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# IBIP

Supply Chain Dynamics of the  
European Agri-Food Sector





# International Business Immersion Program

# 2015 Study Tour Information Package

## Supply Chain Dynamics <sup>of</sup> the European Agri-Food Sector

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## SYLLABUS

ACE 436

Spring 2015

# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IMMERSION PROGRAM 2015: SUPPLY CHAIN DYNAMICS OF THE EUROPEAN AGRI-FOOD SECTOR

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The International Business Immersion Program (IBIP) selects premier undergraduate students to work in high-performance, interdisciplinary teams to explore the structure and challenges of the global agriculture and food industry. The primary goal of the program is to prepare the next generation of globally literate entrepreneurial leaders to identify and respond to challenges associated with business operations in the global marketplace. While IBIP is housed in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and is cross-listed in the College of Business, its students are selected from diverse backgrounds, majors and interests.

The program combines an on-campus preparatory course each spring, culminating in an international experiential study tour that allows students to interact with industry professionals and witness the scope of the agriculture and food industry first-hand. Since 2001, the International Business Immersion Program has been refining exceptional young leaders through research, networking, and experience to prepare them to hit the real world running.

## COURSE FORMAT

The International Business Immersion Program to Europe consists of three inseparable components:

1. A preparatory course held during the spring semester of 2015.
2. A 14-day immersion study tour (May 16–31, 2015) to Greece, the Netherlands, and Belgium where participants interact with company executives of national and multinational firms, farmers, regulators, expats, and consumers.
3. A six-week media technology short course followed by a presentation of the group's research findings during the fall semester of 2015.

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## COURSE MATERIALS

All readings, assignments, and information will be provided on the course's Compass website. Additional information can be found on the IBIP website: [ace.illinois.edu/ibip](http://ace.illinois.edu/ibip)

## EVALUATION OF COURSE PERFORMANCE

<b>Grade Component</b>	<b>Percentage of Final Grade</b>
<i>Brief Reports/Presentations (3 reports/presentations total)</i>	30%
<i>Article Reviews (3 reviews total)</i>	15%
<i>Blog Assignments (Cultural blog, group blogs on trip)</i>	5%
<i>Reflection Paper (post-trip)</i>	5%
<i>Video Presentation</i>	20%
<i>Magazine Article (post-trip)</i>	10%
<i>Class Participation</i>	15%

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

### Attendance policy:

You are entitled to one unexcused absence. Nevertheless, you are responsible for turning in your assignments on time. The unexcused absence cannot be used on the risk management session, your presentations sessions, and any field visits in the US or abroad. Absence from scheduled field visits in the USA will only be excused for acceptable reasons, e.g. prior commitments related to your academic program. Absence from field visits abroad will only be justified in cases of serious illness or emergency. If you have to miss more sessions, email ahead of time justifying your absence. For each unjustified absence, there will be a 20-point deduction.

### Peer group evaluation:

One of the goals of this class is to replicate how work in the real world takes place. Therefore, working in a group is an important component of the IBIP experience. We do acknowledge that the level of effort across group members can vary and will adjust grades from group projects accordingly. We will distribute forms that allow you to submit group grades separately for each of the following group projects: written research report, magazine article, and video project.

### Participation:

The participation grade is based on behavior and performance inside of the classroom, during our field trips, and on the study tour. This includes—but is not limited to—being on time, being alert during presentations, and asking our guest speakers and hosts insightful questions.

The 3Ps of class conduct will be followed in IBIP: Preparation, Participation, and Promptness. These same factors will be important drivers of success throughout your career, beginning with your search for internships and jobs.

**Preparation:** Come to each class prepared to ask questions and discuss topics with the guest speakers.

**Participation:** Participation is crucial. A portion of your grade will be based on attendance, participation, and willingness to speak with and in front of your peers. Presence is not a sufficient condition for participation. You must be active (although not pushy) in asking questions and expressing views. The reason for this policy is that we want you to take full advantage of the opportunity to interact with professionals and develop communication skills. Practice makes perfect.

**Promptness:** One attribute of a successful professional is timeliness. Late arrival to class is disruptive and rude to guests and reflects poorly on the entire class and the university. If you have a difficult time getting to class, please make arrangements with the instructors in advance.

# FLIGHT, LODGING, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ITINERARY

### **Saturday May 16, 2015**

From Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Thessaloniki, Greece  
Flight #: Turkish Airlines 0006 / 1893  
Departure: 10:15 p.m. from ORD Terminal 5  
Arrival: 7:55 p.m. May 17th  
Meals: 2 included

### **Sunday May 31, 2015**

From Brussels Belgium to Chicago O'Hare (ORD)  
Flight #: Turkish Airlines 1942 / 0005  
Departure: 7:50 a.m.  
Arrival: 5:25 p.m. May 31st  
Meals: 2 included

## PRIMARY CONTACTS

Jessa Barnard, Prof. Nick Paulson, and Prof. Brenna Ellison will be available via email during the trip. For emergencies only, contact us via cell phones. Office numbers are for contact prior to departure on May 16 or after return on May 31.

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**If we make changes/additions to our itinerary after we have left, we will notify Meredith Blumthal, Director of ACES Study Abroad, of the changes and the new contact information. Meredith can be reached at:**

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## OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- University of Illinois Study Abroad Office 24-hour Emergency Line: 217-333-1216
  - o Note: This # rings to the U of I Police Department
- University of Illinois Emergency Dean, U of I Office of the Dean of Students: 217-333-0050
- You may also email our Assistant Director of International Health and Safety, Andrea Bordeau at [bordeau@illinois.edu](mailto:bordeau@illinois.edu), if you have a question or concern related to a health and safety emergency abroad.

**US State Department's Overseas Citizen Services**

Your family may need to reach you because of an emergency at home or because they are worried about your welfare. If they can not reach us at one of our hotels or cell phones, they should call the State Department's Overseas Citizens Services. The State Department will relay the message to the consular officers in the country in which you are traveling. Consular officers will attempt to locate you, pass on urgent messages, and, consistent with the Privacy Act, report back to your family.

**Overseas Citizens Services**

Department of State

Room 4811, Washington, D.C. 20520

From within the U.S.: 1-888-407-4747

From outside the U.S.: 1-202-501-4444

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## MAY 16-31, 2015 | IMMERSION TRIP ITINERARY

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

### Saturday May 16

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Attire: Casual

2:45 p.m.	Meet at UIUC Armory
3:10 p.m.	Depart via Peoria Charter bus to O'Hare
7:00 p.m.	Arrive / Meet at Chicago O'Hare Intl. Airport Terminal 5 Dinner on your own at airport
10:15 p.m.	Depart on Turkish Air flight #0006 to Istanbul, Turkey

### Sunday May 17 | GREECE

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Attire: Casual

5:05 p.m.	Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk, Turkey for layover
6:35 p.m.	Depart on Turkish Air flight #1893 to Thessaloniki, Greece
7:55 p.m.	Arrive at Thessaloniki, Greece
8:30 p.m.	Transport via bus to American Farm School campus
9:00 p.m.	Dinner on campus / check-in

### Accommodations

Perrotis College / American Farm School campus dorms  
54 Marinou Antipa Street  
Thessaloniki Greece 55102  
Central switchboard: +30 2310 492700, 492800

### Monday May 18 | GREECE

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Attire: Polo & Khakis

Blog Duty: Slow Food

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on campus
9:00 a.m.	Orientation
10:00 a.m.	Poultry Unit, Omega-3 Egg production Unit with Thanos Bizbiroulas
11:30 a.m.	Cheese-making facility with Dr. Stratos Souglis
2:00 p.m.	Lunch on campus
3:00 p.m.	Lecture: "An Overview of Food Traditions in Greece," by Dr. Tryfon Adamidis
5:00 p.m.	Cooking lesson with Dr. Tryfon Adamidis & Soula
8:00 p.m.	Dinner on campus

