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International Business Immersion Program

2017 Study Tour Information Package

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SYLLABUS

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IMMERSION PROGRAM 2017

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 resides in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and is cross-listed in the College of Business, students selected come 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 shaping exceptional young leaders through research, networking and experience to prepare them to hit the real world running.

COURSE FORMAT

The International Business Immersion Program (New Zealand) consists of three inseparable components:

1. A preparatory course held during the spring semester of 2017, Mondays 3:00 – 4:50 pm
2. A 15-day immersion study tour (May 13-27, 2017) to New Zealand, where participants interact with company executives of national and multinational firms, farmers, regulators, expatriates, and consumers.
3. A mandatory 8-week course (tentatively Wednesdays, 2:30-4:50 pm) during the fall semester of 2017 for final project development, including written documentation, a video editing short course, and audio-visual productions of research findings, normally presented in a public setting in conjunction with the ACES Career Fair, October 5th 2017.

COURSE MATERIALS

Case studies used in this class are from HBS Publishing and the New Zealand Merino Company. Other readings, assignments, and information are provided on the course's Compass website. Additional information may be found on the IBIP website: ace.illinois.edu/ibip

EVALUATION OF COURSE PERFORMANCE

Student performance is based on a combination of assignments and experiences, including case assignments, cultural blogs, news article reviews, group contracts, video interviews, written research reports, presentations, travel blogs, reflection papers, storyboards, video documentaries, written articles, and participation.

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 2% (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 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 13, 2017

From Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) to San Francisco Airport (SFO)

Flight Number: United Airlines 1213

Departure: 4:05pm from ORD Terminal 1

Arrival: 6:39pm

From San Francisco Airport (SFO) to Auckland International Airport (AKL)

Flight Number: Air New Zealand 7

Departure: 9:45pm from SFO

Monday May 15, 2017

Arrival: 5:35am

Meals: Dinner & Breakfast

From Auckland International Airport (AKL) to Queenstown Airport (ZQN)

Flight Number: Air New Zealand 615

Departure: 9:30am

Arrival: 11:20am

Saturday May 27, 2017

From Auckland International Airport (AKL) to San Francisco Airport (SFO)

Flight Number: Air New Zealand 8

Departure: 7:45pm

Arrival: 12:55pm

Meals: Dinner & Breakfast

From San Francisco Airport (SFO) to Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD)

Flight Number: United Airlines 390

Departure: 4:15pm

Arrive: 10:28pm

PRIMARY CONTACTS

Richard Vogen and Anna Fairbairn 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 13 or after return on May 27.

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If we make changes/additions to our itinerary after we have left, we will notify Oliver Ferguson, Program Manager for International Projects of ACES Study Abroad, of the changes and the new contact information. Oliver 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 Coordinator for International Health and Safety, Erin DeLuca at edeluca@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 13-27, 2017 | IMMERSION TRIP ITINERARY

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

Saturday May 13

Attire: Casual | Blog Duty: Team 1

10:00 a.m.	Meet at ACES Library for transportation to Chicago O'Hare Intl. Airport
1:00 p.m.	Meet at United Airlines ticket counter in O'Hare Intl. Airport Terminal 1 Check-in / Go through security as a group / Lunch on your own
4:05 p.m.	Depart on United Airlines flight 1213 to San Francisco
6:39 p.m.	Arrive at San Francisco Intl. Airport, Terminal 3
9:45 p.m.	Depart on Air New Zealand flight 7 to Auckland, Intl. Terminal

Sunday May 14 | IN FLIGHT OVER INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE

Monday May 15 | AUKLAND-QUEENSTOWN

Attire: Casual | Blog Duty: Team 2

5:35 a.m.	Arrive at Auckland International Airport Clear New Zealand customs and transfer to domestic terminal
9:30 a.m.	Depart on Air New Zealand flight 615 to Queenstown
11:20 a.m.	Arrive in Queenstown - Met by Phil Morrison, Across Performance Limited
12:15 p.m.	Lunch at The Ballarat Trading Company in Queenstown
2:30 p.m.	Water taxi from Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown Wharf
3:15 p.m.	Arrive at Mt. Nicholas Station
6:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner and Introduction to Mt. Nicholas Station
7:30 p.m.	Beachfront Bonfire

Accommodations

Mt. Nicholas Station
P.O. Box 1882 | Queenstown, New Zealand
Phone: +64 (3) 409-0712

Tuesday May 16 | QUEENSTOWN - WANAKA

Attire: Vest & Jeans | Blog Duty: Team 3

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast in Shearers' Quarters
9:30 a.m.	Focus: Merino wool story and high-country production system by Jack Cocks
10:30 a.m.	Bus tour of Mt. Nicholas Station farming operations
12:30 p.m.	Lunch

1:45 p.m.	Spirit of Queenstown ferry and bus to Wanaka
4:00 p.m.	Cardrona Hotel - Early buffet dinner with Sam and Cynthia Kane, Owners of Glenfoyle Station; Focus: NZ Merino supply chain and grower relationship
Evening	Free in Wanaka

Accommodations

Base Backpackers Wanaka
73 Brownston Street | Wanaka, NZ 9035
Phone: +64 (3) 443-4291

Wednesday May 17 | WANAKA - METHVEN

Attire: Vest & Jeans | Blog Duty: Team 4

7:00 a.m.	Check out of accommodation and leave for Tarras
8:00 a.m.	Visit Lindis Crossing Station, Tarras; Focus: Pastoral beef and sheep production system with John Rodwell
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Tekapo
12:30 p.m.	Lunch at Lake Tekapo/Mt. John
4:00 p.m.	Meet with Tom Lambie, Former Chancellor of Lincoln University; Focus: Organic dairy production systems
6:00 p.m.	Check in accommodation in Methven
7:00 p.m.	Young Farmers Club - Meet and greet informal gathering at The Blue Pub

Accommodations

The Lodge
Mt. Hutt Village, 1 Methven Chertsey Road | Methven, NZ 7730
Phone: +64 (3) 303-2000

