



# NEWS

FROM THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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## Greetings from the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center!

Experiential learning is a hands-on approach to education that is personally relevant and connected to your academic learning objectives. Whether you want to study abroad, complete an internship or participate in a research project (or all three!) we can

help you find a meaningful opportunity that will enable you to apply and connect theories from the classroom to real world situations. Please read on to learn about how to enhance your education.

## Experiential Learning Kick-Off

Albright's inaugural Experiential Learning events were held September 28 to October 11. Over the course of the three weeks, we focused on the experiential learning opportunities available on campus and how to take advantage of them. We kicked things off with the Experiential Learning Fair, which featured your friends and classmates who have already done exciting things such as internships, studying abroad and undergraduate research. If you were able to come to see their pictures and hear their stories, chances are you were inspired to start planning your own experience! We were also delighted to offer the Study Abroad Info Session, Internship-to-Career Panel Discussion, ACRE Presentation Nights and much, much more. Check out photos here.

## Study Abroad/Off Campus News

Did you know that students receiving Pell Grants are eligible to apply for significant funding to study abroad through the Gilman Scholarship? This congressionally funded program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is intended to diversify the types of students who study abroad and the countries in which they study. Over 2,300 scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded this academic year, with the average award being approximately \$4,000. To find out more visit the website and then visit the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center at Geiser House.

## Study Abroad Scholarships and Opportunities!

**Germany-Reutlingen Exchange with Danzer Scholarship-Fall 2012:** This scholarship is open to Business concentrators/co-concentrators and offers courses in English. Through this exchange, students pay only a portion of their normal Albright tuition. The scholarship covers most living expenses in Germany. Deadline is December 10, 2011.

**Northern Ireland Exchange:** This scholarship is open to current sophomores and juniors with at least a 3.2 GPA. Students pay regular Albright tuition for the semester of study in Ireland and have a choice of five institutions at which to study. Deadline is January 24, 2012.

**St. Andrew's Society:** Selected students study for a full year in Scotland at one of five top institutions. Students must be current sophomores and will receive an \$18,000 scholarship if chosen. Deadline is February 21, 2012.

Please see our web page, [www.albright.abroadoffice.net/facultyexchanges.html](http://www.albright.abroadoffice.net/facultyexchanges.html) and/or contact Kim Justeson [kjusteson@alb.edu](mailto:kjusteson@alb.edu) to learn more about any of these opportunities. Studying abroad is within your reach! Certain financial aid applies and other scholarships are out there. Set up an appointment to check things out and see how we can make it work for you.

## Honors News

The Honors Program welcomed 63 new freshmen and transfer students this semester. The group was treated to a pizza and ice cream extravaganza on September 8 in the CFA Mezzanine.

Did you know that you can still become a part of the Honors Program as a freshman? You may join the program if you have an Albright cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. If you are in your first semester at Albright, you may join the program as long as your midterm grade point average is 3.5 or higher. Simply contact Kim Justeson, [kjusteson@alb.edu](mailto:kjusteson@alb.edu), or Julia Heberle, Ph.D., [jheberle@alb.edu](mailto:jheberle@alb.edu), for more information. More information about the program can be found on the web at [www.albright.edu/academics/honorsguide1.html](http://www.albright.edu/academics/honorsguide1.html).

## Undergraduate Research News

Twelve students completed Albright Creative Research Experience (ACRE) projects this summer. Projects ranged from Comparative Tax Systems to Ultrastructural Studies of Embryonic Development in Zebrafish. Students presented their findings at the annual ACRE Presentation Nights earlier in the month. Interested in participating in an ACRE project? Contact Kim Justeson at [kjusteson@alb.edu](mailto:kjusteson@alb.edu) for details. Maybe you too can gain valuable research experience with a professor and get paid for it.