### Accommodations

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## Tuesday May 19 | GREECE

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Attire: Neat Casual

Blog Duty: Family Farms

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Breakfast on campus
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Depart for Mt. Olympus day trip (guided): includes archaeological site and museum, Mt Olympus waterfalls, experiencing the magnetic field phenomenon, coffee, swimming in the sea and a visit to the beautiful traditional village of Saint Panteleimon
<b>Afternoon</b>	Brown bag lunch Walk/Trek Mt. Olympus & Dion Archaeological Site Swimming by the sea (optional)
<b>Evening</b>	Dinner by the sea
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Return to campus

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## Wednesday May 20 | GREECE

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Attire: Polo & Jeans

Blog Duty: Food Waste

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Breakfast on campus
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Visit Marianna's Farm (grape stem & leaf production unit)
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Visit Gerovasiliou Winery
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Bag lunch on the beach
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Lecture: "Livestock & Dairy Production in Greece," by Dr. Stratos Souglis, head of AFS Dairy Unit
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner on campus

### Accommodations

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## Thursday May 21 | GREECE

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Attire: Polo & Khakis

Blog Duty: Local Wines

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on campus
9:00 a.m.	Visit to the Krinos Olive Oil Center with Dr. Sakis Gertsis & Dr. Kiki Zinoviadou
12:30 p.m.	Visit to the Downtown Market (spice, fish, and olive market experience) Lunch on your own in the city center
Afternoon	Free time in the city
5:00 p.m.	Lecture: "Food Waste & Recycling," by Dr. Kiki Zinoviadou
8:00 p.m.	Dinner on campus

### Accommodations

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Central switchboard: +30 2310 492700, 492800

## Friday May 22 | GREECE & HOLLAND

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Attire: Polo & Jeans

Blog Duty: Dairy

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on campus
9:00 a.m.	Lecture: "The Importance of Agro-Exports to the Economy of Greece," by Mr. Kostas Rotsios & Bizbiroulas
11:30 a.m.	Brown bag lunch and check-out of dorm
12:30 p.m.	Depart for airport and 2:10pm flight (Transavia flight #5808) to Amsterdam
4:15 p.m.	Arrival in Amsterdam / Meet with Holland Door Guide / Transport by bus to hotel
5:45 p.m.	Check-in at hotel / Introduction to the Netherlands
7:00 p.m.	Dinner at a traditional Dutch pancake restaurant

### Accommodations

IBIS Leiden Center  
Stationsplein 240  
Leiden, Netherlands

## Saturday May 23 | HOLLAND

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Attire: Polo & Khakis

Blog Duty: Slow Food

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel
8:15 a.m.	Depart for Monsanto
9:00 a.m.	Monsanto / De Ruiter Seeds
11:15 a.m.	Boerderij Het Lansingerland (dairy operation / family owned and operated)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Boerderij
2:00 p.m.	So Natural (orchid production facility)
4:00 p.m.	Lecture on Dutch Agro-Economy by Niek Botden, HollandDoor Guide
5:00 p.m.	Free time
7:00 p.m.	Dinner included

### Accommodations

IBIS Leiden Center  
Stationsplein 240  
Leiden, Netherlands

## Sunday May 24 | HOLLAND

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Attire: Neat Casual

Blog Duty: Family Farms

8:15 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 a.m.	Public train to Amsterdam city center
10:00 a.m.	Amsterdam guided city center walk
12:00 p.m.	Lunch included
1:30 p.m.	Canal boat tour
2:30 p.m.	Free time to explore museums (Van Gogh, Anne Frank, Rijksmuseum, etc)
6:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own in Amsterdam
8:00 p.m.	Public train back to Leiden

### Accommodations

IBIS Leiden Center  
Stationsplein 240  
Leiden, Netherlands

## Monday May 25 | HOLLAND

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Attire: Polo & Khakis

Blog Duty: Food Waste

8:15 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 a.m.	Check-out of hotel
10:00 a.m.	Makro Delft wholesale and distribution supermarket (tentative)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch included
3:30 p.m.	Markthal Rotterdam (large new concept food market with combined living spaces)
7:00 p.m.	Rotterdam Port Tour / Cruise
	Dinner included

### Accommodations

NH Atlanta Rotterdam  
Aert van Nesstraat 4  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

## Tuesday May 26 | HOLLAND

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Attire: Business Casual

Blog Duty: Local Wine

7:15 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 a.m.	Agri-business company visit TBD
12:00 p.m.	Lunch included
1:00 p.m.	Tomato Cooperative (tentative)
	Nature's Pride global exotic fruit and vegetable trading (sustainability / CSR)
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Buffet in Hotel included

### Accommodations

NH Atlanta Rotterdam  
Aert van Nesstraat 4  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

## Wednesday May 27 | BELGIUM

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Attire: Polos & Jeans

Blog Duty: Dairy

<b>6:45 a.m.</b>	Breakfast at hotel
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Check-out / Drive to Belgium
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Waterhof Dairy & Agro-Touristic ice cream shop in Gaasbeek, Belgium
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Lunch & drive to Leuven, Belgium
<b>2:45 p.m.</b>	Briefings by: Piet VANTHEMSCHE: President of the Boerenbond (Belgian Farmers' Union) and Vice-president of the World Farmers' Organisation Pieter VERHELST: Advisor for European and International Affairs
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Check-in to Irish College dorm rooms
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner & Briefing at Rossi Slow Food Leuven with Slow Food Leuven chapter President

### Accommodations

The Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe (Irish College)  
Jansenlusstraat 1  
3000 Leuven, Belgium  
Tel: + 32 16 310 430

## Thursday May 28 | FRANCE

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Attire: Business Casual

Blog Duty: Slow Food

<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Depart via bus to Paris, France Tourism day in Paris, France with Prof. Piet Sercu (KU Leuven's) Intl. Business class
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Briefing at SKEMA Business School of Paris
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Lunch on your own in SKEMA cafeteria
<b>Afternoon</b>	Free time Dinner on your own
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Return via bus to Leuven
<b>12:00 a.m.</b>	Arrive in Leuven

### Accommodations

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3000 Leuven, Belgium  
Tel: + 32 16 310 430

## Friday May 29 | BELGIUM

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Attire: Business Casual  
 Blog Duty: Family Farms

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at dorm
7:30 a.m.	Drive to Brussels
9:30 a.m.	Briefing by the US Mission to the EU (US State Dept) and USDA
11:00 a.m.	Briefing by Food-Drink-Europe interest group
12:30 p.m.	Lunch & briefing by Slow Food Brussels chapter @ Pistolet
2:30 p.m.	European Commission Visit
	Briefings by:
	Mr. Simon Pascoe, Member of the Directorate General Communication "The Role of the European Commission in the EU"
	Mr. Olivier Diana, Head of the integration of environmental issues in the CAP "Food security and food waste in the EU"
5:00 p.m.	Return to Leuven
7:00 p.m.	Dinner with KU Leuven Study Abroad Students & Professor Piet Sercu & Briefing by the Director General of the EU Commission for Climate Policies

### Accommodations

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 3000 Leuven, Belgium  
 Tel: + 32 16 310 430

## Saturday May 30 | BELGIUM

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Attire: Illini Orange T-Shirts + Jeans or Khakis  
 Blog Duty: Food Waste

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at dorm & check-out
10:30 a.m.	Stella Artois Brewery Tour
Noon	Lunch in Leuven (tentative)
Afternoon	Free time + Museums in Brussels (tentative)
Evening	Dinner on your own in Brussels

### Accommodations

NH Brussels Airport  
 De Kleetlaan 14  
 Brussel, Belgium

## Sunday May 31

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Attire: Casual

4:30 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel / check-out
4:45 a.m.	Shuttles drop-off at airport
7:50 a.m.	Depart on Turkish Air flight #1942 to Istanbul, Turkey
12:10 p.m.	Arrive Istanbul Ataturk, Turkey
1:40 p.m.	Depart on Turkish Air flight #0005 to Chicago O'Hare
5:25 p.m.	Arrive at Chicago O'Hare Terminal 5

## IBIP FACULTY AND STAFF



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Dr. Nick Paulson is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He attended Iowa State University, earning his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Systems Technology and master's degree and Ph.D. in Economics. Paulson has been a member of the ACE faculty since 2007. His appointment at the university includes research, extension, and teaching responsibilities. His research program is focused on risk management, finance, and policy impacting commercial agriculture. As a member of the farmdoc extension project team, Paulson's outreach program covers these same topics. His teaching responsibilities include undergraduate courses in small business finance, marketing, and agribusiness, and graduate courses in econometrics and finance.



