apply in November for internships beginning in June. If you miss these deadlines, you will have to wait an entire year for that internship.

What is the Ariel internship?

Ariel is the name given to the college-funded internship program at the Santa Fe campus. The Ariel Internship Program, created in 2004, provides stipends to undergraduates for a limited number of summer internship opportunities regardless of financial need. Modeled after the Hodson Internship Program at the Annapolis campus, the Ariel program is competitive.

Rebecca Ahrens worked on her photography in her summer internship with Moshe Quinn Photography in San Francisco, CA.



Who can apply for Ariel and what are the funding levels?

Only current full-time undergraduates at Santa Fe may apply for Ariel funding (Annapolis students apply for Hodson funds). The maximum award in Santa Fe is \$3,600 per general internship (internships that are in the biomedical field can qualify for a \$4,000 stipend), but stipend amounts vary depending on each situation, including amount requested and duration of the internship. Transfer students from Annapolis may apply while enrolled in Santa Fe, as may graduating seniors and students planning on taking a year off. International students are also eligible, but must first meet with Career Services to discuss the specific guidelines.



Andrew Meier interned at the Illinois International Stuttering Research Center in Champaign, IL.

The advantage of the Ariel Internship program:

More and more internships these days are unpaid. The advantage of the Ariel internship is that the college provides financial support for Ariel recipients to conduct their internship. This is very uncommon. By offering this generous stipend, the college is freeing students to dedicate themselves to the internship experience by eliminating the need for summer employment. We encourage all students to apply for this great opportunity at least once in their academic career at St. John's.

U.S. Department of Labor Guidelines for Unpaid Internships

- 1) The internship, even though it includes actual operation of the facilities of the employer, is similar to training which would be given in an educational environment;
- 2) The internship experience is for the benefit of the intern;
- 3) The intern does not displace regular employees, but works under close supervision of existing staff;
- 4) The employer that provides the training derives no immediate advantage from the activities of the intern; and on occasion its operations may be impeded;
- 5) The intern is not necessarily entitled to a job at the conclusion of the internship; and
- 6) The employer and the intern understand that the intern is not entitled to wages for the time spent in the internship.

Legal Guidelines for an internship:

Internships are meant to be educational. They are not meant to be unpaid labor. This is sometimes a difficult distinction to make. From an employer's perspective, it would be tempting to use interns in a manner that makes the company more efficient and take advantage of having workers that are not paid. The U.S. Department of Labor wants to protect students against this. If interns are doing a job that should be fulfilled by a full time employee (who the company has neither the duty nor interest in educating), then it is an illegal internship. At left you will find the six criteria that the U.S. Department of Labor has issued to test the legality of unpaid internships. If you have any questions whether or not the internship you are thinking about applying to is legal or not, please visit Career Services.

What if I can't find an internship that suits my needs?

The great thing about the Ariel Internship Program is that you can CREATE YOUR OWN INTERNSHIP! Career Services staff is here to help you with the procedure of creating your own internship. Generally, we will help students find appropriate mentors in the field that is of the student's interest and then help build the framework of a successful internship. Often, St. John's College alumni provide great opportunities for students who wish to create their own internship.

Early Internship Deadlines

In the competitive market for internships and opportunities, it's always smart to start early. Below are internships with upcoming deadlines:

CIA Internships – Interns will work in analytic offices and centers, attend meetings, and work with staff on projects. A choice of two 90-day summer internships or one summer and one semester internship.

Deadline October 15. For more information visit <https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/index.html#undergradint>

TIME Inc Internships – Time Inc offers many internships in reporting and video journalism, graphics, page design, photography, copy editing, and digital media.

Deadline for all internships is October 29. For more information visit <http://www.nytimes-internship.com/>

Boston Globe Internships – For students interested in journalism, this summer internship provides practical experience in the journalism world. Interns will work mostly on general assignment, researching, writing articles, and working with coaches and staff. Previous internship experience helpful.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://internships.about.com/od/journalism/p/The-Boston-Globe-Internship-Program.htm>

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Internships – Summer internship in business reporting, multimedia editing, news editing, or sports editing.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://www.dowjones.com/djcom/careers/newspaper-fund-interns.asp>

U.S. Department of State's Summer Internship – Internship for students interested in foreign service. Opportunities to intern in Washington DC or abroad.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs>

Washington Post Internship – 12-week internships available for reporters on local, financial, sports, style, and editorial beats. Internships also available for visual journalists, multiplatform/interactivity producers, and web designers.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://intern.washpost.com/>



Rhett Forman spent his summer as a non-profit management intern in Annapolis, MD.

Graduate School and Professional Programs

Be thinking about...