Thursday May 18 | METHVEN - CHRISTCHURCH

Attire: Vest & Jeans or Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 5

6:45 a.m.	Check out of accommodation and leave for Mt. Somers
8:00 a.m.	Visit Inverary Station; Focus: Strong wool sheep and Angus beef with John Chapman
10:00 a.m.	Visit The Glebe; Focus: Mixed crops and livestock with Dave Grant
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Visit New Zealand Agriseeds, Ltd.; Focus: Seed production for pastoral farming systems with Michael Hales, Marketing Director
4:00 p.m.	Visit Lincoln University dairy farm; Focus: Canterbury dairy production systems
4:30 p.m.	Tour Lincoln University and Village
5:00 p.m.	Lincoln University Young Farmers Club - Meet and greet information gathering at Famous Grouse Hotel

Accommodations

Jucy Snooze
5 Peter Leeming Road, Christchurch Airport | Christchurch, NZ 8053
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Friday May 19 | CHRISTCHURCH

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 1

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart for NZ Merino Company
- 9:00 a.m.** Visit New Zealand Merino Company; Focus: NZ Merino value chain and global partnerships with Dave Maslen, Global Partnership Manager
- 11:15 a.m.** Lunch and Retail Store Visits at Westfield Riccarton Mall; e.g. Icebreaker, Macpac, Rodd & Gunn, NZ Natural Ice Cream
- 1:00 p.m.** Visit PwC Food Trust; Focus: Food supply and integrity services with Richard Polsen, Director
- 2:00 p.m.** Visit NZ Trade and Enterprise; Focus: International business and market development with Simon Hearsey
- 3:00 p.m.** Lincoln Hub; Focus: Food and agriculture innovation with Dougal Ferguson
- 4:30 p.m.** Willowbank Wildlife Reserve; Focus: Guided Kiwi tour, Ko Tane (Maori) Performance, Dinner

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Saturday May 20 | Christchurch - Kaikoura

Attire: Vest & Jeans | Blog Duty: Team 2

- 9:00 a.m.** Check out of accommodation and leave for Central Christchurch
- 10:00 a.m.** Tour of Christchurch and Arts Centre Market; Focus: Earthquake resiliency with Jo Stevenson, Sr. Analyst, Resilient Organizations, University of Canterbury
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch at Burgerfuel
- 3:00 p.m.** Visit The Gums farm at Cheviot; Focus: Merino wool production and breeding stock with Mark Stevenson
- 5:00 p.m.** Travel to Kaikoura - View of earthquake damage to coastal area
- 6:30 p.m.** Arrive in Kaikoura
- Evening** Free

Accommodations

Bella Vista Motel
SH 1 45 Churchill Street | Kaikoura, NZ
Phone: +64 (3) 319-7959

Sunday May 21 | KAIKOURA - TAURANGA

Attire: Neat Casual | Blog Duty: Team 3

Morning	Free time (departure time depends on road conditions) Check out of accommodation
1:30 p.m.	Waipara Hills Winery - Tour and Lunch; Focus: New Zealand vineyard and wine industry
4:00 p.m.	Depart for Christchurch Airport
5:30 p.m.	Check in at Christchurch domestic terminal
7:00 p.m.	Depart Air New Zealand flight 8808
8:50 p.m.	Arrive in Tauranga
9:30 p.m.	Check in accommodation

Accommodations

Trinity Wharf Hotel
51 Dive Crescent | Tauranga, NZ 3110
Phone: +64 (800) 577-8700 / +64 (7) 577-8700

Monday May 22 | TAURANGA

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 4

8:45 a.m.	Depart for Zespri
9:00 a.m.	Visit Zespri International Limited; Focus: Kiwifruit production and marketing system with Mark Graham, Business Relations Manager
12:00 p.m.	Visit and picnic lunch at kiwifruit orchard, Te Puke
12:30 p.m.	Visit kiwifruit orchard, pack house, and AgFirst consulting services
4:00 p.m.	Visit Comvita retail store; Focus: Manuka honey
Evening	Free in Tauranga

Accommodations

Trinity Wharf Hotel
51 Dive Crescent | Tauranga, NZ 3110
Phone: +64 (800) 577-8700 / +64 (7) 577-8700

Tuesday May 23 | TAURANGA - HAMILTON

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 5

7:45 a.m.	Check out of accommodation
8:30 a.m.	Visit ADM New Zealand Ltd.; Focus: Commodity trading, warehousing, and palm kernel extract for dairy production with Ross Bowmar, General Manager
10:00 a.m.	Visit Port of Tauranga - bus tour of the port; Focus: Port operations and logistics services for international trade with Mark Whitworth, Cargo Services Manager
11:00 a.m.	Port of Tauranga briefing in boardroom
12:00 p.m.	Lunch in boardroom
12:30 p.m.	Depart for Matamata

2:00 p.m.	Visit Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata
6:00 p.m.	Check in accommodation
Evening	Free in Hamilton

Accommodations

Novotel Tainui Hamilton
7 Alma Street | Hamilton, NZ 3204
Phone: +64 (7) 838-1366

Wednesday May 24 | HAMILTON

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 1

8:30 a.m.	Depart for Fonterra; Focus: Fonterra integrated dairy supply chain
9:00 a.m.	Visit Fonterra's Te Rapa manufacturing and milk testing facility
12:00 p.m.	Visit Fonterra's Crawford Street Distribution Centre
2:00 p.m.	Visit dairy producer for Fonterra system
4:30 p.m.	Return to hotel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner hosted by PwC with Brent Goldsack; Focus: New Zealand dairy and business innovation with PwC experts and industry leaders; Speaker: Dr. John Roche, Pricipal Scientist, Dairy NZ

Accommodations

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7 Alma Street | Hamilton, NZ 3204
Phone: +64 (7) 838-1366

Thursday May 25 | HAMILTON - AUCKLAND

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 2

7:30 a.m.	Check out of accommodation
8:00 a.m.	Depart for Livestock Improvement Corp.
8:30 a.m.	Visit Livestock Improvement Corp. (LIC); Focus: Genetic improvement of dairy cattle and industry services with Cameron Marshall, Programme Manager, New Product Development
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Visit Dairy Goat Cooperative; Focus: Dairy goat production system and goat milk product innovation; and/or Waikato Innovation Park
3:30 p.m.	Depart for Auckland
6:00 p.m.	Check in accommodation
Evening	Free in Auckland

