Welcome to the Winter edition of Career Chatter, The Career Center’s Newsletter. We hope you enjoyed a restful break and are energized for 2011. There are many exciting things happening in The Career Center this semester.

While the economy is slowly improving, it continues to be challenging. It is important to start your career planning early and to take advantage of the services and programs that are offered by The Career Center. The staff is diligently working on planning programs and events that will enhance your post-graduation opportunities.

Whether you are searching for an internship or job or planning to attend graduate/professional school after Loyola, The Career Center staff is available to help you succeed, but you need to start now. At the start of the semester, stop by the Center to register for workshops, schedule a meeting with a career advisor, and pick up the Career Action Plan for your class year to be sure you are on track. We look forward to working with you in meeting your personal and professional goals. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (410) 617-2232 or thecareercenter@loyola.edu.

Best of luck to you,

Dr. CreSaundra Sills
Director, The Career Center
Meet Your Student Career Educators!

DANNY MOSEBACH
- Class of 2013: Global Studies
- From: Farmington, CT
- “I think it’s important for students to come to The Career Center early in their college career in order to help figure out their goals for college, which down the road will set students up for success after college.”

KATIE MAFFETONE
- Class of 2013: Speech Language Pathology/Audiology
- From: Wantagh, NY
- “Students should come to The Career Center because they help in every aspect of the career process, whether it is building a strong skill set to obtain that dream job, help you find the right graduate school, or give valuable insight into the professional world.”

JOHN HOPKINS
- Class of 2013: Business Administration
- From: Glen Ridge, NJ
- “Students should come to The Career Center because they can help with everything from resume building, to interviewing skills, and building a successful plan to land a solid job after graduation.”

MEGAN LEE
- Class of 2013: Global Studies
- From: Hoboken, NJ
- “Students should come to The Career Center for resumes and interview education. The Career Center has put me in touch with an alumni who works in the field I am considering after graduation. The Job Shadowing Program allowed me access to information and interviews I would not otherwise have been able to obtain.”

LAURA ARAUJO
- Class of 2011: Information Systems
- From: South Brunswick, NJ
- “Going to The Career Center early on can help students gain a competitive edge and truly make a difference in their careers. As a sophomore, I landed my dream internship thanks to resume critiques, career advice, workshops and Hounds4Hire resources. I went in looking for a job and I came out finding my passion.”

ALEXIS LIPINSKI
- Class of 2013: Biology, Business Minor
- From: Mount Laurel, NJ
- “Students should go to The Career Center for help finding internships and resume critiques. Also, The Career Center helped me when I was questioning my original major and after taking the interest test, helped me decide on my current major.”
Internship Challenge Update

By: Jennifer Rowley, Internship Coordinator

Last year, Loyola’s first Internship Challenge led to the creation of more than 200 summer internship opportunities for Loyola students. One student’s internship experience with a Loyola alumna has already led to a full-time job offer.

This year, we’re aiming to generate 250 internship opportunities! If you have a summer opportunity available, paid or unpaid, visit the Internship Challenge site to register and submit your information. These positions can be existing internships, or newly created for this program. To be eligible to apply for Internship Challenge positions, participating students must complete a résumé critique and other preparation activities.

Loyola is looking for internship opportunities in all regions of the country and for students of all majors, so your participation can make a big difference in creating a diverse pool of options for students.

This program is co-sponsored by The Career Center, the Sellinger School of Business and Management, Sophomore Initiatives and the offices of Alumni Relations, Corporate and Foundation Relations, Parent Relations and Annual Giving.

Internship Challenge takes a proactive approach toward offering more internship opportunities to our students. It’s the best way to find motivated and talented Loyola students who are just right for your organization! Please contact internshipchallenge@loyola.edu if you have any questions about the program.

Selling Your International Experience

By: Eleanor Hall, International Programs

Have you recently returned from study abroad? Are you interested in applying your international experience in the career field? Loyola is partnering with five Baltimore-area universities to present an annual re-entry conference for returned study abroad students. Participants will learn how to make personal and professional meaning of their time abroad, including how to market their knowledge and skills on a resume, in cover letters and on job interviews. Students will share their international experiences with other recent returnees from study abroad, and a panel of experts will discuss international opportunities including volunteering, working, and graduate study abroad.

A complete conference program is available at: http://www.towson.edu/studyabroad/reentryconference.asp.

Tentative Panelists for 2011 conference:
Iris Laurencio, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
Mary Kay Sigda, Admissions Counselor & School for International Training Adjunct Faculty
Brian Souders, Study Abroad Associate Director, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Jessica Sysak, International Development Fellows Program Officer, Catholic Relief Services

Participants will need to submit a registration form to the Office of International Programs along with a $7.50 registration fee by Monday, February 7th 2011. Registration forms can be obtained at the Office of International Programs, or online. Participants can also register and pay at the door ($10) on the day of the event. Registration fee includes program, information materials, and lunch. The conference will be held at UMBC, but transportation from Loyola will be provided for students that attend. Any questions can be directed to Eleanor Hall in the Office of International Programs at eehall@loyola.edu.

Career Fair 2011

Friday, 2/18/11
10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Reitz Arena | Loyola University Maryland
The Spring 2011 On-Campus Recruitment Program will bring several employers to campus starting on Monday, February 7th through Friday, April 29th, 2011. Interested students must complete the three (3) required job-readiness workshops (Resume Writing & Professional Correspondence and Job Interviewing I and II), and have their critiqued resume uploaded onto Hounds4Hire. These workshops must be completed by the student’s first campus interview date. Students can view the employers that are participating in this program by going to the box listed on the left hand side of the Hounds4Hire page entitled “Calendar” which lists the current and upcoming events offered by The Career Center. Throughout the semester additional employers will be added to the schedule.

During the Fall 2010 semester the On-Campus Recruitment Program brought 55 companies to campus conducting 1,138 interviews and 14 corporate presentations.

Please contact Mary DeManss, Assistant Director/Recruitment Specialist should you have any questions regarding this program at 410-617-2232.

The number of Loyola 2009 graduates “currently seeking employment” 6-9 months after graduation (4.9%) was well below the national average of 8.0%.

(We are currently contacting the Class of 2010.)

The Maryland Governor’s Summer Internship Program

Applications are being accepted for the 2011 Maryland Governor’s Summer Internship Program. This competitive internship will run for 10 weeks beginning June 6th, 2011. Eligible applicants are undergraduate students attending a college or university in Maryland, members of the Class of 2012 or 2013, have good academic standing (GPA 3.0 or higher), and possess demonstrated leadership/service experience. Students who are selected will work with senior level public administrators, develop policy papers, attend site visits and seminars and gain valuable exposure to the talents and resources of Maryland State Government. For more information, please contact The Career Center or visit www.shrivercenter.org/gsip. This internship earns a $3,000 stipend.