

CAREER EXPLORATION

High school students are often unaware of the extensive career options available in the Department of ACE. ACE hosts camps and organizes visit days and workshops to help students build their path to success even before they arrive on campus. These outreach efforts also extend to community colleges.

The continuation of programs to help students launch their future potential is dependent on funding from private gifts. On-campus programs require funds for housing, supplies, and staff. Marketing materials targeted at high school students and their instructors are also integral to growing the ACE network.



“We aim to attract and develop the best talent possible to advance the global food and agriculture industry.”

PAUL ELLINGER // ACE Department Head

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Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics Student Advising and Enrichment Center

Create the Difference
for ACE Students



COLLEGE OF
ACES

The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) is dedicated to providing students the best services and programs to optimize their college experience and prepare them for successful careers. Students are welcomed into an accomplished ACE network, guided as they navigate critical decisions, and encouraged to participate in activities that expand their learning.

The ACE Student Advising and Enrichment Center distinguishes ACE as a leader in student service by emphasizing four core purposes.

- Experiential Learning
- Personalized Advising
- Professional Development
- Career Exploration

Private funding is essential to making these services and programs available and financially accessible for ACE students.



“My ACE academic advisor played a significant role in helping to shape my experience in the College of ACES. She made it a point to learn not only my name, but also my passions and interests.”

NATASHA WILKINS // Class of 2014

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

ACE's Experiential Learning Programs stretch students' education beyond the classroom. ACE offers numerous trips, tours, and on-site projects that bring to life the agricultural and consumer concepts introduced on campus. When entering the job market, ACE students' exposure to real-world issues is an attractive attribute to potential employers.

Previous programs have taken students to:

- Washington, D.C. to interact with policymakers and influencers
- California to explore regional agricultural production
- China, Sierra Leone, Brazil and Europe to study global food supply chain
- Chicago to observe policy impact on food and agricultural businesses

Experiential learning can be costly for students to participate, often requiring students to pay in excess of \$1000. Contributions to the Student Advising and Enrichment Center will provide scholarships that reduce the participants' financial burden, creating more accessibility for students.

“IBIP, a two-week study abroad experience, provided me with my first trip out of the country, and it fit well with my other academic goals.”

DARCY OZER // ACE student

PERSONALIZED ADVISING

With numerous decisions to make at a large institution and during career preparation, ACE students need a trusted source of information, materials, and access to resources. Dedicated academic advisors provide personalized attention as students navigate critical aspects of their academics, professional development, and employment search.

The relationships ACE students develop with their advisors transforms a large Big Ten University into a welcoming home. Individual and corporate investment in the Student Advising and Enrichment Center ensures students can turn to dedicated professionals for guidance.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACE students become part of an extensive network of accomplished alumni and professionals. Interactions with this network help students develop the knowledge and skills that seed successful careers. ACE students benefit from numerous professional development opportunities.

- Guest Speakers
- Career Development Conferences
- Concentration-specific career courses
- ACE-ing It Job Shadow Program
- Student competitions

Support of the Student Advising and Enrichment Center will expand professional development offerings for students, while creating additional opportunities to engage with seasoned professionals.

“By interacting with ACE students, accomplished professionals expose these students to the breadth of career opportunities available to them.”

ANN FINNEGAN // ACE Academic Advisor



More than a third of ACE students participate in experiential learning, with more than half of them traveling internationally through these programs.