Accommodations

Jucy Snooze Auckland
62 Emily Place | Auckland, NZ 1010
Phone: +64 (9) 379-6633

Friday May 26 | AUCKLAND

Attire: Vest & Khakis | Blog Duty: Team 3

8:30 a.m.	Depart accommodation
9:00 a.m.	Visit Callaghan Innovation; Focus: Agritech with Simon Yarrow
10:00 a.m.	Visit Better by Design and NZ Trade and Enterprise; Focus: Design Thinking and the New Zealand story
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Viaduct
1:30 p.m.	Visit Icebreaker New Zealand Limited; Focus: New Zealand Merino brand partnership and global marketing innovation
3:30 p.m.	Return to accommodation
5:30 p.m.	Depart for Eden Park
6:00 p.m.	Young Farmers Club - Meet and greet informal gathering
7:00 p.m.	Attend Super Rugby Match: Auckland Blues vs. Waikato Chiefs (kick-off at 7:35)
9:30 p.m.	Depart for accommodation

Accommodations

Jucy Snooze Auckland
 62 Emily Place | Auckland, NZ 1010
 Phone: +64 (9) 379-6633

Saturday May 27 | AUCKLAND - CHICAGO

Attire: Casual | Blog Duty: Team 4

10:00 a.m.	Check out of accommodation (subject to change)
Late morning- Early Afternoon	Free time in Auckland (Option to take the ferry to Devonport for a visit and lunch)
4:30 p.m.	Leave Auckland center for airport
5:45 p.m.	Check in for flight at Auckland Intl. Airport
7:45 p.m.	Depart on Air New Zealand flight 8 to San Francisco; Cross International Date Line
12:55 p.m.	Arrive at San Francisco Intl. Airport, International Arrivals; Clear U.S. Customs and transfer to Terminal 3
4:15 p.m.	Depart on United flight 390 to Chicago, Terminal 3
10:28 p.m.	Arrive at Chicago O'Hare, Terminal 1
11:00 p.m.	Arrange for pick-up at airport or ride to campus with the group

Sunday May 28 | CHICAGO - CHAMPAIGN

Attire: Casual | Blog Duty: Team 5

2:00 a.m.	Arrival at ACES Library
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Mr. Richard Vogen is the Instructor for the International Business Immersion Program in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also serves on the executive administrative team of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, as the Director of Planning and Resource Development. Before joining the university in 1999, Mr. Vogen had more than twenty years of experience in international market development for U.S. food and agricultural products, in both public and private sector organizations. He earned his undergraduate degree in agricultural science, a graduate degree in animal sciences, and an MBA, all from the University of Illinois. Mr. Vogen's wife, Mrs. Brenda Vogen, is also accompanying the study tour as a chaperon.

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Ms. Anna Fairbairn is a M.Sc. student in Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a research fellow with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. Her research investigates the quality of mineral fertilizer in the Morogoro region of Tanzania and is supported by the Borlaug Global Food Security Graduate Fellowship. Anna completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois in Political Science and African Studies and, prior to attending graduate school, started her career working at the University of Illinois Study Abroad Office. After graduation, Anna hopes to obtain her doctorate and pursue a research-oriented career in conducting impact evaluations within the realms of technology adoption, food security and poverty reduction.

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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 & management and finance in agribusiness in the ACE department. She has an M.S. in agricultural economics from Purdue University and a B.S. in agricultural and consumer economics from the University of Illinois. Before coming back to U of I in January of 2012, she worked as a business analyst for Adayana Agribusiness Consulting in Indianapolis, IN. Jessa is an alumnus of the 2008 International Business Immersion Program in Europe.

**PHIL MORRISON, ONZM**

Performance Pilgrim @ Across Performance Limited

Phil Morrison is a free-lance consultant. He established Across Performance Limited in February 2014, while concluding his MBA research at Massey University. He spent three years as a Project Manager for the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at Massey University, managing the university's commercial relationship with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces. Phil was a Regular Force officer with the New Zealand Army for 25 years, progressing through command, staff and instructional appointments. He served as unit commander of an Engineer Regiment and Military Attaché at the NZ High Commission in Canberra, studied at the Singapore Armed Forces' Joint Command and Staff College, deployed to Cambodia, East Timor and Iraq, and trained in various Pacific island nations.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: AT A GLANCE

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Consumer Economics
& Finance
May 2018



Wade hails from the small town of Macon, Illinois, which led him to pursue a degree in agricultural and consumer economics, with a concentration in consumer economics and finance. While at the University of Illinois, he has been training to become an officer in the United States Air Force. Wade hopes to serve his country as a fighter pilot.

LEYTON BROWN

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Technical Systems
Management
May 2018



Leyton grew up on a family grain farm in Central Illinois and studies technical systems management. He is extremely interested in precision agriculture and wants to play a role in the advancement of the agriculture industry by minimizing inefficiencies during the planting and harvesting of crops.

LAUREN CARTER

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Accountancy
May 2019



Lauren is from Springfield, Illinois and studies accounting. Lauren holds an executive board position with her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta and in her free time she likes to cheer on the Fighting Illini at sporting events. Lauren aspires to obtain her master's in accountancy and become a Certified Public Accountant at a public accounting firm.

JENNA DAVIS

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2018



Jenna is from Homer, Illinois and was first exposed to agriculture as a child visiting her grandparents' farm. She studies agricultural and consumer economics with a concentration in agribusiness, markets, and management, and enjoys being involved with the College of ACES, working at the YMCA, and studying abroad. In the future, she hopes to work for an agricultural company in a management or sales position and see as much of the world as possible.

ABRIELLE JOSEPH

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Public Policy & Law
May 2019



Abrielle hails from the suburbs of Chicago and developed a passion for agriculture after working at an urban farm during high school. As a student in agricultural and consumer economics, she is very interested in environmental economics and public policy. Outside of the classroom, she is a member of the University of Illinois Marching Illini, where she plays on the drumline; and is a part of the music fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota-Sigma Delta Chapter. Abrielle plans to attend law school and pursue a career in food and environmental policy.

ABIGAIL LASHMETT

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International Business
May 2019



Abby grew up on her family's grain and livestock farm in West Central Illinois and developed a keen interest in the family business. As a result, she is pursuing a degree in marketing and general management. Abby hopes to work in agribusiness, specifically in the livestock marketing sector.