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Dr. Brenna Ellison is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics. She has a master's degree and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University and a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Abilene Christian University. Her research focuses on the role information plays in consumers' decision-making processes, particularly food choice decisions. In the United States, academics and policymakers alike have become increasingly interested in developing interventions to improve the quality of individuals' food choices – and information is one of the most commonly proposed policy instruments. Ellison's research aims to provide insight on how consumers will respond to this information in an effort to develop more efficient and effective policies.

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Jessa Barnard is the Experiential Learning Coordinator for the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Additionally, she is the academic advisor for approximately 225 students studying both Agribusiness Markets and Management and Finance in Agribusiness in the ACE Department. She has a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Consumer Economics from the University of Illinois. Before coming back to the U of I in January of 2012, she worked as a business analyst for Adayana Agribusiness Consulting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jessa is an alumnus of the 2008 International Business Immersion Program in Europe.

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Susan is a media professional at CITL where she works with faculty, staff, and students to develop a variety of instructional and promotional media. Previously, she lived in Los Angeles and was a producer at Technicolor Digital Cinema. While there, she assisted motion picture studios in the distribution of hundreds of theatrical releases. Prior to that, she served as the multimedia content coordinator for the non-profit Illinois Legal Aid Online in Chicago and was also a part-time faculty member in the Cinema Art + Science department at Columbia College. She has directed, produced, and edited a variety of independent film projects that have screened at film festivals around the world. She holds an M.F.A. in Film and Video from Columbia College and a B.F.A. in Theater from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her husband and 1-year-old son.

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May 2017



Maggie was born and raised in the Norwood Park neighborhood of Chicago. She obtained a Jesuit education from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, and is the 17th person in her family to attend the University of Illinois. Her interests are centered on helping people make smart financial decisions to achieve their own personal goals. She hopes to include overseas work in her career.

**HANNAH DOUGHERTY**

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Crop Sciences  
January 2016



Hannah grew up in rural central Illinois surrounded by farmland. After many study abroad experiences, her interests are centered on international agriculture and active research in the agriculture industry with an emphasis on sustainability. She hopes to pursue a career in international agriculture with a company that has a global presence so that she may have opportunities to work abroad.

**ANNE MARIE GALLAHUE**

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Agricultural and  
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May 2016



Anne Marie was born and raised in Rantoul, Illinois, where she still lives with her three children. Upon finishing her degree next spring she plans to pursue a master's degree in finance. After discovering her passion for agriculture at a young age, Anne Marie is now focused on merging her interest in finance with agriculture to have a career in the agricultural finance sector.

**MICHAEL GILL**

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May 2016



Michael grew up on the east coast outside of Boston and Philadelphia while spending his summers on his grandparents' farm in central Illinois. His interests in agricultural policy include trade, immigration, energy, biotechnology, improving the world economy, and food security. He hopes to obtain a law degree and work overseas for his career.

**ZACH KAHLEY**

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May 2016



Zach was born and raised in Henry County, Illinois, surrounded by corn, bean, and livestock farms. His interests are centered on the future of the food and agribusiness industry and assuring sustainable business practices while striving for the advancement of technology. He plans to focus his career on helping companies operate on a global scale as efficiently and sustainably as possible.

**NICOLE KIM**

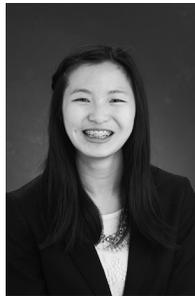
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Food Science and  
Human Nutrition  
May 2017



Nicole was born and raised in a suburb of Chicago. Her interests are centered on food-related issues and she hopes to use the information she learns in school to improve the food industry. She is currently involved with the Association of Food Technologists as a general member of the club and Liberty in North Korea as the co-event coordinator at the University of Illinois. She is fluent in Korean and understands Spanish. Nicole hopes to pursue a career in food/flavor chemistry.

**WHITNEY KWOK**

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Horticulture  
May 2016



Whitney is a junior majoring in horticulture with a concentration in specialty crops. Although her interest in horticulture began with viticulture, recent developments in urban and sustainable agriculture have piqued her interest. As a person who has always been environmentally conscious, she ultimately hopes to be able to combine her passions for horticulture and environmental welfare in her future career.

**KELLY LAO**

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Kelly was born and raised in China and lived there until the age of 10. She is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese. Kelly is interested in working with people who have different cultural backgrounds so she can better understand other perspectives. She hopes to work overseas in her future career path.

**LAUREN LEWIS**

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Crop Sciences  
May 2017



Lauren grew up on a seed farm in west central Illinois where she was active in both 4-H and FFA. Her passion for agriculture has led her to be an advocate for the industry. She hopes to obtain a job in the field of crop sciences.

**ANDREW MARKEY**

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 Consumer Economics  
 May 2016



Andrew grew up in the state of Illinois in a suburb of Chicago's North Shore. His interests center on management consulting and corporate finance. These passions are cultivated from his involvement with the University of Illinois Global Impact Fund and the nation's top student-led consulting firm, Illinois Business Consulting. He is interested in learning more about how the European Union's financial woes have directly affected producers.

**QUINN MARTIN**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
 May 2017



Quinn grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois. His interests are focused on streamlining agricultural production in order to be economically and environmentally efficient. He hopes to pursue a career in managing financial portfolios.

**SARAH MAURER**

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 Consumer Economics  
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Sarah grew up in Carmel, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis. Her interest in agriculture was sparked by visiting and working on her family's 850-acre farm in central Illinois, where corn and soybeans are grown. She would like to help rural farmers in developing countries learn better business and agricultural practices. She hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant upon completing her master's degree in accounting science and go on to work in accounting at a large agricultural firm.

**JOSEPH MURRAY**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
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Growing up in the west suburbs of Chicago, Joseph did not always have an interest in the agricultural industry. During his high school career he had the opportunity to conduct independent research studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research in food science and interest in business drove him directly to his studies in agribusiness. Joseph has gained much knowledge and experience throughout his coursework and internships, and is now a talented and ambitious individual desiring to secure a position that would enhance his skills and expand his work/life experiences.

**ASHLEY NAGELE**

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 Animal Sciences  
 May 2016



Ashley was raised on a corn, soybean, and Angus Cattle farm in Iroquois County, Illinois, where her passion for agriculture began. Her interests are focused on the development of agriculture in emerging market economies, specifically in the animal protein and health sector. Ashley plans to work as a liaison to help companies better understand markets in Latin America as well as other Lusophone countries, in order to promote transparency in agricultural production and trade.

**DARCY OZER**

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Consumer Economics  
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Darcy grew up in a suburb of Chicago called Downers Grove. Her interest in the Agricultural and Consumer Economics major was inspired by her passion for horseback riding. She grew up taking hour-long car rides for lessons out to a farm near St. Charles, Illinois. This constant exposure of driving through the countryside ultimately motivated her to learn more about agribusiness. She plans to continue to grow as a business professional and eventually pursue a career in finance or financial services.

