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CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Workshops

CAREER, RELATIONSHIPS, AND FAITH PANEL

Feb. 12 - Finding Balance with Competing Priorities
Panelists: President & Andrea LeRoy, Sarah & Matt Visser, Amy & David Wilstermann, and Nygil & Kieychia Likely
Meeter Center Lecture Hall, 3:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

- Students from all class levels and majors are welcome
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 - Succeeding at Job Fairs & in Interviews (*Farmers Insurance*), Commons Annex Lecture Hall

Feb. 21 - Salary, Raises & How to Leave a Job Well *(Calvin College HR)*, Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Feb. 28 - Presentation Skills & Public Speaking *(Amway),* Commons Annex Lecture Hall

March 7 - Workplace Etiquette & Performance Reviews *(Meijer)*, Meeter Center Lecture Hall

March 14 - Sexual Harassment & Discrimination in the Workplace *(Calvin College Office of Student Conduct),* Commons Annex Lecture Hall

March 28 - Putting Your Best Foot Forward *(Express Employment)*, Commons Annex Lecture Hall

April 4 - Budgeting *(Mercantile Bank)*, Commons Annex Lecture Hall

April 10 - General Self-Care and Wellness *(Calvin Center for Counseling and Wellness)*, Commons Annex Lecture Hall

NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

April 9—Kick-off at the Career Center, refreshments provided, 10:00 a.m.–noon

April 11 - Dress for Success, Meeter Center Lecture Hall, details TBD

Spring Career Fairs

Summer Jobs Month

- All of February, employers each day in Johnny's from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., recruiting students for summer positions

Job Pursuit

- Feb. 16, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Crowne Plaza Lansing West (Lansing, MI)
- Registration and $10 fee is required; register on Handshake

GVSU Winter Career Fair and Health Careers Day

- Feb. 22, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- DeVos Place Convention Center
- Free shuttle provided

Out-of-State Teacher Fair

- March 5, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- GVSU Allendale Campus

Teacher Search

- April 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- GVSU Eberhard Center (downtown Grand Rapids)

Class of 2018: First Destinations

Members of the class of 2018 have started reporting their employment or graduate school plans to the Career Center. (Seniors: be sure to fill out the First Destination Survey on Handshake once you know your post-Calvin plans!) A few graduating students are featured below.

Rebekah Nasralla

Business - Operations Concentration

HRIS Associate, Haworth

Reuben Lewis

Electrical Engineering

Edison Engineering Development Program, GE Aviation

Madeline Baas

Psychology and Religion

MDiv Program, Princeton Theological Seminary

Fall Internship Highlights

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Sammy interned as the General Manager's Assistant for J&H Oil Company

Mary spent the fall semester as a Marketing Intern with Chick-fil-A Grand Rapids South

Jenna and colleagues at Destination Consultants

"My internship opportunities played a vital role in the development of my professionalism and experience … Without the lessons I learned and the people there to guide me, I would not be where I am today."

Student Employment Corner

Over the past year, Calvin's Student Employment Manager, Courtney Banks-Tatum, has implemented a few important changes:

- Job descriptions should be sent to the Student Employment office annually.
- All on-campus jobs should be posted on Handshake to ensure EEO compliance.
- Student training should incorporate career readiness competencies.
- Students should receive regular performance reviews.

Courtney is working with a cross-divisional team on structuring Calvin's student employment program to be best-in-class!

NEW: Student Employment Shout Outs!

Know a student or supervisor who deserves recognition? Someone who performs their duties at an outstanding level? Examples include:

- Major accomplishments
- Exhibiting excellence
- Going above and beyond expectations

Stop by the Career Center or use the form on the student employment website to submit a shout out. Let's recognize each other for good work!

Calvin LifeWork Update

Calvin LifeWork is a new program launched for incoming first year students in fall 2017. This optional, co-curricular program offers approximately one hour of programming per month, all online (and some also available in-person). Students who complete 3 years of the program receive a $3,000 scholarship the fourth year.

With about two-thirds of first year students participating in the program, Calvin LifeWork is off to a great start. Students have taken and reflected upon jobZology (a personality and job fit assessment), thought and written about vocation and calling, gained basic building blocks for thinking about personal finance, reflected upon conflict resolution and delved into inclusive leadership.

Next semester will include sessions on major and career selection, resumes, and stewardship of financial resources.

Here are a few quotes from participants:

"I have been pleased that the work load of the modules I is not overwhelming. Also, it is fun for me to gain experience points, and it motivates me to go above and beyond what I have to do for the assignments."

"The program is doing a great job of just helping me look at different aspects of life through different perspectives."

"I have found that it is helping me with day-to-day things that I am struggling with. For example, the January module helped me solve some conflict that was up in the air until I did the activities and realized I needed to apply it."

Instagram

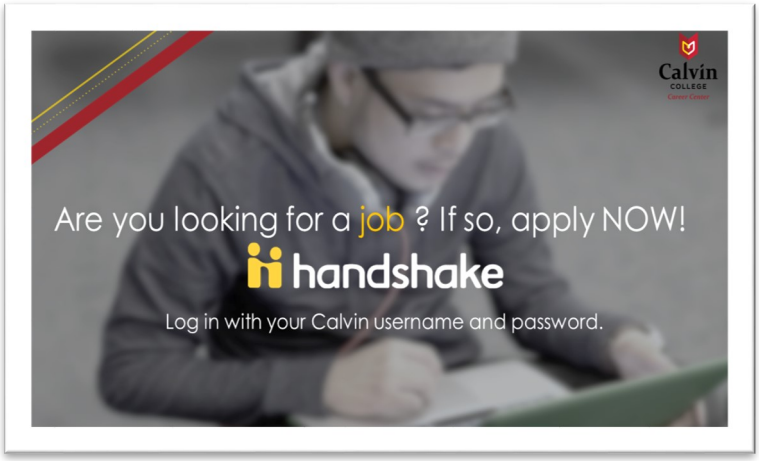
Follow #calvinlifework

Students can download the CLW app to complete activities on mobile devices

Fall Semester Highlights

The fall semester in the Career Center was busy with launching Calvin LifeWork, conducting one-on-one career coaching appointments, hosting job fairs, and other events. Here are a few highlights:

- 728 career coaching appointments
- 56 workshops or class presentations
- 6 job fairs and networking events with 511 Calvin students and 363 employers participating
- 24 companies conducted on-campus interviews with 130 students (including practice interviews)
- Recruiting Trends conference with 166 participants representing a wide range of industries



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