CAREER SERVICES: A MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOND

Emily Baldwin ’16 keeps busy with St. Lawrence University Career Services, and her mother, Colleen, does too. Colleen’s involvement shows just how many ways a parent can engage with St. Lawrence.

Colleen served as a panelist alongside five St. Lawrence alumni for the Laurentians-in-Residence panel last fall. “I was happy to share my experiences and help students with their career preparation,” says Colleen, who has worked at JP Morgan, ING Mutual Funds and AIG. “I was so impressed with the number of great, focused students.”

Meanwhile, Emily sat in the audience promoting the event for her social media internship with Career Services. “I was tweeting quotes from the discussion,” she says. “Everyone had such different perspectives on what drove them in their career, but I felt that they were all passionate about what they’re doing.”

Colleen and her husband, Tom, have been on the St. Lawrence Parents Committee since 2012, and are two of the current co-chairs. “It’s really special to be able to share St. Lawrence with my parents this way,” Emily says.

Colleen is glad to do it. “There are many ways for parents to get involved, including mentoring a student, sponsoring a career day visit at their job, making a few phone calls to help with fundraising, attending local events in their region and hosting an event in their home,” she explains. “Emily just loves St. Lawrence, and the opportunity to share experiences with her is priceless to me.”

By Kara McDuffee ’15

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The opportunity to gain “real world” career experience and immersion in a foreign culture led Christopher Hyde ’16 to apply for a competitive U.S. Diplomatic Security internship in Santiago, Chile, in summer 2014.

Chris says that the experience, which was supported in part by St. Lawrence’s Steven J. Pardee ’78 Internship Fellowship, allowed him to explore his interest in security. He says he spent time “facilitating drills for the Marine detachment and running security checkpoints at high-profile events like the U.S. ambassador’s Fourth of July party.”

Chris hopes to intern for another federal security agency in the United States next summer. He says, “This internship was a major stepping stone to other internships of this caliber, and having people to vouch for me is big if I were to apply to other federal security agencies.”

Chris, a government major and economics minor from Hollis, N.H., also wrote a 35-page contract for the local guards responsible for primary protection of State Department employees and their residences.

Chris says, “I’ve learned about security protocol, professionalism, relationships and problem-solving, but I also became familiar with the ins and outs of contracts.”

While Chris worked “well beyond 8-to-5,” he did find time to ski in the Andes and visit Santiago restaurants with his Marine acquaintances.

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Above: Chris Hyde ’16, with some of the Marines (and their mascot) that he got to know during his Diplomatic Security internship in Chile last summer.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN A DISTANT PART OF THE WORLD

By Maureen Pellerin ’15
“PIPÉ” MABAYOJE ’15 USES THE SLU NETWORK TO SECURE INTERNSHIP AT WORLD BANK

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peloluwa “Pipé” Mabayoje ’15 knows the value of networking after landing her summer 2014 internship with the help of St. Lawrence’s extensive network of connections, which includes President William L. Fox ’75.

She spoke with President Fox about her experience the previous summer interning with the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, and he directed Pipé, an economics and global studies major, toward Melanie Smeallie Mbuyi ’77 at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. “It was so cool how things connected,” Pipé says.

Pipé, a native of Nigeria, researched small and medium enterprise finance with a focus on Africa for the Bank’s Trade and Competitiveness Unit. Turning her research into a senior honors thesis, she says it was “the chance to meet other African youth focused on entrepreneurship and growth” that made the experience even more meaningful.

In Washington, Pipé joined the Young African Society and helped organize the World Bank’s first African Youth Forum. She also attended portions of the weeklong African Leaders Summit, hosted by President Barack Obama.

Pipé says the internship helped her discover “a lot about my passion for the African continent and its growth.”
PARENT AND STUDENT CONNECT VIA FELLOWSHIP

By Maureen Pellerin ’15

For Melissa Murawski ’15, a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” to study healthcare systems in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania during summer 2014 was made possible by an international fellowship funded by Linda Hanaway P’15.

Through St. Lawrence’s Healthcare in Developing Countries summer course, Melissa, of Oneida, N.Y., explored African healthcare. The students visited hospitals, mental health facilities, midwives and non-government organizations. “One trip that stands out was our visit to children in an oncology ward in a Tanzanian hospital. It was really eye-opening,” she says.

As a biology major hoping to become a physician’s assistant, Melissa says she gained “a different perspective on healthcare.” She also discovered her love of travel: “I’d never really been outside of the U.S., and now I want to go back to Africa.”

That’s all Linda Hanaway can ask for: “It was my hope, in funding an international fellowship, that a deserving student would be able to take advantage of a great opportunity not just to learn more about a particular country or academic subject, but to discover, as well, more about herself or himself.”

Linda, whose son, James Lee ’15, spent spring 2014 on St. Lawrence’s New Zealand program, hopes to help other SLU students obtain valuable international fellowships. “In these times that we live in, international study should be the norm. We need to have a global perspective,” she says.

Above: During her summer 2014 University Fellowship studying healthcare in Africa, Melissa Murawski ’16 visited the pediatric oncology unit at Tumaini la Maisha hospital in Tanzania. “Our group spent the afternoon playing with this little boy and the other children who live there,” she says.
HOW TO USE CAREER SERVICES: A CASE STUDY

By Laura Stasi ’15

Andre Chavez ’15 knows how to get the most out of Career Services. The biology major’s experience with the office goes as far back as his first semester.

“One of my first interactions with the office was doing a general skills test,” Andre explains. After his results showed he was best suited for the medical field and scientific research, Career Services helped Andre find programs that would give him research experience such as SLU Fellowships and the University’s Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program (http://www.stlawu.edu/cstep-and-mcnair).

Andre, who is from the Bronx, N.Y., has spent every summer in Canton conducting research as a McNair scholar. “I have been working diligently with Prof. Alexander Schreiber of biology, in the study of amphibian metamorphosis,” he says. Workshops offered through Career Services have helped Andre build a resume based around this experience.

Over Spring Break 2013, Andre participated in a competitive graduate school prep program at the University of Southern California that was funded by St. Lawrence. In addition to learning how to apply to graduate school, he presented his research, giving him an advantage for when he applies, “because they have seen my face and my research,” he says.

When asked what advice he would give to students looking for jobs and internships, Andre says, “SLU offers countless opportunities. It can meet you half way but it is up to you to bring the other half: tenacity, determination and perseverance.”

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October
2-4  Family Weekend
15-16 Mid-semester Break

November
21-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December
10 Classes end
18 Final Exams end

SPRING SEMESTER 2016

January
20 Classes begin

February
18-21 Mid-semester Break

March
19-27 Spring Break

April
29 Festival Day
30 Moving-Up Day

May
6 Classes end
14 Final Exams end
22 Commencement!

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