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Following a Career Path: A Four-Year Journey

Many traditional students enter college with the idea that their career considerations are best left to the end of their college years. Yet students would not wait until their senior year to learn how to use the library or to develop the skills to write a research paper. The freshman year is the perfect time for students to start taking confident steps along a career path.

All experiences in college can translate to résumé-worthy experience. Students should focus especially on these four things employers and graduate schools look for: **academic connection, campus and community involvement, basic work experience** and **self-identified skills**.

1. The **academic connection** is the central piece of a college experience. Academic connection means much more than a good grade point average. It also includes:
 - Establishment of productive relationships with **faculty**
 - Participation in **active collaborative learning** opportunities
 - **Study abroad** and development of cultural competency
 - **Experience-based learning**: internships, cooperative education, practicums, clinicals, student teaching, etc.
 - Participation in **professional organizations and clubs** related to major, career direction or personal interests
2. **Campus and community involvement** fosters work-skill development through philanthropy, service, hobbies and interests. These opportunities allow students to develop valuable abilities in teamwork, communication, problem solving, events planning, budgeting, management, creativity, priority setting and process improvement. These activities encourage leadership through accomplishing people-oriented goals.
3. Good **basic work experience** is anything but basic. When basic work experience involves a job related to a student's major, it impacts not only academics, but also leadership skills and future employment potential. For example, customer service positions or work-study jobs develop important skills in solution-focused communication, conflict resolution, telephone etiquette and multitasking.
4. Finally, employers and graduate schools value a student's **self-identified skills**. Most industries and professions require skills, attributes and behaviors that are specific not only to their niche, but that may also apply to a spectrum of careers. Through challenging course work and involvement, students gain the ability to identify and speak confidently about the skills that will be of value to their chosen professions.

Although the freshman year is the ideal time to lay the groundwork, it is never too late for a student to begin taking confident steps along a career path. Academic advisors, department chairs and career services staff members are eager to meet with students to help them chart their course and process their college experiences for maximum benefit.

To help your student learn more, contact the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education at 812-488-2663, or visit careerservices.evansville.edu on the Web. For more information on UE's extensive career services resources, see the article and links provided on page 4.

Campus Contacts

Office of Safety and Security
Emergencies: 812-471-6911
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*Crayton E. and
Ellen Mann Health Center*
812-488-2033

Center for Student Engagement
812-488-2371

Office of Alumni and Parent Relations
812-488-2586

*Office of Career Services and
Cooperative Education*
812-488-2663

Office of Financial Aid
812-488-2364

Office of the Registrar
812-488-2600

Office of Religious Life
812-488-2235

Office of Residence Life
812-488-2956

Office of Student Accounts
812-488-2565

UE Switchboard
812-488-2000

Athletics Ticket Office
812-488-2237

Shanklin Theatre Ticket Office
812-488-2031

University Bookstore
812-488-2678

Residence Life

Halls Closing

The residence halls and Village housing will close Friday, May 12, for the summer. All students are requested to move out 24 hours after their last final exam. There is very limited summer storage space, so it is a good idea to have your son or daughter begin to bring things home early. Each student needs to make an appointment with his or her resident assistant (RA) to check out of his or her room. The room must be put back into its original condition. Remember, RAs have finals too; we ask that arrangements for checkouts be made 48 hours in advance.

Summer Housing

Students taking classes in Evansville over the summer may stay on campus at the summer housing rate. Contact the Office of Residence Life for more information at 812-488-2956.

News for College Students

Students living in Moore, Morton, Brentano, Hughes and Hale Residence Halls now may pick up a free copy of the daily *Evansville Courier & Press* newspaper in their hall lobby. The University of Evansville and the *Evansville Courier & Press* are collaborating on a new venture – the Newspaper Readership Program. In this trial program, the newspapers are available in each of the four residence hall lobbies before 7:00 a.m., seven days a week. A bin is provided near the newspaper racks for easy recycling after reading. The program is designed to raise the level of college student newspaper readership, which studies have shown is low. The *Courier & Press* will study how many newspapers are used each day in order to better serve UE and future programs.



Randomly-Selected Week of Activities at Harlaxton

Did you ever wonder what happens during any given week at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England? Here are just a few interesting things from the Harlaxton calendar this semester.