PETER LAUDEMAN

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Public Policy & Law
May 2019



Peter grew up in a small town in Central Illinois. At a young age, he developed an interest in domestic and international security. This long-standing interest led him to pursue a degree in agricultural and consumer economics with a concentration in public policy and law. Peter plans to attend law school and pursue a career in counterterrorism or private legal practice.

SARA LEMENAGER

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Finance in Agribusiness
December 2018



Sara grew up on a corn and soybean farm in Clifton, Illinois. The experience of living on a family farm sparked her interest in working in the financial side of the agricultural sector. In addition to her finance in agribusiness concentration in agricultural and consumer economics, her studies also focus on international agricultural development. Sara hopes to pursue a career in domestic and international commodities before returning home to Clifton to run her family farm.

HALEY MAPLES

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Agribusiness Markets
& Management
May 2018



Haley grew up in a small rural town in Southern Illinois. As a student in agricultural and consumer economics with a concentration in agribusiness, she is interested in sales and management. Haley hopes to pursue a career in grain handling or crop production.

MAGGI MAXSTADT

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 Agricultural Leadership
 & Science Education
 May 2018



Maggi was raised around chickens and ducks on her family's hobby farm. Her interests include agricultural education, international agriculture, 4-H, and FFA. For the past seven years, Maggi has worked with local 4-H and FFA groups to educate the community about agriculture. As a student in agricultural leadership education, Maggi hopes to pursue a career educating the public about agriculture.

MADISON MERDIAN

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 Financial Planning
 May 2019



Madison was raised on a farm in the small town of Polo, Illinois. She studies Agricultural and Consumer Economics, with a concentration in Financial Planning. She looks forward to starting a career where she can help others with managing their money and planning out their retirement.

CODY MORRIS

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 Agribusiness Markets
 & Management
 May 2018



Cody grew up on a Corriedale Sheep and Angus Cattle farm in Mattoon, Illinois. During 2014-2015, he served as the Illinois FFA State President. This experience broadened his interests in domestic and international agriculture. Consequently, Cody is a student in agricultural and consumer economics and hopes to pursue a career in agriculture sales with a focus in row crop seed.

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 & Management
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Sydney Mumm was raised in the small town of Monticello, Illinois. She studies agricultural and consumer economics, with a concentration in agribusiness markets and management. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys volunteering with Champaign County Humane Society. She hopes to pursue a career in human resources with a company that enables her to grow personally and professionally in the field of agribusiness.

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 & Management
 May 2018



Kayla grew up on a diversified grain and Angus cattle farm in West Point, Illinois. As a student in agricultural and consumer economics, she focuses on grain merchandising and is a member of the University of Illinois Livestock and Meats Evaluation team. She found her passion for agriculture at a young age, and strives to advocate for agriculture every chance she gets.

ALEXANDRA RUWE

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Animal Sciences
May 2019



Alexandra's passion for animal sciences was sparked at an early age in Maroa, a small farm town in Central Illinois. She has focused her undergraduate studies on production livestock and enjoys educating youth through agricultural outreach programs. Alexandra plans to obtain a M.S. in meat science or a Ph.D. in veterinary medicine to pursue a career in which she can educate consumers and give back to the animal sciences industry.

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Financial Planning
May 2019



Collin grew up on a dairy farm in Pinckneyville, Illinois. As a student in agricultural and consumer economics, his interests are centered on economic and agricultural development of the Global South. He hopes to obtain an MBA and pursue a global career in combating issues of food insecurity.

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Accountancy
May 2019



Yuxuan was raised in China and moved to the United States to complete his undergraduate degree in accountancy. His academic and professional interests are in creating green and sustainable energy. He is a native Mandarin speaker and hopes to pursue a global career that allows him to manage a multinational green energy company.

KRISTA TEMPLE

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Agricultural
Communications
December 2017



Krista grew up on her family's corn and soybean farm in Fulton, Illinois. After competing on her high school's speech team, she discovered her passion for communicating with others about agriculture. As an Agricultural Communication student, Krista intends to pursue a career educating the public about agriculture and she hopes to do so working in communications and public relations for an agricultural company.

BRANDON WHEWELL

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& Management
May 2018



Brandon grew up on a corn and soybean farm and notably started his own cattle herd. As a student in agricultural and consumer economics with a concentration in agribusiness markets and management and a minor in crop and soil management, he plans to return to the family farm and use his education to further advance and market its production of crops and livestock.

JUSTIN ZINKL

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Consumer Economics
& Finance
May 2018



Justin grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. While pursuing his degree in agricultural and consumer economics, Justin is training to be a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After graduation, Justin plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration or psychology while serving as an officer in the Air Force.

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 Minor: Food and Agribusiness Management
 GPA: 3.69/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps – Champaign, IL** August 2014 - Present
Color Guard Vice-Commander
- Presented nation's colors at nearly twenty public performances.
 - Trained cadets in professionalism and precision for performances.
- Physical Fitness Officer*
- Responsible for planning and executing 4.5 hours of physical training for 70 cadets for 16 weeks, which resulted in the highest cadet wing fitness scores the last five years.
- Field Training*
- Field Training Graduate, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.
 - 1 in 16 Warrior Spirit Award recipients in encampment of 300+ cadets.
 - Graduated in the top 20%, Superior Performer Award.
- Arnold Air Society – Champaign, IL** November 2014 - Present
National Conclave Head of Security-Chicago
- Coordinated with Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agents to ensure the hotel safety of 1000+ cadets, civilians, and distinguished guests.
- National Director of Support*
- Responsible for the national awards program, productivity, and morale for the organization composed of 2500+ cadets from 126 squadrons spread throughout all 50 states
 - Organized nation-wide project which included managing 11 volunteers to organize 1400 letters to be sent to cadets at AFROTC Field Training
- Squadron Commander*
- Coordinated meetings and planned professional development activities for squadron composed of 25 cadets
- United Parcel Service – Decatur, IL** December 2016 - January 2017
Driver Assistant
- Assisted driver with package delivery during peak season.
- SKILLS** Proficient in Mac and Windows operating systems.
 Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications.
- HONORS** Dean's List, Illinois State Scholar, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars nominee, AFROTC Academic Honors Award, AFROTC High School Scholarship Recipient, Reserve Officers Association Award, Sons of the American Revolution Award, War of 1812 Award

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Expected Graduation: May 2019

EXPERIENCE Gamma Phi Beta Sorority – Urbana, Illinois

Panhellenic Affairs Vice President

January 2017 - Present

- Liaise between Gamma Phi Beta and Panhellenic Council.
- Acts as a member of the executive board which makes important decisions for the organization and management of the chapter.