**SHELBY PETERSON**

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Shelby Peterson is originally from West Point, Illinois. When home, she enjoys being actively engaged in her family farm and ranch operation, Panther Creek Ranch. The farm produces corn and soybeans along with running a 400-head purebred Angus cow/calf operation. Shelby exhibits her passion for agriculture by competing on the nationally competitive livestock evaluation team, as well as being an active member of other clubs on campus. Following graduation, she hopes to find a career that will allow her the opportunity to help serve farmers and ranchers with their financial needs.

**MARCOUS PHILLIPS**

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Technical Systems  
Management  
May 2016



Marcous grew up in the Midwest within a diverse family as his father is from Trinidad and Tobago, and his mother from the United States. His interests are centered on the future of the sustainable energy industry and working within this industry to improve the world energy shortage. He hopes to pursue a career in energy sustainability that includes working abroad.

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Consumer Economics  
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Kolten grew up on a corn, soybean, and hog farm in Moweaqua, Illinois. Agriculture has always been a central focus specifically keying in on the world agricultural economy. His interests have led him to pursue a career with a grain processing company that has global outreach and influence. He also has interests in one day obtaining an MBA to open up greater career opportunities.

**MICHAEL PROBST**

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Crop Sciences  
December 2015



Michael grew up on a grain and livestock farm in southeast Illinois. After graduation, Michael plans to pursue a master's degree in either weed science or integrated pest management. He plans to use his education in order to perform research on crop protection methods that can be translated to commercial agriculture.

**JACK RICH**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
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Jack was born and raised on a corn and soybean farm in central Illinois. His interests lie in both the production and business sectors of agriculture. He hopes to pursue a career in accounting with an agricultural company.

**RACHEL RICHARDSON**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
 December 2017



Rachel grew up in several university towns, which shaped her love for travel. She is looking to further her education in graduate school. Rachel hopes to center her future research on consumer spending habits pertaining to food and the effects of marketing on individual's decisions.

**KIM ROWELL**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
 May 2016



Kim was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, and lived there until the age of 8, speaking both English and Afrikaans fluently. After eight years in South Africa, her family moved to Naperville, Illinois. Kim is an active member of both a sorority and a business fraternity on the University of Illinois campus, as well as an active volunteer. She hopes to pursue a position in corporate accounting, including overseas experience in her work.

**OSAYUKI UWUMAROGIE**

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 Agricultural and  
 Consumer Economics  
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Osayuki Uwumarogie was born and raised in Country Club Hills, Illinois, a relatively urban suburb of Chicago. Her interest in agriculture originally stemmed from her dad's involvement in a rural farm in Nigeria. She enjoys helping others in her spare time because she believes that working together to establish a common goal will help the world to run more efficiently. Osayuki hopes to pursue a career in the agribusiness sector.

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Cumulative GPA: 3.52/4.00
- Concentration: Financial Planning
  - Minor: International Development Economics
- EXPERIENCE** **Financial Wellness Center of Illinois Extension**  
Champaign, IL  
*Intern* January 2015-present
- Hold weekly peer tutoring office hours assisting students with personal finances
  - Participated in educational outreach presentations to student organizations on budgeting, job benefits, and credit and debit reports.
- Kingsley Perkins and Co. LLC**  
Chicago, IL  
*Intern* November 2014-present
- Observed business meeting with representative from Neuberger Bergman
  - Created organizational system for client data using Morningstar Pro and Excel software
- Camp Towanda**  
Honesdale, PA  
*General Counselor* June-August 2014
- Assumed 24/7 responsibility of safety for 30 eleven year olds
  - Monitored and participated in activities during scheduled daytime periods
  - Served as sole chaperone of 10 girls five nights a week in bunk
- ACTIVITIES** **Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority**  
Urbana, IL  
*Vice President of Organization* November 2014-present
- Coordinate annual visit from Leadership Consultant from National Headquarters
  - Implemented Goodwill donation system into chapter
- Alternative Spring Break**  
Champaign, IL  
*Site Development Co-Chair, Trip leader, volunteer* March 2014-present
- Co-facilitated a group of 14 students on volunteer trip to Atlanta teaching English classes to international refugees
  - Planned 7 different service trips per academic break to various locations nationwide
  - Located and correspond with housing and volunteer contacts and trip leaders for each trip
  - Attended a weeklong trip to New Orleans, installing CFL light bulbs to low-income neighborhoods
- Intensive English Institute Convo Partners**  
Champaign, IL  
*Volunteer* January 2015-present
- Tutored assigned partner weekly in English
  - Discussed various international matters in English with partner

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Concentration: Crops  
GPA: 3.21/4.00

- Studied abroad in Dominican Republic 01/13
- Studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland 01/14-05/14
- Studied abroad in Toulouse, France 05/14-07/14

**EXPERIENCE** **University of Illinois- Biogeochemistry Lab** February 2015-Present

*Lab Assistant*

- Organize, package and label soil samples from out of state labs and in state samples
- Clean and prep samples and equipment for testing
- Assist in running soil tests such as total phosphorus

**Domaine Monplezy** June 2014-July 2014

*Unpaid cultural exchange intern in France*

- Performed general maintenance and labor such as trellising in the vineyard
- Worked in the wine yard fermenting, mixing, aging and packaging wine
- Worked at wine fairs and festivals to sell wine to English speaking customers

**Hansel Hybrids, Inc.** June 2006-August 2013

*Detasseler, Rogner and Crew Boss*

- Removed above average height corn to prevent self-pollination
- Pulled corn tassels in a follow up to a machine to allow cross pollination
- Taught new employees detasseling techniques and supervised 5-14 girls in the field
- Communicated expectations and rules for the work day

**ACTIVITIES** Crop Sciences Student Ambassadors  
ACES Without Borders, *Vice President, Ambassador, Pecha Kucha Coordinator*  
Block I, *Blockhead*  
ExplorACES, *Presenter***SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Windows operating systems, team player yet still able to work independently, able to make decisions, excellent verbal communicator, excellent organization skills, punctual**HONORS** Gilman Scholarship Recipient

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics  
Concentration: Finance in Agribusiness  
GPA: 3.11/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **Illini FS, a division of Growmark, Inc.**    January 2008 – February 2013  
*Office Manager II, Potomac, IL and Leverett, IL*
- Created and implemented the system used to track the company's daily position for dry and liquid fertilizers. From the time that the contract was put into place until the contract was used in full or the contract expired. Communicating this information to the Logistics Department, Growmark home office, Agronomy Manager and Comptroller.
  - Maintained customer accounts through processing orders, invoicing, and processing customer payments
  - Coordinated with Operations Department and Logistics Department on application needs
  - Compiled monthly inventory reports and submitted to the Comptroller in the main office
  - Assisted the Sales Associates and Location Managers in maintaining customer relations
- Stockings for Soldiers**    October 2010 - Present  
*Committee Member, 2010 – 2012; Chairperson, 2013 - present*
- Coordinate donation sites for Champaign and Southern Ford Counties
  - Manage the collection, packing and international shipping of donations to 150 deployed soldiers
  - Oversee advertising of events, coordination of locations, and execution of the events
  - Manage the budget and all financials for each fiscal year
- St. Malachy School Benefit Auction**    July 2008 – August 2014  
*Committee Member 2008 – present; Chairperson, 2014*
- Oversaw committee members and maintained communication with the committee and the school administration to assure a successful event
  - Managed and maintained the budget for the event, reconciled and reported full financial information to school officials both during the planning and at the conclusion of the auction
  - Coordinated and maintained the tracking, check out and payment of items for the auction
  - Worked with city and state officials to obtain the proper permits and licenses for the event
  - 2014 gross income of \$38,000 with a net income of \$32,000
- ACTIVITIES**    University of Illinois Extension Office, *Champaign County 4-H leader, Cloverbud leader*  
International Business Immersion Program, *Program Participant*
- SKILLS**    Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel (certified), Word, PowerPoint and Outlook. Familiar with Access.
- HONORS**    Marshall Scott Scholarship in Agribusiness