- Advice to avoid Harlaxton Woods during Monday's pheasant shoot
- Sign up for a play at Nottingham Playhouse, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, following an afternoon at Nottingham University Library – transportation provided free
- Preparation for visit to Nottingham Crown Courts by legal studies and pre-law students
- London field trip and faculty-guided visits to the National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery and St. Paul's Cathedral
- Bicycle riding (Harlaxton provides the bicycles) or jogging along the nearby Grantham-Nottingham canal towpath, dating from the 1700s
- Sign up for minibus to local churches on Sunday
- Preparations for visit to Woolsthorpe Manor, home of Isaac Newton, eight miles away
- Classes

Learn more about study abroad opportunities. Call Earl Kirk in the Office of Study Abroad at 812-488-1040.

FAQ Parents' Fund

What is the Parents' Fund?

The Parents' Fund helps make possible all of the extra educational and academic opportunities that are central to your child's Evansville Experience and helps us provide for and ensure that financial scholarships are available for students who need them. Contributions to the fund help cover the difference between revenue from tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student.

Why give when you already pay tuition?

Tuition covers only a percentage of the real cost of educating each student. Because we are not a state-supported school, we rely on monetary gifts and contributions to help bridge the gap and to help us offer programs, scholarships and resources that might not be available without additional financial support. Parent participation – the number of parents who give some amount of money to the fund – is also an important determinant when publications, such as *U.S. News & World Report*, rank colleges or when foundations

choose to award available grants and gifts to applying universities. Every gift of any amount truly matters!

Will your gift really make a difference?

Yes! All gifts to the Parents' Fund, **no matter the size**, are meaningful. The success of the Parents' Fund lies in numbers. Each person adds to the total participation. Your support, with that of others, has a significant impact on the offerings, resources and opportunities provided to our students now and in the future.

Make your gift go further!

This year the UE Board of Trustees offers a Loyalty Challenge that will match dollar for dollar your new or increased gift to the Parents' Fund. It is a great way to make your dollars go further. You should also ask your human resources director if your company will match your gift to the UE Parents' Fund – many companies will.

To give to the Parents' Fund, call 812-488-2374 or give online at our secure site: www.evansville.edu/alumni/givingtoute (click on "Make a Gift Now"). Every gift counts! Thank you for your contribution.

Honors and Achievements

Student Teams Place in Regional Contest

Two UE student teams competed on November 5 in the Midwest regional of the Association of Computing Machinery's International Computer Programming Contest at Murray State University in Kentucky. The two teams took first and second place out of seven teams at the site and 31st and 36th place in the entire region of 122 teams. The team of **Jennifer Crouse**, **Jeffery Davidson**, and **Ben Wright**, all juniors in computer science, came in first while the team of **Roberto Cordon**, junior in computer science, **Evan Hallam**, junior in computer engineering, and **Ted Morse**, junior in computer engineering came in second at the site.

Art Students' Work Exhibited at Local Library

The work of UE art students **Labeed Assidmi**, **Ben Cominsky**, **Jeremy Grimes**, **Patrick Grimm**, **Johnna Jones**, **Nathan Nordyke**, **Brenda Pennington**, **Gabrielle Queen**, **Michelle Reed**, **Shelby Ann Stokes**, **Melissa Traczyk**, **Andrea Wannemuehler**, **Shannon Werner** and **Karisa Wrich** were featured at the North Park Library during February. The students' work was selected by the following art faculty: William Brown, Petronella Banner, Stephanie Frasier, Gail Otterson, Mark Schoenbaum, Frances Cadora and Jan Unfried.

Accounting Students

Attend Leadership Conference

Eleven accounting students, members of the Institute of Management Accountants, attended the IMA 6th Annual Student Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, November 10-13. The conference, "Navigating Your Future," included sessions led by nationally recognized professionals on leadership skills, professional certification, forensic accounting, ethics, interview techniques, résumé building and networking. **Lindsay Doyle**, **Whitney Reichenbacher**, **Mitchell Prout**, **Brittany Horn**, **Amity Smith**, **Jennifer Woerter**, **Rachel Okray**, **Jared Black**, **Brittany Higdon**, **Tendai Nyatoti** and **Tafadzwa Nyatoti** attended. They were accompanied by faculty members Arthur Young and Christine McKeag.