Assistant Philanthropy Chair

January 2016 - December 2016

- Helped manage and organize various fundraising events Gamma Phi Beta sponsors to raise money for Building Strong Girls and other local and national organizations.

Bank of Springfield – Springfield, Illinois

May 2015 - August 2016

Summer Intern

- Assisted the Operations Center with document management and processing for the bank's database.
- Worked in the Loan Department and assisted in requesting documents from clients needed for residential loan files.
- Performed appraisal reviews.

Christ the King Parish Office – Springfield, Illinois

June 2014 - July 2014

Volunteer

- Computed survey data and other documents into parish database.
- Assembled parish newsletters for parishioners.

ACTIVITIES

Illini-thon, *Participant*

Accounting Club, *Member*

Girls on the Run 5k, *Volunteer*

Intramural Soccer, *Team Member*

SKILLS

Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

HONORS

Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honors Society

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Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management
Minor: International Development Economics
GPA: 3.72/4.00
- Morocco Horticulture Study Tour** January 2017
Studied the crops, agribusinesses, and economy of Morocco.
- Guatemala Agribusiness Study Tour** January 2016
Visited farms and businesses in Antigua to learn about agricultural networks and supply chains.
- EXPERIENCE** **Stephens Family YMCA - Champaign, IL** December 2013 - Present
Child Watch Caregiver
- Supervise and interact with children.
 - Communicate with clients to ensure smooth and efficient child drop off and pick up.
 - Develop problem-solving abilities when handling incidents and discrepancies.
- Camp Counselor and Inclusion Companion* Summer 2015, 2016
- Led and entertained children through various activities.
 - Aided children with special needs, accommodating and supporting their individual needs.
 - Utilized conflict resolution skills to mitigate disputes and optimize camper involvement.
- Georgetown Agricultural Fair Association – Georgetown, IL** Summer 2011 - Present
Volunteer Office Staff and Social Media Manager
- Update Facebook page multiple times daily, answer questions, promote organization.
 - Process entries, judging results, and fees.
 - Provide assistance to fairgoers by answering questions and giving directions.
- ALDI, Inc – Champaign, IL** July 2016
ACE-ING Summer Job Shadow Program
- Shadowed a District Sales Manager, and saw inventory analysis and employee management strategies.
 - Learned about the retail agriculture industry by seeing the business procedures of a grocery store.
- ACTIVITIES** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Ambassador
ACE Ambassador
4H House Cooperative Agriculture Sorority, *Assistant Treasurer*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Quickbooks and Microsoft Office
- HONORS** Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, James Scholar, Champaign County Farm Bureau Scholar

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Concentration: Public Policy & Law
Minor: Political Science, Policy and Civil Leadership
GPA: 3.3/4.00
- Dominican Republic Agriculture & Food Systems Study Tour** January 2015
Studied agriculture and food systems
Toured farms and production plants, including Goya and Intabaco
- EXPERIENCE** **ACES Study Abroad - Champaign, Illinois** August 2016 -Present
Social Media Intern
- Manage social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and WordPress.
 - Develop marketing strategies, including creating program advertisements and highlighting student returnee achievements.
 - Advise students on study abroad program selection and application requirements.
- Espresso Royale – Champaign, Illinois** March 2016 - Present
Barista
- Provide customer service by greeting and establishing rapport with patrons.
 - Prepare coffee, pastry, and lunch items.
 - Maintain a clean environment for café visitors.
- Plant Chicago – Chicago, Illinois** August 2015 - August 2016
Intern: Farmers Market, Tours, and Volunteer Management
- Assisted in market and tour operations at an urban farm that provides tenant space for local farmers with zero waste.
 - Created social media posts to encourage visitors to the farm.
 - Managed the indoor aquaponics and the outdoor hugelkultur farm and sold the produce at the local farmers' market.
- ACTIVITIES** Agriculture Future of America Conference, *Participant*
Marching Illini Drumline, *Member*
ACES Without Borders, *Vice President and Treasurer*
Sigma Alpha Iota, *Merchandise Chair*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Mac and Windows operating systems, as well as Microsoft Office
Advanced photography skills, including extensive experience with Adobe Photoshop
Experience using social media platforms such as Hootsuite, Zapier, and Wordpress
- HONORS** John Deere Scholarship, McCormick Scholarship, I4I Scholarship, ACES Study Abroad Scholarship

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 Bachelor of Science in Marketing and General Management
 GPA: 3.88/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Illinois Electric Cooperative – Winchester, IL** May 2016 – August 2016
Marketing Intern

- Supported clients in solving a variety of problems related to wireless or fiber optic internet services.
- Enhanced usage of IllinoisNet Facebook page by 700% via developing creative content and designing a rewards system, including a refer-a-friend program and giveaways to loyal customers.
- Developed sales knowledge through direct customer interaction by selling over 25 subscriptions to fiber optic services.

Prairieland FS, Inc. – Jacksonville, IL May 2015 – August 2015
Energy Intern

- Organized the company's customer contracts to maintain consistent records and ensure quality customer service.
- Participated in a merger and acquisition and learned how to combine previous stakeholder equity to retain accurate documentation and equity holdings.
- Categorized propane and liquefied petroleum contracts into a more productive system.

Morgan-Scott CEO – Jacksonville, IL August 2014 – May 2015
Program Graduate and Entrepreneur

- Visited and spoke with 100+ business leaders in the Morgan and Scott Counties, as well as the surrounding area. Learned how to effectively network and communicate with professionals, community leaders, and entrepreneurs in various industries.
- Served as Marketing Director in class-run trade show. Led the creation and the distribution of flyers, Facebook posts, and business interactions for the Morgan-Scott Showcase.
- Owned and operated personal business, From the Heart Care Packages. Wrote business plan, pitched to investors, and participated in trade shows.