## Internship News

Want to explore a career or gain experience? Securing an internship is the best way to do just that. Go on to your Ask JIM account (from our website, [www.albright.edu/elcdc](http://www.albright.edu/elcdc)) and search for opportunities using the Ask JIM database, the Going Global database, and the Resource Library, which lists numerous internships. "Berks Works" is an excellent local resource that includes opportunities for all disciplines ([www.berksworks.org](http://www.berksworks.org)). You can also approach an organization of interest and simply ask if they offer internships; sometimes asking the question will get you the response you want!

## Calendar of Events

For a complete calendar of events check us out on FACEBOOK.

## Student Spotlight

**Gabby Fundyga**, a junior, spent her summer interning with PBS Sprout, a channel designed for 2- to 5-year-old children. Gabby describes the unique feel of Sprout as earthy, crafty and homespun. To support this image, Sprout often uses props that look as though they were made by 2-year-olds, and the network tends to stay away from the digitalization that is common among children's programs today.

Working with Sprout gave Gabby a great opportunity to connect her internship to her field of study. She is co-concentrating in Digital Media and Theater, a combination Albright is merging into a single concentration to be called Video Production. On the digital media side of her studies, Gabby gained experience through editing and using computer programs during live shoots with Sprout. She believes she will have a great advantage when she takes more technical classes due to the knowledge and skills she gained through her internship. On the theater side, Gabby experienced first-hand how producers write shows and how actors prepare for shoots. She also got the chance to see acting theory put into action. This opportunity has reinforced her knowledge that acting is not about how you see yourself, but about how others will see you.

While on a shoot for Sprout's show *Lazy Town*, Gabby was given the task of instructing and choreographing a group of children as they ran playfully around the set. This demanding task gave Gabby simultaneous experience in creativity, leadership and directing people in ways that will make them look good on camera. The fact that they were young children simply added a little extra challenge to the task.

While Gabby was serving as producer's assistant, or PA, for the *Sunny Side Up Show*, she had to analyze frames of children dancing for the show's *Barnyard Boogie* segment to make sure the frames were visually appealing to children, parents and the company. This feat was both artistically and technically challenging for Gabby, as she had to use her artistic eye while finagling complex computer programs.

A third memorable experience Gabby shared was her appearance as a farm hand on the *Sunny Side Up Show*. For this part, she wore a flannel shirt and a gardening glove to flip a sign on command during the live show. The sign was green on one side and red on the other, determining when the children actors started and stopped dancing during the show. The show's dependence on Gabby's performance added an aspect of pressure that is not uncommon in the TV business.

All in all, Gabby's internship was an invaluable experience that will help her transition into the real world. The opportunity taught her crucial skills such as prioritizing, working toward multiple due dates simultaneously, and working under intense pressure. The intensity and responsibility put upon Gabby during her internship gave her a realistic perception of work in the television business. Gabby's internship also gave her opportunities beyond experience and skill building. While working with Sprout, she met professionals in the industry and made a name for herself, a benefit that can't be found inside the classroom. Earlier this summer, Gabby said, "When I come out of this internship, I'll feel like I have a grasp on a real job in the real world more than school could have given me and definitely more than I had in the beginning of the summer." This internship certainly puts Gabby a giant step ahead as she prepares to enter the job market in 2013.

For the next few months, Gabby will be working on a second internship with MTV's *Sixteen and Pregnant*, where she will analyze and select shots from material filmed after the babies are born to facilitate the editing process. As an internship expert, Gabby highly recommends internships to other students and advises them to "research, research, research" to find the internship that fits just right.



## Contact Us

The Experiential Learning and Career Development Center is located on Linden Street in the Geiser House next door to the Gable Health Center. It is your one-stop-shop for information on career exploration, internships, studying abroad/off-campus, ACRE projects, the Honors Program and poster printing for academic conferences. Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning is Karen Evans, Assistant Director of Career Development is Laura Kline, Director of Experiential Learning is Kim Justeson, and Administrative Assistant is Cindy Becker.

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