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# CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Career Center Mission:
We equip students to succeed on their life-long vocational path by determining their strengths, developing their skills, and discovering God's call for their lives.

## Employer Conference

In May, the Career Center hosted its annual employer conference virtually, focused on The Future of Work and Workplace Design.

**Dr. Neil Carlson**, Director of the Center for Social Research, presented data visualizations from a project on "The Future of Work" conducted on behalf of Talent 2025. The study results shed light on the pace of net job losses to automation and computerization and offer an actionable path forward through shared attention to rising demand for "soft skills."

**Dr. Peter Boumgarden** is the Director of the Koch Center for Family Business and the Faculty Director for the Center for Experiential Learning at Washington University in St. Louis (Olin Business School). He shared insights on employee preferences around work, and how such preferences do or do not effectively map onto the kind of innovation required in the new economy. He also provided innovative methods for restructuring the workplace to be prepared for the coming disruptions we are likely to see over the next 5-10 years.

## Fall Career Fairs

Planning is already in full swing for the upcoming fall! We hope you will be able to join us for our fall career fairs.

**Accounting & Finance Fair**
*Wed., Sept. 15, 3-5 p.m.*
*Prince Conference Center*
*Registration and more details here*

**A virtual accounting fair will also be offered in September, in collaboration with Aquinas College and Davenport University*

**Engineering & Computing Fair**
*Tues., Sept. 28, 2-5 p.m.*
*Prince Conference Center*
*Registration and more details here*

## MCEEA Award Winner

Congratulations to Courtney Banks-Tatum, Employer Relations Manager, on being the 2021 recipient of the Don Hunt Serve Award from MCEEA (Michigan Career Educator & Employer Alliance). This award is named in honor of Don Hunt, Dean Emeritus from the University of Detroit Mercy, in recognition of his 50 years of service in the field of Cooperative Education. The Don Hunt Service Award recognizes a member of the Michigan internship community for significant contributions in promoting and sustaining the cooperative education and internship philosophy in Michigan. Congratulations, Courtney!

## Calvin LifeWork Update

Calvin LifeWork launched in the fall semester of 2017. Since that time, 36 online modules have been developed to equip students for life after college in the areas of career readiness, financial literacy, leadership, and vocation.

The first cohort of Calvin LifeWork students graduated in May. Throughout their participation in the program, these students have provided positive feedback. One student recently commented, "Thank you for providing us with support and information we need as we grow to 'face the world' after college!"

Even more important than the positive feedback, though, is that Calvin LifeWork is effective, which can be demonstrated by the fact that program participants scored higher on the Career Readiness Inventory than their non-participant peers. This means that Calvin LifeWork participants have more confidence in making a plan of their goals for the next five years, accurately assessing their abilities, deciding what they value most in an occupation, preparing a good resume, among other measures.

Calvin LifeWork continues to prepare students for their next steps, and all incoming students are welcome to join!

## Employer Survey

We would love to get your input as we plan our programming for the upcoming year. Please take a few moments to complete this brief survey.

# Congratulations, Class of 2021!

We love to see the impact Calvin students have on the world when they graduate. A few members of the most recent graduating class are featured below with their post-Calvin plans.

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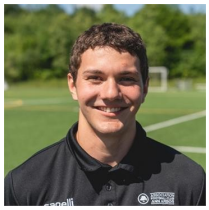

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Majored in Computer Science
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## NACE Honorable Mention

Calvin LifeWork and the Career Center team received an Honorable Mention distinction in the category of Technology Excellence from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

NACE's Excellence Awards competition is national in scope and recognizes the outstanding achievements of college career services and HR professionals. NACE represents almost 10,000 four-year and two-year college members and over 3,500 employer members who hire college graduates.

The Career Center team and valued campus partners are honored to receive this distinguished award.

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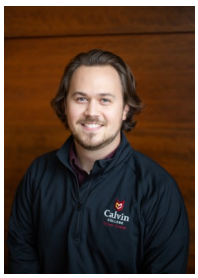

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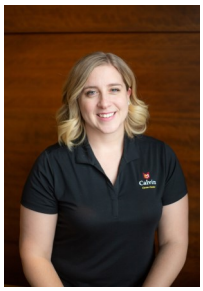

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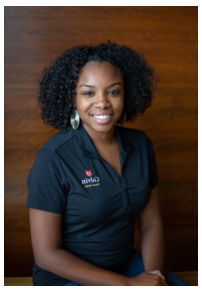

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