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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.

Farewell to Kristy Dykhouse

After 28.5 years of faithfully serving Calvin University in various roles, Kristy Dykhouse recently retired. Kristy worked in Health Services, the Education department, Student Life office, and for the past 17.5 years, as the Recruitment Coordinator and Department Assistant in the Career Center. Kristy has been an invaluable member of the Career Center team, as she joyfully coordinated on-campus interviews and display tables, kept our office organized, mentored our student ambassadors (and countless other students!), and made employers, students, and any visitor feel welcomed and appreciated. Anyone who knows Kristy has been blessed by her warmth, hospitality, positivity, and deep faith. We will miss Kristy here at Calvin, but we wish her the best in her retirement!

Fall Semester Highlights

- Accounting & Finance Career Fair: 30 employers, 61 students
- Engineering & Computing Career Fair: 45 employers, 231 students
- Recruiting Trends Conference: 75 employers
- 22 employers participated in our coffee chats, employer office hours, and display table programs
- 508 career coaching appointments
Spring Semester Programming

Workshop Wednesdays

Employer-led workshops, held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., virtually or in-person.

Feb. 2: Are you ready to join a global workforce?
Feb. 9: Transitioning from student to professional
Feb. 15: Writing a professional email, resume, and cover letter
Feb. 23: Networking & career fair prep
March 9: Acing your next interview
March 16: Life of a grad student
March 30: Leadership at every level, from intern to CEO

Coffee Chats

Informal 20-minute conversation that gives employers an opportunity to talk about their organization, what they are looking for in candidates, and intern/job opportunities available. These are offered weekly (virtually or in-person) on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Employer Office Hours

On Fridays, employers meet with Calvin students (virtually or in-person) for resume reviews, practice interviews, or general job search advice.

On-Campus Recruiting

Employers can arrange a recruiting visit by requesting a display table, facilitating an information session, or scheduling interviews with students.

Interested in recruiting at Calvin or participating in our spring semester programming, as a way to build your brand on campus and connect with Calvin students? Reach out to Courtney Banks-Tatum at cbt4@calvin.edu.

Introducing New Career Coach

The Career Center is excited to introduce Abby Priebe, our newest team member.

Abby started at the beginning of the fall semester, serving as the Career Coach for graduate students and alumni. After graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in Religious Studies, Abby’s first job was working as Assistant Registrar at Trinity International University. In this position, she realized she loved working in higher education and partnering with students of all backgrounds to achieve their academic and personal goals. She earned her master of arts in Higher Education from the University of Denver while working full-time as the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs in the Office of Graduate Studies. Although Abby is the Career Coach for graduate students and alumni, she is available to meet with any undergraduate student as well. She is available two evenings a week for appointments, which can be scheduled on Handshake.

Calvin University Executive Breakfast Series

What will the office of the future be like? How will our office spaces function? Those are the kinds of questions that intrigue Rob Poel ’93, general manager of Retail-Americas at Steelcase.

Join us at the Prince Conference Center on Thursday, February 17 for the Calvin Executive Breakfast Series. We will hear from Rob on The Future of the Office.

7:00–7:30 a.m. Registration and networking over coffee
7:30–8:30 a.m. Keynote and breakfast*
8:30–9:00 a.m. Networking

Rob is a graduate of Calvin University and currently leads the Work from Home business at Steelcase where he has served in a variety of strategic and innovative positions for over 20 years. Rob has also worked in several new ventures and served as an advisor to Start Garden entrepreneurs in West Michigan.

*Pending Calvin University COVID-19 protocol

Social Media Spotlights

We love highlighting Calvin alumni or Calvin student interns on our social media! If you or someone in your organization would like to be featured, let us know! Email us at career@calvin.edu.
Calvin University’s College Access Programs office is launching a new summer program specifically focused on career development to prepare high school students for their future:

**The Summer Career Explorations Program** is for incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Spend a week on Calvin’s campus exploring a specific field of study and its career opportunities while developing ways to leverage those professional skills through Career Center workshops. And of course, have tons of fun in the process! Spaces are limited.

Applications are currently open. Contact College Access Programs at collegeaccess@calvin.edu for more information.

We love to see the impact Calvin students have on the world when they graduate.

Class of 2020 grads are working at notable employers such as:
- Pfizer
- BDO
- Spectrum Health
- Steelcase
- Kids Food Basket
- General Motors
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT

They are attending select graduate schools like:
- University of Michigan
- Johns Hopkins University
- Duke University
- Case Western Reserve University

Graduate Summary Statistics:
- 77.6% employment rate
- 21.7% in graduate school

The full report for the Class of 2020 will be available soon.

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**Career Outcomes**

**2020 First Destination Survey Results**

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The Career Center is seeking applicants for an Employer Relations Coordinator. This entry-level, part-time (30 hours/week) position will be responsible for planning, promoting, and executing virtual or in-person employer events and programs, such as career fairs, on-campus recruiting, display tables, and employer conferences. The full job description is available on Calvin’s Human Resources website: [https://calvin.edu/offices-services/human-resources/careers/](https://calvin.edu/offices-services/human-resources/careers/)