ACTIVITIES Sigma Alpha, Professional Agricultural Sorority, *2nd Vice President*
 American Marketing Association, *Digital Committee*
 James Scholar, *Research Assistant*
 Illini Democrats, *Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office applications
 Experience in Adobe PhotoShop

HONORS James Scholar, John A. Schoen Entrepreneurial Scholarship Recipient, Dean's List

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EXPERIENCE	Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center – Springfield, IL <i>Intern</i>	Summer 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed various projects based primarily in data gathering. • Participated in daily threat identification briefings. • Worked with Geographic Information Systems mapping software. • Worked with agencies including Illinois State Police, F.B.I., Department of Homeland Security, Illinois National Guard, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. • Observed the day-to-day operations of the intelligence community. 	
ACTIVITIES	Global Leadership Summit, <i>Volunteer & Participant</i> Global Leadership Summit, <i>Participant</i> Security Studies, <i>Member</i> Nabor House Fraternity, <i>Scholarship Chair & Commissar</i>	
SKILLS	Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems Extensive experience in Geographic Information Systems software	
HONORS	Dean's List, James Scholar Honors Program, Hunter R.O. & M.F. Scholarship	

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 Concentration: Finance in Agribusiness
 Minor: ACES International
 GPA: 2.57/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **American Association of Insurance Services - Lisle, IL** May 2016 - January 2016
Agricultural Lines Intern
- Deconstructed farm owner policy forms and completed product comparisons for potential customers.
 - Streamlined product comparison processes for potential clients and supervisors.
- Gray Research Production, Inc. – Ashkum, IL** July 2015 - August 2015
Summer Researcher
- Contributed to the research and preservation of hybrid corn and original corn lines through work in nurseries and fields.
 - Responsibilities included de-tasseling, re-planting, cross-breeding, and pollen collection.
 - Fostered a positive work environment among a team of twelve.
- Lemenager Farms - Clifton, IL** June 2013 - Present
Farmhand
- Retrieved equipment and parts from various dealerships and distributors.
 - Tested soil samples for their nitrate levels in order to determine the need for future input applications.
 - Scouted corn and soybean fields to monitor for potential pests, weeds, and diseases.
 - Completed grounds maintenance.
- ACTIVITIES** Illini Women in Economics, *Social and Special Events Chair*
 Illini Pride, *Block I Blockhead, Block I Social Media and Communications Chair*
 Colleges Against Cancer, *Team Captain Ambassador, Team Development Committee, Event Development Committee*
 LeaderShape, *Participant*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office
 Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems

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	Kaskaskia College Associate in Science Associate in Arts GPA: 3.9/4.0, Summa Cum Laude	August 2014 - May 2016
EXPERIENCE	Powhatan Restaurant <i>Server</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide quick, efficient, and friendly customer service. • Complete day and night shift preparation activities. • Train and mentor new employees. 	September 2009 - Present
	Powhatan Motel <i>Clerk and Receptionist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer telephone and check in guests. • Respond to guest and property issues by identifying and executing solutions. • Follow up with guests after their stay. 	August 2011 - Present
ACTIVITIES	ACE CLUB, <i>Member</i> Field and Furrow, <i>Member</i> Leadershape, <i>Graduate</i> Bond County Food Pantry, <i>Volunteer</i> Hospital Sisters Health System Holy Family Auxiliary Thrift Shop, <i>Volunteer</i>	
SKILLS	Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint	
HONORS	Kaskaskia College: Dean's List, Board of Trustees Scholarship Recipient; University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign: President's List, Legacy Scholarship Recipient, Bond County Farm Bureau Scholarship, College of ACES Merit Student Scholarship, Second Place Recipient ACE Sales Student Competition, Illinois Leadership Center Leadership Certificate	

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Concentration: Financial Planning
GPA: 3.69/4.00

EXPERIENCE **Clark Carroll Insurance Agency – Lanark, IL** May 2016 - August 2016
Customer Service Representative

- Proactively analyzed insurance policies for clients whose premiums were due to have rate increases, which in turn increased retention by keeping their rates low and maintaining customer satisfaction.
- Properly rated auto, home, and life insurance policies utilizing agency principles to quickly analyze client needs and to increase the efficiency of day-to-day operations.
- Followed federal regulations while reporting insurance in the Multi Peril Crop Insurance systems.
- Assisted in agency marketing by creating valuable content for its website and increasing web traffic.
- Accurately processed customer payments and endorsements to current policyholders in a fast-paced environment.

Urbana High School Tutor - Urbana, Illinois September 2015 - December 2015
Academic Tutor

- Assisted ten Urbana High School students weekly in various academic subjects, with particular attention to serving students with needs in mathematics.
- Served as both an academic and personal mentor to the students by being approachable and thorough when answering academic questions.

Polo Pool – Polo, IL May 2013 - August 2016
Lifeguard and Swim Instructor

- Observed all areas of the pool to ensure a safe environment for pool patrons.
- Instructed children, whose age ranged from 3-12 years, in an intensive swimming lesson class.
- First Aid and CPR certified in order to help patrons in need in the pool or on the pool deck
- Handled multiple pool transactions, such as working with pool entrance fees, organized private parties, and focused on the safety of the patrons.

ACTIVITIES Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, *Philanthropy Running Coach*

SKILLS Social Media, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel

HONORS James Scholar, Merit Fellows, Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honors Society

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Concentration: Markets and Management
Minor: Crop and Soil Management
GPA: 3.40/4.00

Lake Land Community College August 2013 – May 2016
Associates of Science Degree

EXPERIENCE **Great Heart Seed - Paris, Illinois** April 2016 - August 2016
Field Sales Intern

- Communicated with farmers and seed dealers to organize the purchase and delivery of seed.
- Developed a company-wide video in recognition of a 25-year anniversary that was utilized internally at the annual dealer kickoff meeting and externally on Great Heart Seed's social media.
- Participated in weekly meetings with sales managers to discuss sales strategies and goals.
- Installed over 100 field signs on wheat, soybean, and corn fields for customers and dealers.
- Helped organize and plant customer and seed dealer corn and soybean plots.