Graduate School Test Resources:

GRE – general test for entrance into graduate school.
<http://www.ets.org/gre>

LSAT – law school exam.
<http://www.lsac.org>

MCAT – medical school exam.
<http://www.aamc.org/mcat>

GMAT – business school exam.
<http://www.mba.com/mba>

Foreign Service Exam –
<http://www.careers.state.gov/officer/register.html>

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs Internship (Princeton University) – For students interested in public policy, this internship offers an opportunity to work with various organizations to learn skills to build a future career in public policy or international affairs.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://wvs.princeton.edu/jsi/programs/fellowships/>

Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University Internship – 8-week internship at newspaper, radio station, new media company, or nonprofit investigative newsroom.

Deadline for Spring is November 15. See future issues for Summer deadline. For more information visit <http://www.theihs.org/ihs-journalism-internship-program>

Mississippi Teacher Corps Summer Internship – Gain teaching experience in low-income schools in the Mississippi Delta region. Interns will work in summer school activities, office work, recruiting, and field trips. Application opens on November 28.

Deadline February 5. Start early! For more information visit <http://mtc.olemiss.edu/about/summer-internship>

Peace Corp Internships – Internships in advocacy, communications, and media/technology. Rolling applications, but the earlier the better.

For more information visit <http://www.peacecorp-sconnect.org/contact-us/internships/>

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship – The program provides an opportunity for college graduates to gain a Washington perspective on peace and security issues in the world today by spending 6 to 9 months working as full-time junior staff members.

Deadline October 3. For more information and application visit <http://www.scoville.org/>

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans – The program offers financial assistance for two years of study toward a degree in any subject, anywhere in the United States for international or first-generation-American students. Open to seniors or 1st/2nd-year graduate students.

Deadline November 1. For more information visit <http://pdsoros.org/>

International Radio and Television Society Fellowship – Students interested in communications can explore the realities of the media world with this fellowship. Fellows will gain practical experience in the business of media, as well as career-planning advice and skills.

Deadline December 1. For more information visit <http://www.irtsfoundation.org/summerfellowshipprogram.html>

Study Abroad Opportunities

Interested? Career Services has extensive material from many networks and programs in our library. Please stop by and take a look, and chat with Margaret or Barbara about your plans for the future.

Programs Include:

Arcadia: <http://www.arcadia.edu/>

AustralLearn: www.australlearn.org

CET: <http://cetacademicprograms.com/>

Center for Cross-Cultural Study: www.cccs.com

CIEE (Clearinghouse for International Education programs): www.ciee.org

Global Link Learning Abroad:
<http://www.globalinksabroad.org/>

IIE (Institute for International Education):
www.iiepassport.com

Marchutz School of Art in Aix-en-Provence:
www.iaufrance.org/Marchutz

RILA (Rome Institute of Liberal Arts):
www.rilarts.org

TaLK (Korea): <http://www.talk.go.kr/>

University of St. Andrews in Scotland:
<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

Need Funding?

Funds for Education Abroad Scholarships – For dedicated students looking to study in rigorous study-abroad programs, the FEA provides scholarships and grants to help realize these academic goals. Students must apply a year in advance. Deadline for the 2012-2013 academic year or summer 2013 is November 14. Applications available at <http://www.fundforeducationabroad.com/applicants/>



Teaching Opportunities

Mississippi Teacher Corps – One of the most competitive teaching programs in the country, MTC recruits college graduates to teach in the Mississippi Delta. Benefits include teacher training and certification, full Masters in Education scholarship, job placement, and the opportunity to study race, poverty, and education issues, and make a big difference in people’s lives. Rolling application, but the early bird gets the worm.

First deadline is October 16. For more information visit <http://mtc.olemiss.edu/about>

Teach for America – Teach for two years in a low-income school and make a difference in education. Especially looking for math, science, and early education teachers.

Now accepting applications. For more information visit <http://www.teachforamerica.org/why-teach-for-america>

Uplift Education: Teaching opportunity in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX for motivated, intelligent teachers who want to close the gap in education and move students forward in their learning.

For more information visit <http://www.uplifteducation.org>

Volunteer Opportunities

Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Be a big brother/big sister and help a child thrive. The organization seeks to pair mentors with children in a safe, responsible, and life-changing way.

For more information visit <http://www.bbbs.org>

Santa Fe Alliance for Science (Tutoring) - Non-profit organization to connect K-14 students with tutors in math and science, and to stimulate youth interest in the fields.

For more information visit <http://www.sfafs.org/>

Santa Fe Children’s Museum – Volunteer at the museum in outdoor activities, museum shops, climbing walls, green house and many more. Opportunities for paid internships after volunteering.

For more information on museum visit <http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org/>
For more information on volunteering visit <http://www.santafechildrensmuseum.org/home/museuminfo/volunteer.html>



Career Services staff Margaret Odell, Director and Barbara Lucero Sand, Assistant.

ENDNOTES

Check us out online!

Previous and current issues of *Odyssey Bound* (formerly known as *Going Places*) can be found online at http://www.stjohnscollege.edu/admin/SF/career_newsletter.shtml

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