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Concentration: Policy, International Trade, and Development  
GPA: 3.33/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **Gill Farms – Camp Grove, IL**    May 2014-Present  
*Farmhand*

- Facilitate production and operations management of family farm
- Equipment and facility operation, maintenance, and labor
- Work with local government agencies to improve environmental impact

**Big Ten Network – Champaign, IL**    August 2012-Present  
*Independent Contractor*

- Operate technical equipment for the production and broadcast of collegiate athletic events
- Regulate complex ground operations and procedures for camera operators
- Effectively communicate with booth and production studio personnel

**CGI Landscapes – Voorhees, NJ**    August 2008-September 2013  
*Owner*

- Managed full time lawn care and seasonal services to over 25 clients
- Developed advertising and marketing plans which promoted offered services and increased company visibility in the community
- Assisted with training program for three new employees
- Expanded target market with new products and services resulting in a twenty percent increase in sales over a three year span

**ACTIVITIES**    FarmHouse Fraternity, *Vice President of Alumni Relations, Centennial Coordinator*  
College of ACES Student Council, *Treasurer*  
Inter-Fraternity Council, *Judicial Board*  
Agriculture Future of America, *Leaders Conference and Policy Institute Participant*  
Alpha Zeta Honor Society, *Morrow Chapter*  
University of Illinois Agriculture Policy Trips, *Washington, D.C. and San Francisco/ Bay Area*  
Study Abroad – Dominican Republic, *Winter 2012*

**SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office, Mac OS and Windows operating systems

**HONORS**    ACES Aspire Award, James Scholar, Frank and Dorothy Mynard Award, Arlys Conrad Streitmatter Award

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Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics  
Concentration: Finance in Agribusiness  
Certificate in Management and Experiential Learning  
GPA: 3.40/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **OSI Group, Fort-Atkinson, WI**    June 2014-Aug. 2014  
*Operations*
- Prepared and operated various product lines
  - Experienced and processed plant flow and operations
  - Developed SOPs for OSI's new product line
  - Trained new employees in order to increase efficiency during plant expansion
- The Sedona Group, Moline, IL**    June 2013-Aug. 2013  
*Administrative Assistant*
- Data Entry
  - Verified production hours & weekly payroll
  - Screened candidates and processed employment packets for placement at client work cite
- North Central College, Naperville IL**    Jan. 2013-June 2013  
*Economics Tutor*
- Tutored students in Economics major and first-year football players
- The Sedona Group, Moline IL**    Nov. 2012-Dec. 2012  
*Administrative Assistant*
- Organized electronic files
  - Scanned and verified employee personnel files
  - Audited employee records in data management system
  - Prepared long-term storage documentation for destruction
- ACTIVITIES**    **Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity**  
*Facilities Management*
- Assist risk management
- ACE Ambassador**  
*Student Representative*
- Provide student perspective within ACE major to potential newcomers
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Excel and the rest of the Microsoft Office
- HONORS**    Dean's List, Freshman iLead member, Freshman Football Captain

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Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition  
Concentration: Food Science  
GPA: 2.77/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **Sodium Reduction Study - University of Illinois**    March-April 2015  
*Research Assistant*
- Assist researcher with preparing samples and cleaning laboratory equipment
  - Enhanced communication, presentation, and professional skills through working with a diverse team
- Sensory Testing: Encapsulated Flavor Study-University of Illinois**    February-March 2015  
*Research Assistant*
- Guide panelists through the sensory testing, serve samples to panelists, label cups, prepare samples, clean laboratory equipment
  - Assist researcher with making samples to test for panelists
- Nutraceutical Threshold Testing - University of Illinois**    April 2014  
*Research Assistant*
- Assist researcher with threshold testing of nutraceutical solutions
  - Guide panelists through the sensory testing, serve samples to panelists, label cups, prepare samples, clean laboratory equipment
- ExplorACES- University of Illinois**    March 2014  
*Booth Volunteer*
- Talk to prospective students about the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition
- ACTIVITIES**    Association of Food Technologists, *General Member*  
Liberty in North Korea, *Co-Event Coordinator*
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel  
Ability to plan, organize, think quick on my feet, and prioritize work
- HONORS**    Willard C. and Alice C. Corbett Scholarship, Dale & Arlene Robb Scholarship    2013-2014

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Concentration: Specialty Crops  
Minor: Agricultural Safety and Health, ACES International  
GPA: 3.74/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**    August 2014 – Present  
*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*
- Managed Compass 2G, an online grade book and database, for HORT 106: Home Horticulture
  - Organized and led exam review sessions and labs
- Fiore Nursery and Landscape Supply**    May 2014 – August 2014  
*Wholesale Nursery Intern*
- Consulted with landscapers and contractors in plant selection ranging from annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, and evergreens
  - Performed various clerical duties including receiving orders by phone or email, computer order entry, inventory checks and updates, and assisting with specialized projects and requests
  - Co-managed annuals and tropical greenhouses by organizing plant material, scouting for pests and diseases in plants, and general upkeep of cleanliness and aesthetics of the greenhouses
- Plant Care Facility**    August 2012 – January 2014  
*Agricultural Assistant*
- Tended to daily greenhouse maintenance duties such as irrigation, fertilization, weeding, and trimming of plants and tending to the sanitation needs of plants and facilities of the greenhouses
  - Completed training on proper disposal and handling of genetically altered crops and other biohazards
- Soil Fertility Lab**    June 2011 – August 2011  
*Research Assistant*
- Performed research on how various tillage methods and nutrient placement and concentration rates affect growth of corn and soybean crops
  - Collected soil and vegetative samples of soybean and corn crops at the Crop Sciences Research and Education Center for analysis at the Soil Fertility Lab
- Chinese American Service League**    March 2011 – June 2011  
*English Teacher*
- Taught English to Chinese students ranging in age in preparation for citizenship testing
- ACTIVITIES**    Horticulture Club, *Secretary*  
Floral Design Club, *Secretary*  
Pi Alpha Xi Horticulture Honor Society, *Vice President*  
Sustainable Student Farm, *Volunteer*  
Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab, *Volunteer*
- SKILLS**    English (fluent), Cantonese (functional), Spanish (functional)  
Proficient in Microsoft operating system and Microsoft Dynamics NAV
- HONORS**    Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, Edmund J. James Scholar, Dean's List, American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Undergraduate Horticulture Student Award and Collegiate Award

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Concentration: Financial Planning  
Minor: Business  
GPA: 3.29/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **University Student Financial Services & Cashier Operation**    January 2013 -Present

*Office Assistant in Collections*

- Process incoming bankruptcy files for student account receivables for the collection manager and maintain over 300 bankruptcy records
- Skip trace over 2,000 delinquent student account receivables or loan account and update relevant contact information in the database
- Review over 200 payment plans of debtors each month to ensure payments were received each month

*Office Assistant in Student Loans- UIC Campus*

Summer 2013, Summer 2014

- Processed over 100 blank or completed Loan Verifications Certificates by sending them to the collection agency that the loan account is with or fax to ACS if account is not with an agency
- Worked on different projects with the student loan coordinator

**Northern Trust Bank - Chicago, Illinois**

June 2011- August 2011

*Imaging Intern*

- Prepped over 4,000 trust documents for co-workers to add to the database
- Transformed hard copies of the trust documents into digital forms and maintained records
- Organized mail for different departments and run errand for the manager