Lake Land College - Mattoon, Illinois August 2015 - April 2016
Agriculture Division Peer to Peer

- Assisted the Division Chair with recruitment activities.
- Attended career fairs and represented the college at various special events.
- Organized and led campus tours to prospective students and faculty.
- Contacted over 150 high school students to encourage campus visits.

Illinois Association FFA June 2014 - June 2015
State President

- Served as an agricultural ambassador for the state association consisting of 17,500 members.
- Visited over 75 high schools across the state to promote FFA and agriculture education.
- Facilitated workshops and presented speeches to several FFA members.
- Hosted a state-wide convention to recognize the success of members.
- Participated in the International Leadership Seminar in South Africa and learned about the farming practices of the country by visiting farms and agricultural businesses. Presented trip experiences to companies and individuals that sponsored the seminar.

ACTIVITIES Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, *VNR Alumni Relations*
ACE Club, *Member*
Hoof and Horn Club, *Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Windows operating systems

HONORS American FFA Degree, 2016 Outstanding Lake Land College Agriculture Student

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 Concentration: Agribusiness Markets & Management
 Minor: ACES International
 GPA: 3.19/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Administrative Information Technology Services – Champaign, IL** March 2015 - Present
Administrative Financial Management Student Worker
- Provide outstanding customer service.
 - Conduct analysis and provide information as requested.
 - Process date entry, document filing, and document scanning.
- Premier Cooperative, Inc. – Champaign, IL** March 2016 - November 2016
Intern
- Learn all phases of elevator operations via nine-month grain industry experiential learning experience.
- First State Bank – Champaign, IL** July 2014 – March 2015
Teller
- Provided patrons with friendly and efficient customer service.
 - Balanced teller drawer and vault.
 - Undertook daily deposit/withdrawal transactions and loan payments.
- ACTIVITIES** LeaderShape Institute, *Participant*
 4-H House Cooperative Sorority, *Assistant Interviewing Chair, Vice President, President*
 Champaign County Humane Society, *Volunteer*
 Collegiate Farm Bureau, *Active Member*
 ACE Club, *Active Member*
 Piatt County Fair Queen Pageant, *Miss Congeniality, 1st Runner Up*
- SKILLS** Proficient in Microsoft Excel, SharePoint, Outlook, and Visio
 Proficient in Spanish
- HONORS** 2016 Grain & Feed Association of Illinois Industry Immersion Program Scholarship, Phi Sigma
 Theta National Honor Society, College of ACES Freshman Year Scholarship

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Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management
GPA: 3.59/4.00

Lake Land College August 2014 – May 2016
Associate in Science
GPA: 3.80/4.00

EXPERIENCE **ACES Office of Academic Programs Career Services – Urbana, IL** August 2016 - Present
Administrative Intern

- Assist in planning the ACES & Sciences Career Fair. Activities include communicating with external corporate employers to schedule and coordinate on-campus student interviews.
- Promote campus life, clubs, and organizations through the ACES Career Services blog.

Carthage Veterinary Services, LTD – Carthage, IL June 2016 – August 2016
Records Bureau Intern

- Collected and summarized weekly reports for management's use in improving the quality of progeny on thirty sow farms.
- Performed sow production data entry to transfer information into a software program used for data tracking.
- Charted and inventoried sow card orders, printed materials for data use, and sent packages to each sow farm.

Lake Land College – Mattoon, IL May 2016 – June 2016, 2015
Student Intern – GAST (Growing Agriculture Science Teachers)

- Observed high school agriculture classrooms, prepared lesson plans, and taught classes.
- Assisted students with supervised agricultural experience projects and career development events, as well as chaperoned students at the Illinois FFA Convention.

Professional Swine Management, LLC – Carthage, IL June 2015 – August 2015
Accounting Intern

- Managed accounts payables for 36 area swine farms.
- Entered invoices into accounting software program, managed the printing of checks and scheduled automatic payments in a timely fashion.

ACTIVITIES Hancock County Fair Board - *Secretary*
University of Illinois & Lake Land College Livestock & Meats Evaluation Team - *Member*
2013-2014 Illinois Association FFA - *Section 11 President*

HONORS 2016 Lake Land College Outstanding Agriculture Transfer Student, State FFA Degree Recipient in 2013, American FFA Degree Recipient in 2015

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Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences
Concentration: Pre-Veterinary Medicine
GPA: 3.44/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **Northgate Pet Clinic – Decatur, Illinois** May 2016 - Present
Assistant Flock Manager
- Fulfill the needs of five veterinarians in high stress situations.
 - Communicate with certified technicians to accomplish common goals.
 - Listen to the concerns of clients and accurately communicate information with veterinarians.
 - Interpret the needs of clients regarding patients in a compassionate manor in order to achieve an efficient treatment environment.
- Crouch Dorset Farms – Maroa, Illinois** August 2011 - Present
Assistant Flock Manager
- Dispense feed and monitor health of animals at all stages to track health and animal quality.
 - Prepare, fit, and exhibit sheep efficiently in show and sale including most prestigious exhibit.
 - Advocate sheep production within all industries of agriculture and promote the Dorset breed to young showmen.
- Ruwe Honey Farms – Maroa, Illinois** September 2010 - Present
Entrepreneur
- Identify types of bees, bee behaviors and the patterns with which they associate.
 - Applied and received Clover Grant through Macon County 4-H and SAEP Grant through Illinois the National FFA Organization.
 - Create and present lessons to ADM, the Macon County 4-H Board, and a variety of youth.
 - Communicate and educate the public about the important of bees and animal welfare.
- ACTIVITIES** Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, *Professional Development Chair*
National Continental Dorset Club, *Director at Large*
Phi Eta Sigma Freshmen Honors Society, *Member*
Ag in the Classroom Volunteer, *Presenter*
- SKILLS** Extensive experience in event planning and public speaking
Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office applications
- HONORS** National 4-H Congress Nominee, Farm Credit Scholar, Young Sheep Producers Scholar, Macon Country Farm Bureau Scholar, Macon County 4-H Scholar, American FFA Degree, FFA National Job Interview Finalist, FFA National SAE Finalist

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Concentration: Financial Planning
GPA: 3.28/4.00

Dominican Republic Agriculture & Food Systems Study Tour January 2016
Increased understanding of international trade and foreign agricultural practices
Enhanced communication skills through working with a diverse group

EXPERIENCE **Smith Livestock - Pinckneyville, Illinois** August 2010 – August 2015
Owner

- Operated a beef feeder calf operation, averaging approximately 35 head per year.
- Managed all financial aspects of livestock operation, including management, budgeting, and bookkeeping.
- Created a sales strategy to maximize return, as well as to limit the cost of transporting the animals.
- Developed ways to improve growth efficiency of beef feed calf operations.