Civil Engineering Chapter

Leaders Participate in Conclave

Larry Summers, UE civil engineering student and president of the University's chapter of Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, and **Ben Sperry**, chapter treasurer, attended the 39th Annual National Conclave of Chi Epsilon on March 9-11 at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Delegates at the conclave attended business and committee meetings, networked with delegates from other schools, and listened to speakers discuss such topics as engineering ethics and the civil engineer's role in global community service. The UE chapter also placed second in a poster contest with their poster entitled "Engineering Ethics around the World." The UE chapter of Chi Epsilon was founded in January 2005. It is the 128th nationwide chapter of the society.



Music Management Majors Travel to National Event

Music management seniors **Anne Whitlow**, clarinet, and **Elizabeth Carter**, bassoon, received \$500 scholarships from the National Association of Music Merchants to attend the 2006 NAMM Show in Anaheim, California, January 19-22. The NAMM Show features thousands of retail vendor exhibits, seminars on sales strategies, clinics for new products, and sessions on interviewing and hiring young people for the music products industry.

UE currently has 12 students enrolled in the music management degree program. Past graduates of the program have had excellent professional opportunities upon graduation.

Anatomy of Gray Advances to Kennedy Center ACTF

The 38th annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival has selected the UE Department of Theatre's production of *Anatomy of Gray*, by Jim Leonard, to perform at the national festival in Washington, D.C., April 22 and 23. This production marks UE's eighth national appearance at the Kennedy Center.

The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival is a national theatre program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide and exists to encourage, recognize and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theatre programs.

The *Anatomy of Gray* cast features **Jonathan Dickson**, **Jenna Panther**, **Amy Windle**, **Brian MacDonald**, **Emily Kitchens**, **Kyle Schaefer**, **Laura Gragtmans**, **Kris Sidberry**, **Nicholas Abeel**, **Paul Kite**, **Harrison Grieme**, **Helen Roundhill**, and **Christina Watkins**. Scenic designer is **Robert Tintoc**, costume designer is **Jennifer Archer**, and sound designer is **Weylin Ryan**. Stage manager is **Rachel Swan**.

Also advancing to the national festival are students **Kristina Makowski**, for her make-up design for the UE production of *A Little Night Music*, and **Jana Goold**, for her dramaturgy work on *A Little Night Music*.



Career Services and Cooperative Education

careerservices.evansville.edu ■ 812-488-2663

Whether the parent of a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, the same questions are likely on your mind: What will my student do with his or her degree? How will he find a job? Should I encourage her to look for internships? If my student wants to go to graduate school, when and where should he or she start? What resources are provided at UE to help my student with these important considerations? The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education can give you and your student the following tools to help.

- ***The Next Step: A Guide to Career Development*** is a publication that encourages students to take a hands-on approach to maximizing their professional potential. The book covers a wide range of career-related issues, provides practical information on résumés and cover letters, and suggests other resources for a student charting his or her career path.
- Students gain **practical, real-world experience** through a one-on-one mentoring program with alumni, a focus of the Partners in the Evansville Experience (PIEE) program, as well as through internship opportunities in companies and businesses around the city, the state and the world.
- **UE JobLink** ([at careerservices.evansville.edu/parents](http://careerservices.evansville.edu/parents)) allows students and alumni to post a résumé, look for internships, and find part-time and full-time job opportunities. As a parent, you can get involved, too. Assist in the career services process by sponsoring an internship with your company or forwarding employment opportunities from your area to the career services office.

Encourage your student to visit the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education early and often.

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education has developed a new Web site for students, alumni, parents, employers, faculty members and staff members. Please visit careerservices.evansville.edu. There you will learn about:

- Our Services
- Parents' Guide to the Student's Major and Career Exploration Process
- UE Parents Association
- Partners in the Evansville Experience (PIEE)

Parents Association News

Editor's Letter

The mission of the University of Evansville is to provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare students to engage the world as informed, ethical and productive citizens. An important part of this purpose is providing students with as many resources and opportunities as possible, aside from their already rigorous academic focus, to ensure they receive a holistic education that gives their degree lasting value and positions them favorably in the work world.