Pui Tak Center – Chicago, Illinois

*Culinary Business Media Apprentice*

- Learned to draw story board and write scripts on instructions for how to prepare different dishes
- Recorded videos using professional camcorder, and edited the clips using Adobe Premiere Pro

**ACTIVITIES**    Pui Tak Center, *Co-leader of youth volunteering program*  
John C. Haines School, *Volunteered as teaching assistant*

**SKILLS**    Computer: Microsoft office, Adobe Premiere Pro (Basic), VBA, Database  
Language: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Fluent), Cantonese (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

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Concentration: Crop Agribusiness  
GPA: 3.07/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **Adams County Farm Bureau**    May 2014-August 2014  
*Intern*

- Assisted First Farm Credit Services with planning the annual Adams County Farm Bureau Picnic
- Developed multiple lesson plans for the Ag in the Classroom Program for grades Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>
- Presented lesson plans to students at Blessing Daycare Center
- Organized data pertaining to the Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler County 4-H programs
- Judged 4-H projects at the Schuyler County 4-H Fair
- Managed an educational agriculture exhibit at the Adams County Fair

**Hy-Vee Food Store**    June 2011-July 2012  
*Courtesy Clerk*

- Provided quality customer service
- Maintained cleanliness of restroom facilities
- Gathered customers' purchases and helped them to their cars

**Lewis Seed Farms**    July 2009  
*Detasseler*

- Removed tassels from five to seven acres daily
- Reported any pests or crop concerns to advisors

**ACTIVITIES**    Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity  
Sigma Alpha Lambda Fraternity  
Illini Dance Marathon Participant  
University of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau  
Association of Food Technologists  
International Business Immersion Program, *Program Participant*

**SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems

**HONORS**    Kenneth and Vesta Stark Scholarship Recipient  
State FFA Degree  
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GPA: 3.51/4.00
- Macalester College**    August 2012-May 2013  
Course worked focused on Economics & Chinese Language and Culture  
GPA: 3.04/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **Illinois Business Consulting - University of Illinois**    January 2015-Present  
*Consultant*
- Worked extensively with a non-profit health care provider to determine if their expansion was profitable
  - Enhanced communication, presentation, and professional skills through working with a diverse team
- Global Impact Fund-University of Illinois**    January 2015-Present  
*Financial Analyst*
- Strengthen understanding in several financial valuation techniques
  - Analyze potential investments that include funding undercapitalized businesses that have a positive socioeconomic impact
- The Clybourne**    February 2014-Present  
*Barback*
- Assist bartenders to ensure that bar is fully stocked at all times
  - Enhanced ability to work quickly in fast paced environment
- Youth Organizations Umbrella**    May 2014-August 2014  
*Entrepreneurship Fellow*
- Mentored disadvantaged high school students who were passionate about the world of business
  - Helped students create and develop mock business plans to be presented to a board of Chicago land area business leaders
  - Coordinated and implemented daily lesson plans centered around entrepreneurship
  - Led presentations and discussion on topics that ranged from basic supply and demand to competitive advantage
- Archer Daniels Midland**    May 2014  
*Shadow*
- Provided clients with daily market updates in person and also via broadcast radio
  - Assisted a grain elevator manager and his staff with daily tasks
- ACTIVITIES**    Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, *Risk Management Chair, Executive Board, Judicial Board*  
Champaign Park District, *Youth Basketball Coach*
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite
- HONORS**    Dean's List Fall 2014

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 Concentration: Financial Planning  
 GPA: 3.71/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **Lake Bluff Park District**    May 2009-Present  
*Swim Instructor*
- Responsible for the safety of 7-20 children every class
  - Supervised swim lessons and oversaw assistant swim instructors
- Lifeguard*
- Became Red Cross Certified in CPR, AED, and First Aid
- Lifeguard Instructor*
- Sponsored by the Lake Bluff Park District to obtain necessary LGI certification to be able to teach and certify other lifeguards
  - Certified over 20 lifeguards on behalf of the Red Cross
- Assistant Aquatics Manager*
- Plan and oversee swim lessons and day-to-day pool operations
  - Responsible for scheduling lifeguard and swim instructor shifts
  - Entrusted with managing and documenting daily pool and concessions revenue
- Lake Bluff Park District**    Dec 2012-Feb 2013  
*Rink Guard*
- Ensured safety of patrons
  - Maintained a positive learning environment for learning how to ice skate
  - Provided care for injured patrons and completed necessary insurance policies
- Kams**    May 2014-Present  
*Door Security*
- Maintained a safe and secure work environment in a fast paced bar setting
  - Collaborate with co-workers to complete various tasks around the bar
- ACTIVITIES**    Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, *Recruitment Chair, Phikeia Educator*  
 Business Career's Club  
 UIntern Program
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems
- HONORS**    Illinois Boys State, Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute, Dean's List Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

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Minor: Business  
GPA: 3.56/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **Monsanto Company**    Summer 2014, Summer 2015  
*Row Crops Manufacturing Finance (2014), Global Financial Planning and Analysis (2015)*  
• Completed 12 projects, increasing my exposure to manufacturing finance and accounting

**Maurer Farms**    May 2012 - Present  
*Financial Advisor*  
• Monthly reconciliation of transactions and provide analysis for capital investments

**International Study and Work Experience**

*Domaine de Cauquelle*    June 2013

- Observed and participated in vineyard, production, and merchandising activities

*Ecole d'Ingenieurs de Purpan*    July 2013

- Studied European agriculture, food production, viticulture, enology, and French

*Institute for Superior Agriculture (ISA)*    December 2013

- Studied Caribbean production of avocado, cacao, coffee, mango, plantain, and tobacco

**Business Council**    August 2012 -Present

*Corporate Partnership Committee Chair*

- Maintained professional relationships between Business Council and the 19 Corporate Partners

*Charity Fundraising Committee Chair*

- Facilitated the fundraising of over \$2,500 to benefit the National MS Society

*Philanthropy Committee Chair*

- Organized and coordinated volunteer projects with more than 6 nonprofit groups

*Awards Committee Chair*

- Recognized members for achievements and award them with scholarships

**Chi Omega Fraternity**    August 2012 - Present

*Career and Personal Development Chair*

- Initiated a study abroad panel, budgeting series, and mentorship program

- Conducted professional networking, resume, and LinkedIn workshops

**ACTIVITIES**    Panhellenic Judicial Board  
AFA Leaders Conference, *40 Chances Fellow, Track 1,2, and 3 Participant*  
ACE Ambassador, *College of ACES*

**SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems; Excel, Word, and PowerPoint

**HONORS**    James Scholar, Alpha Zeta Honors Agricultural Fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Fraternity

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Concentration: Public Policy & Law

Minor: International Development & Economics, Food & Environmental Sciences, Environmental Economics & Law

GPA: 3.79/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **Monsanto Company**    May 2014-August 2014

*US Supply Chain Intern*

- Completed projects that directly meet the needs of the business.
- Participated in conversations with corporate leaders from each aspect of the industry to identify and implement common development opportunities
- Evaluated current business processes and identified 7 core opportunities for development and improved efficiency
- Modified logic used to track inventory and increased data accuracy by over 40%
- Traveled to communicate with customers to gain insights on how they operate
- Developed and offered recommendations for future success in present business strategies
- Prepared and delivered a formal presentation to managers and corporate leadership at the world headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. Worked extensively with a large equipment manufacturer to determine inputs for a financial valuation model of a new technology

**Mullin Food Products**    June 2013-August 2013

*Supply Chain/ Procurement Intern*

- Purchased ingredients allowing the company to meet production requirements
- Worked in short time constraints in while solving various ingredient and supply issues to ensure plant production
- Made long-term and short-term business decisions based on information gathered
- Analyzed commodity markets and record futures for procurement strategies
- Maintained appropriate records, reports and information
- Received hands-on experience while net-working with executives in Research and Development, Quality Assurance, Marketing, Business Development, Finance, Program Management and Supply Chain Management