Illinois FFA Association – Springfield, Illinois June 2014 – June 2015
Section 24 President

- Chaired the committee on community development programs.
- Coordinated programs for 16 area high schools.
- Introduced a program that connected local FFA members with industry members, such as Farm Bureau, through an Agriculture Awareness Night.
- Coordinated a Leadership Training School for Chapter Officers within the section, including instruction in team building, member development, and community development.

ACTIVITIES 4-H, *Youth Volunteer*
Farm Bureau, *Member*

SKILLS Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office

HONORS American FFA Degree, IAA Foundation Scholar

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EDUCATION University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Expected Graduation: May 2019

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy
 Concentration: Accountancy
 GPA: 3.97/4.00

EXPERIENCE Illinois Leadership Center - University of Illinois

January 2016 - Present

I-Programs & Leadership Certificate Program

- Attend five I-programs: Inclusion, Imprint, Integrity, Ignite, and Petullo Insight.
- Communicate actively with group members and small group facilitators.
- Acquire leadership skills through guided activities and discussion.
- Connect with alumni.

Asian American Cultural Center – University of Illinois

October 2015 - Present

GLOBE & Connection with Local Family

- Expand cultural knowledge by face-to-face communication and participation in various center events.
- Improve retention rates within group and coordinate group programs.
- Promote leadership skills among and within groups.
- Organize cultural events, such as making traditional Chinese foods, that deepened cross-cultural understanding
- Participate in weekly reflections to improve cross-cultural understanding.

University Housing Dining Service – University of Illinois

October 2015 - February 2016

Cafeteria & Dining Runner

- Responded to various needs of dining room patrons and provide excellent customer service.
- Collaborated with other student workers and professional staff during shifts.

2014 NSFZ IB Charity Show – Nanjing, China

March 2014 - June 2014

Deputy Chief Planner and Leader of Stage Affairs Department

- Organized the annual charity show and raised \$2000 for students in a rural area of China.
- Attracted over 500 people to the event, which contributed to a 20% increase in fundraising.

ACTIVITIES

The Illini Navigators, *Member*

Bridges International, *Member*

First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education Program (FYCARE), *Member*

SKILLS

Native Mandarin speaker.

Proficient in the use of Mac OS and Windows operating systems.

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- EDUCATION** **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Expected Graduation: December 2017
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minors: Food and Environmental Systems, Public Relations
GPA: 3.20/4.00
- EXPERIENCE** **College of ACES Career Services - University of Illinois** August 2015 - Present
Communications Intern
- Write career development articles and interview students for weekly e-newsletters reaching more than 3200 students.
 - Publicize jobs, internships and career building opportunities in e-newsletter; data-mine University online job search engine to find 10 jobs and 8 events weekly.
 - Update digital sign in atrium of ACES Library on a weekly basis.
- Illinois Farm Bureau - Bloomington, Illinois** May 2016 - August 2016
Membership & Program Intern
- Planned officer training for seven Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters and organized Illinois Farm Bureau employees to speak at the event.
 - Coordinated the 2016 Master Showmanship Contest at the Illinois State Fair. Activities included inviting 6 judges, ordered prizes, and communicating with 57 participants.
 - Chaperoned 70 high school FFA students for a week in Washington, D.C.
- University of Illinois Extension - Carroll, Lee, & Whiteside Counties** May 2015 - July 2015
Summer Staff
- Instructed students ages 8-11 at day camps using five different curriculums.
 - Organized and facilitated food stand for county 4-H show and supervised volunteer workers.
- Whiteside County Farm Bureau - Morrison, Illinois** May 2014 - August 2014
Communications & Marketing Intern
- Developed and implemented a new, user-friendly website; saved organization about \$650/year
 - Photographed and edited pictures to promote county events, create traffic to the Facebook page, and to feature on local media.
 - Conducted interviews with local farmers and visitors and shot videos and photographs to construct promotional video clips for the Whiteside County Barn Tour using iMovie
- ACTIVITIES** 4-H House Cooperative Sorority, *House Manager, Scholarship Chair, Alumni Relations, PR Chair*
Illini Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, *Vice President, Treasurer*
Explore ACES Steering Committee, *Co-Director of Publicity*
- SKILLS** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office, Adobe Audition and Premiere Pro
- HONORS** Chancellor's Scholar, Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, James Scholar, Dean's List

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EDUCATION	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics Concentration: Agribusiness Markets and Management Minor: Crop and Soil Management GPA: 3.56/4.00	Expected Graduation: May 2018
	Lincoln Land Community College Associate in Applied Science in Agribusiness Management	June 2014 - July 2016
EXPERIENCE	Whewell / Lakin Farms – Winchester, IL <i>Assistant Farm Manager</i>	January 2012 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform seasonal maintenance of farm and construction equipment. • Operate machinery on 3,500 acres of corn, soybeans, and hay. • Scout fields for weeds, pest, and disease pressure to assure maximum yield potential. 	
	Whewell Brothers Cattle – Winchester, IL <i>Entrepreneur</i>	March 2009 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own and operate 40 head of primarily Black Angus cattle. • Improved market analysis skills by watching and evaluating cattle prices in order to determine the best times to sell livestock. • Strengthened management skills by focusing on cattle care—including optimizing feed intake—to ensure a consistent and quality product to sell. 	
	LG Seeds – Southern Illinois Region <i>Sales Intern</i>	May 2016 - August 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted customers in solving seed management problems. • Developed sales knowledge through direct customer interaction. • Utilized organization and project management skills to effectively plan week-to-week meetings with current and prospective clients. 	
ACTIVITIES	Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, <i>Member</i> Field and Furrow, <i>Member</i> Collegiate Farm Bureau, <i>Member</i>	
SKILLS	Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office applications	
HONORS	FFA State Degree	

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