After 18 years in the Career Center, Beth Cok will be retiring from Calvin as of June 30. During her time at Calvin, Beth has been instrumental in developing internship policies and procedures, working with faculty who teach internship classes, and helping countless students successfully search for and land internships. She also has supervised the team of student Career Ambassadors and helped with overall office management. A large part of Beth's role has also included tracking and reporting on Career Center statistics, including the annual Career Outcomes Report, which is widely used by Admissions and various academic departments. Beth’s significant and valuable contributions to the Career Center will certainly be missed. Please join us in wishing Beth the best in her retirement!

Although Beth will be missed, the Career Center is excited to welcome David Wilsternann as Program Analyst. He will be responsible for data analysis, tracking and reporting, as well as playing a key role in collecting and assessing data related to the new Calvin LifeWork program.

Prior to joining the Career Center, David served as Statistical Research Specialist with the Tennessee Supreme Court and Tennessee Workers’ Compensation Advisory Council. Most recently, he has been a self-employed data consultant, continuing to work with government clients in the state of Tennessee, as well as other non-profit organizations. David has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wayne State University and master’s degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University.
Congratulations to the class of 2017! Some members of the graduating class are featured below with their post-Calvin plans.

Ana Barahona Reyes  
Accounting Major  
Staff Auditor  
EY  
Houston, TX

Trey Tipak  
Religion Major  
Western Theological Seminary  
Master of Divinity/Master of Social Work Program  
Holland, MI

Tina Tian  
Early Childhood Education Major  
Chinese Immersion Program  
Elementary Teacher  
Walnut Hills Elementary School  
Greenville, MI

Jonathan Gorter  
Writing and Environmental Studies Majors  
Naturalist Fellow  
Aspen Center for Environmental Studies  
Aspen, CO

Klara Oh  
Nursing Major  
Registered Nurse  
Seattle Children’s Hospital  
Seattle, WA

Ethan DeVries  
International Relations Major  
Customer Relations Associate  
Dascena  
Hayward, CA

Maria McCoy  
Business-Operations and International Development Studies Majors  
Sales Development Rep.  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Benton Harbor, MI

Andrew Gbeddy  
Information Systems Major  
Management Consultant  
Plante Moran  
Southfield, MI

Emma Brown  
Graphic Design Major  
Photography, Design, and Color Correction Employee  
X-Rite/Pantone  
Grand Rapids, MI

Matthew Plantinga  
Kinesiology and Spanish Majors  
Washington University  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
St. Louis, MO

Alissa Paquette  
Geography Major  
University of Michigan  
Master of Urban Planning Program  
Ann Arbor, MI

Jonathan Engle  
Electrical & Computer Engineering Major  
Systems Engineer  
Northrop Grumman Corp.  
Rolling Meadows, IL

Florence Ndayisenga  
International Development Studies Major  
Family Reunification Coordinator & Pre-Arrival Resettlement Specialist  
Bethany Christian Services  
Grand Rapids, MI
Spring semester highlights

Calvin's Career Center had a busy spring semester of one-on-one career coaching, delivering presentations to classes or groups, and hosting a variety of events. Here are a few highlights:

- 1101 unique individuals participated in a Career Center appointment or event, compared with 887 in the fall semester
- 868 one-on-one career coaching appointments, compared with 778 in the fall semester
- 69 workshops or class presentations
- 6 job fairs with 224 student participants
- 330 students with a spring internship
- 42 employer display tables
- Employer Conference with 162 attendees
- Practice interview and resume critique event with 16 employers and 51 students

Calvin LifeWork

The Career Center, along with several partners across campus, are preparing to launch a major college initiative this fall called Calvin LifeWork. Calvin LifeWork is a four-year, optional co-curricular program designed to equip Calvin students with the skills they'll need to succeed after graduation, from career topics like resumes and interviewing, to personal finance, and soft skills like leadership and team work. Students who complete the program get a $3,000 scholarship senior year. The vast majority of incoming first year students have expressed interest in this program.

Each month, Calvin LifeWork participants will complete training (either online or in-person) on a particular topic. An overview of the first year of the program is included below.

September: Intro to Calvin LifeWork
What is vocation and why should I care?

October: Decoding your jobZology results

November: Introduction to stewardship

December: Inclusive leadership

January: Conflict resolution

February: Majors and careers: Find your fit

March: Resumes that get results

April: Stewardship in everyday life

May (optional): Graduate school overview
Student employee appreciation week

The Career Center celebrated National Student Employee Appreciation in April by hosting a variety of events to show our appreciation for student employees on campus. Events included Donut Day, Cake Celebration, and Workshop Wednesday on the topic of work-study, on-campus jobs, and using Handshake. In addition, a graffiti wall was on display where students could write down what they enjoyed about working on campus, and faculty and staff left thank you messages.

During the week, students employees also had the opportunity to complete a satisfaction survey about their experiences working on campus. The survey results not only helped demonstrate the many benefits of student employment, but also will guide improvements in the future. A couple student comments are included below:

“*My supervisors and co-workers are fantastic, and I believe the experience the job has given me has helped me grow as a person.*”

“The faculty and staff at Calvin are wonderful to work with and will be one of the things I miss most when I transition into my career.”

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