**ACTIVITIES**    MANRRS-Illinois. *Chapter President*  
Inclusive Illinois, *College of ACES Student Representative*

**SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems

**HONORS**    Dean's List

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 Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences  
 Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies  
 Minor in Agricultural International Development Economics  
 Certificate in Translation Studies  
 GPA: 3.49/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **Dr. Matthew B. Wheeler's Reproductive Biology Lab, Champaign IL**    Jan. 2013-Present  
*Undergraduate Lab Assistant*
- Perform *in vitro* fertilization and cell culture
  - Responsible for general lab maintenance
  - Conducted research on a new technology associated with the cultivation of bovine embryos
- University of São Paulo, Pirassununga, Brazil**    Feb. 2014-Aug. 2014  
*Semester Exchange Student and Lab Assistant*
- Completed animal science coursework
  - Worked in Dr. Flávio Meirelles' Lab on bovine reproductive research
  - Achieved fluency in Brazilian Portuguese and gained technical vocabulary related to agriculture
- Born Animal Biotechnology, Panama City, Panama**    May 2013-Aug. 2013  
*Lab Technician*
- Conducted routine *in vitro* fertilization in the lab
  - Shadowed veterinarians performing oocyte aspiration, embryo transfer, and pregnancy checks
  - Achieved fluency in Spanish and gained technical vocabulary related to biotechnology
- Pencarrow Dairy & Kakahu Angus, Ashburton, New Zealand**    Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012  
*Farm Intern*
- Assisted in milking and calf care on an 800 head dairy
  - Aided in maintenance of a 1,500 head Angus Stud and sheep farm
  - Shadowed at vet clinics, meat processing facilities, and beef feedlots
- ACTIVITIES**    **ACES Without Borders**  
*Founder and President*
- Provide a network and support for incoming international students
- College of ACES Student Advancement Committee**  
*Student Representative*
- Assist in student recruitment and alumni relations for the college
- University Meat Judging Team**  
*Student Representative*
- Traveled across the US and Australia judging the quality of meat
- SKILLS**    Fluent in Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese as well as familiar with Trados translation software.
- HONORS**    James Scholar, Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellowship

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Concentration: Finance in Agribusiness

**Indiana University**    2012-2013  
Concentration: Accounting and Finance

**EXPERIENCE**    **Tandem HR - Westchester, Illinois**    May 2014-January 2015  
*Human Resource Intern - Summer and Winter Break*

- Worked specifically with employee benefits administration and enrollment
- Created census' of employee information and provided data analysis of benefit and financial status
- Prepared and regulated benefit packets administration primarily for elderly health care facilities

**Chicago Highlands Country Club - Westchester, Illinois**    April 2012-Aug. 2014  
*Beverage Cart Operator/Event Management*

- Helped run and organize prestigious golfing events every Monday
- Provided excellent customer service to members and guests
- Utilized and practiced professionalism and business etiquette, especially during special events

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**All Campus Volunteer Project (iHelp) - University of Illinois**

- Volunteered during homecoming week to clean up the Champaign-Urbana campus town

**Habitat For Humanity - University of Illinois**

- Service trip spring break of 2014 to Sebring, Florida
  - Donated an entire week to build porches for the disabled, paint homes, and volunteer at Highlands Hammock State Park
  - Participate in weekend builds near campus during the school year

**Indiana University Dance Marathon - Member of the Fundraising Committee**

- Organized canning opportunities to benefit the patients of Riley Hospital for Children

**ACTIVITIES**    National Agri-Marketing Association, *Member - Concentration in financials*  
Illini In Motion Dance Team, *Member*  
Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Sorority, *Member*  
Nationally ranked competitive equestrian

**SKILLS**    Proficient in Microsoft Office Excel (Pivot Tables, Vlookup, Hlookup, VBA, Web Queries, etc.)  
Advanced use with Microsoft Office Word and PowerPoint  
Familiar with Microsoft Office Access (Creating Queries, Forms, and Reports)

**HONORS**    Business Presentations & Public Speaking - Voted Best Public Speaker

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 Concentration: Finance in Agribusiness  
 Minor: Animal Sciences  
 GPA: 3.62/4.00

**EXPERIENCE** **College of ACES Career Services – Urbana, IL** August 2014-Present  
*Administrative Intern*

- Assist in preparations for ACES and Sciences Career Fair showcasing more than 100 companies to prospective students
- Manage day-to-day on-campus recruitment activities including: securing parking for guests, creating interview packets, reserving interview rooms, posting jobs/internships on I-Link, updating website content and occasionally hosting evening events for the Career Services office, serving 3,000 students
- Collect, analyze and summarize data to create Graduate Destination Reports

**Panther Creek Ranch – Bowen, IL**

August 2008-Present

*Assistant Herdsman*

- Maintain herd health of 400 head Registered Angus in a cow/calf operation
- Contribute to breeding decisions in order to advance the quality of progeny
- Assist in marketing bulls and females through annual production sale held every spring
- Assist with record keeping

**Professional Swine Management – Carthage, IL**

June 2014-August 2014

*Accounting Intern – Accounts Payable Assistant*

- Managed payables for 33 area swine farms, handled approximately \$1.5 million per week
- Entered invoices into accounting software program, reconciled invoices and statements into specific payment accounts, managed the printing of checks and automatic payments, made sure all payments were paid in a timely fashion in order to utilize payment term discounts
- Mailroom duties, filing, scanning

**Bowen Community Pool – Bowen, IL**

May 2013, 2014-August 2013, 2014

*Co-Manager*

- Performed lifeguard watch duties and responsibilities, handled first aid equipment in case of emergencies
- Supervised 7 employees, approved time sheets, created work schedule for all employees
- Handled money for admissions and snack bar purchases, made frequent bank deposits

**ACTIVITIES** Livestock & Meat Animal Evaluation Team  
 Hoof N' Horn Club  
 ACE/Agribusiness Club

**SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Mac and Windows operating systems, completed advanced Excel course

**HONORS** Recipient of American FFA Degree, High individual at National Barrow Show Judging Contest



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Concentration: Agribusiness Markets & Management  
Minor: Crop and Soil Management  
GPA: 3.60/4.00

**Lake Land College Mattoon, Illinois**    Graduated: May, 2014  
Associate of Science in Agriculture

**EXPERIENCE**    **Syngenta**    Summers of May 2013 – August 2014  
*Sales Representative Intern*

- Marketed and promoted Clariva technology
- Researched and reported on product performances from hybrid test plots
- Corresponded with customers on product delivery and product performance
- Reported product performance to employees, employer, customers and agronomists

**Uphoff Farms**    June 2012 – August 2014  
*Operations Intern*

- Oversaw the daily cattle/hog chores
- Operated equipment utilized during planting and harvest
- Accessed production performance of crops and animals
- Analyzed and recommended further uses of hybrids, fertilizer, and fungicide

**H&S Swine**    June 2008 - Present  
*Assistant Operations Manager*

- Monitored and cared for 1,000 hogs on a daily basis
- Maintained the upkeep of confined hog facility
- Assisted in health care of all the livestock on the farm

**ACTIVITIES AT ILLINOIS**

James Scholar Honors Program, Illinois Student Senate Financial Affairs Committee, Member of National Agriculture Marketing Association (NAMA), International Business Immersion Program (IBIP), Member of Tau Sigma National Honors Society

**ACTIVITIES AT LAKE LAND**

Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Student representative on the Board of Trustees, Honors Program focusing on Agriculture Economics, Studied Abroad in Belize, Agriculture Transfer Club President, College representative for ICCB-SAC

**HONORS**    Winner of the Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, Recipient of the National FFA Degree, Winner of the Lake Land College Agriculture Department Outstanding Student Award

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Concentration: Crops  
Cumulative GPA: 3.97/4.00
- Lake Land College-Mattoon, Illinois**    June 2012-May 2013  
Associate's Degree in Science - Agriculture
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach, Florida**    August 2011-May 2012  
Pursued Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering
- EXPERIENCE**    **Great Heart Seed-Paris, Illinois**    May 2014-August 2014  
*District Sales Intern*
- Provided customers with seed in a timely manner during planting season
  - Gave advice about our product and planting decisions
  - Met with customers with problems to diagnose crop issues in the field and work towards a solution
  - Planted and evaluated research plots in various areas in order to obtain information about our products to provide to customers as well as compare our products to competitors
- DuPont Pioneer-Ivesdale, Illinois**    May 2013-December 2013  
*Soybean Trait and Characterization Intern*
- Evaluated the agronomic effects of new traits in genetically modified soybean plants through tests, comparisons, and notes
  - Assisted in the preparation, planting, examination, and harvest of numerous soybean research plots throughout Illinois and Indiana
  - Operated research specific machinery during the planting and harvesting of regulated materials that were properly managed and stored
- Probst Grain & Livestock**    Lifetime  
*Farmhand*
- Assisted in preparation of fields for planting, caretaking of crops during growth, harvesting of crops, and transportation of products on our 2400 acre grain farm
  - Managed sow herd: responsible for caretaking of sows, determining feed rations and nutrition during gestation and breeding, pregnancy checks, and culling on 2500 head farrow-to-finish market hog operation
- ACTIVITIES**    Field and Furrow Club, *ACES Council Representative*  
University of Illinois Crop Sciences Student Ambassador  
Post-Secondary Agriculture Students  
United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (Freshman Year)  
Embry-Riddle Honors Program (Freshman Year)

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GPA: 3.48/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **St. John's Catholic Newman Center - Champaign, IL** September 2014-Present  
*Student Ambassador*
- Give tours and act as an Ambassador for Newman Hall to prospective students
- Rich Electric - Saunemin, IL** May 2009-Present  
*Assistant*
- Complete various entry-level electrical jobs on the job site
  - Execute a large portion of the bookkeeping system, recording revenues and expenses to prepare for tax reports
  - Elevate customer relations skills by frequent direct interaction with customers
- Rich Family Farm - Saunemin, IL** May 2009-Present  
*Assistant*
- Assist in the farming by running machinery and doing entry level jobs
  - Sell grain each year and build understanding of grain market
- Top Dog Pet Grooming and Boarding - Saunemin, IL** May 2009-March 2010  
*Assistant*
- Implemented a revised exercise program for the dogs; making it specific to the needs of each dog
  - Cleaned facility thoroughly, learning efficiency
  - Improved customer relations skills by assuring customers when dealing with a valued possession, a dog
- FUTURE INTERNSHIPS** **Bunge, North America - St. Louis, MO** Summer 2015  
Accounting
- ACTIVITIES** Marching Illini  
Illini Pride, *Executive Board*  
College of ACES Council, *Educational Policy and Curriculum Advisory Committees*  
Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, *Student Ambassador*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office  
Basic Accounting and Bookkeeping  
Customer Relations
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar

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 Concentration: Consumer Economics and Finance  
 Minor: ACES International  
 GPA: 3.14/4.00
- EXPERIENCE**    **National Grocers Association Student Case Study Competition**    February 2015  
*Competitor*
- Prepared and presentation a solution for the future of retail circulars
  - Presented at a three day conference while competing against eleven other Universities
  - Attended several seminars and presentations about the food industry and changes in the grocery trade
- Data Collection – University of Illinois**    Fall 2014  
*Data Collector*
- Distributed surveys to University students in several dining halls over the course of a semester
  - Interacted with students to determine their food consumption preferences and awareness of caloric intake
- Undergraduate Research Assistant - University of Illinois**    Summer 2014  
*Research Assistant*
- Analyzed survey data to determine experiment parameters
  - Conducted an experiment collecting participants thoughts on food labeling compared to food taste
- Undergraduate Rhetoric Conference – University of Illinois**    December 2013  
*Presenter*
- Conducted research with three classmates on the Effects of Personal Technology in the Learning Environment
  - Wrote a research paper based off of findings and previous studies ultimately submitting an abstract and being selected for participation
  - Presented our findings to University faculty and students
- ACTIVITIES**    College of ACES Student Advancement Committee  
 Alpha Omicron Pi, Women’s Fraternity, *Property Manager, Executive Recruitment Committee Chair*  
 Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, *Treasurer*  
 Odd Request Improvisation Group
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems  
 Familiar with Adobe Premier and Adobe Photoshop
- HONORS**    Hunter ROMF Scholarship recipient

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 Minor: Business and Leadership  
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- EXPERIENCE**    **Chi Omega Sorority- University of Illinois**    January 2014-December 2014  
*New Member Educator*
- Coordinate New Member's Initiation
  - Encourage membership and act as a mentor for New Members within the chapter
  - Organize and coordinate the New Member education process
  - Act as a liaison between the Chapter and the New Member Class
  - Work within the Executive Board to further develop Chi Omega's programs
- Living Through Learning – Cape Town, South Africa**    June 2014-August 2014  
*Assistant Accountant*
- Assist lead accountant in creating financial statements and more efficient records
  - Work within the accounting computer system, Pastel
- Assistant Teacher*
- Lead a Financial Seminar for underprivileged high school students
  - Assisted with high school math courses within the tertiary school
- Engineered Custom Lubricants – Aurora, IL**    June 2012-August 2013  
*Personal Assistant*
- Aid Human Resources department and classify medical insurance policies
  - Assist with organizational and administrative activities in the office
- Buchar Family Chiropractic - Aurora, IL**    January 2011-December 2012  
*Office Assistant*
- Scheduled patient appointments and acted as liaison between doctor and patient
  - Organized current files and maintained front desk activity
- ACTIVITIES**    Phi Gamma Nu Business Fraternity, *Professionalism and Mentorship Committee*  
 Chi Omega Sorority, *Cardinal Cabinet, New Member Educator*  
 Circle of Friends Adult Day Care Center, *Volunteer*
- SKILLS**    Proficient in the use of Windows operating systems and Microsoft programs
- HONORS**    Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, James Scholar, Dean's List, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

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Minor: Food and Agribusiness Management  
GPA: 3.01/4.00

**EXPERIENCE**    **USG Finance/Accounting Summer Internship Program**    June 2014-August 2014

*Intern*

- Reconciled balance sheets, end of the month financial statements, and audit books in USG's corporate office
- Corrected erroneous journal entries and properly managed data entries and bookkeeping ledgers for the upcoming month

**Cargill Summer Leadership Program**    June 2014

*Participant*

- Networked with various professionals of the Cargill team while learning about the financial structure of Cargill
- Partook in numerous discussions geared towards improving my knowledge of leadership in the business industry

**ING Financial Services Internship Program**    March 2014-May 2014

*Communication Intern*

- Discovered new opportunities to communicate with leaders of business through informative interviewing sessions
- Enriched my understanding of the financial services field while cultivating communication and professionalism skills

**The Career Center**    May 2014-Present

*Career Service Paraprofessional*

- Review resumes and cover letters of university students and offer feedback helping them to enhance their personal brand
- Facilitate numerous workshops each month aided to assist students in their professional development

### ACTIVITIES

ACE Ambassadors  
Elite Illini, *Vice President*  
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and other Related Sciences (MANRRS), *ACES Council Representative*  
National Black MBA Association

### SKILLS

Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel

### HONORS

Rivers Casino Scholarship Recipient, Presidents Award, CSBG Scholarship Recipient



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