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education and the Parents' Fund, two important parts of these efforts, are featured in this issue of Parents Connections. From skills assessments to one-on-one career counseling, from résumé writing tutorials to internship opportunities, the career services staff provides a robust menu of resources to our students, whether they are freshmen or seniors. Every parent should visit careerservices.evansville.edu to discover what career services offers and how to encourage your student to take positive steps along their career path throughout their time at UE.

In the Parents' Fund feature, frequently asked questions about the fund are answered. Every gift to the fund is meaningful, no matter the dollar amount. Parent participation – that is, the total number of parents who give, not the total amount of money given – is an important factor that *U.S. News & World Report* and other respected publications and foundations look to when determining ratings, rankings and funding for colleges and universities. Higher rankings mean a UE graduate's degree increases in perceived value by employers. This perceived value in turn offers more and better professional opportunities for our future alumni – your current students. I encourage you to support the Parents' Fund, with any amount you feel comfortable giving. Every gift matters!

If you would like more information about anything in this newsletter, or more information about being active with the UE Parents Association, please call me at 812-488-2900 or e-mail me at js379@evansville.edu. Be sure to visit our Web site at www.evansville.edu/parents. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cordially,

Jesika Sanders
Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Save the Date

Special Events and Performances

Athletics events and schedules can be found online at www.gopurpleaces.com.

April 2006

Friday, April 7 - Sunday, April 9

Resident Students Association
Lil' Sibs Weekend

Wednesday, April 12 -

Wednesday, May 10

Annual Senior Art Exhibition
Krannert Gallery

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 p.m. University Choir
Neu Chapel

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 p.m. UE Leadership Awards Banquet
Dunigan Hall, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union

Saturday, April 22

Open House

Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23

8:00 p.m. UE Theatre Production
2:00 p.m. Sunday only
The Taming of the Shrew

Tuesday, April 25

7:30 p.m. Symphony Orchestra
Wheeler Concert Hall

Wednesday, April 26

Noon Jazz Ensembles Outdoor Concert
Memorial Plaza

Thursday, April 27 - Sunday, April 30

8:00 p.m. UE Theatre Production
The Taming of the Shrew
2:00 p.m. Sunday only

Friday, April 28

7:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Choruses
Wheeler Concert Hall

Sunday, April 30

1:00 p.m. Senior Recital
Andrew Gillespie, Trumpet
Wheeler Concert Hall

May 2006

Tuesday, May 2

7:30 p.m. 29th Annual Gumberts
Award Competition

Created in the late 1970s, the Gumberts Award Competition gives seniors talented in fine arts the opportunity to showcase their college career achievements. Finalists are selected and scholarships are awarded.

Wheeler Concert Hall

Friday, May 12

3:00 p.m. Graduate and Family Reception
McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union
Look online for more information.

Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Nurses Pinning Ceremony
Dunigan Hall, McCurdy Alumni Memorial Union

Saturday, May 13

10:30 a.m.
Baccalaureate
Neu Chapel

Saturday, May 13

1:30 p.m.
Commencement
Roberts Municipal Stadium

Thursday, June 15 - Saturday, June 17

Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) Session I

Thursday, June 22 - Saturday, June 24

Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) Session II

Friday, June 23

Student Transfer Academic Registration (STAR)

July 2006

Saturday, July 15

Open House

August 2006

Thursday, August 17 -

Saturday, August 19

Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) Session III

September 2006

Friday, September 22 -

Sunday, September 24

38th Annual Family Weekend

Look online for more information.

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 p.m. International Speaker Series
Carol Moseley Braun

A pioneer in law and politics, Braun focuses on conversations about food and food policy, public education, racial integration and diversity, and women's social and political progress.

Victory Theatre

Area Accommodations

We invite you to visit campus to attend a special performance or event, participate in a Parents Association activity, or simply spend time with your student for any reason at all. Many of the hotels offer discounted rates for families visiting UE; **be sure to mention you are a UE parent and inquire about special rates when you make your reservation.** All of these hotels will be happy to give you detailed directions to their locations.

Hotel/Motel

Baymont Inn
Drury Inn & Suites Evansville East
Drury Inn Evansville North
Executive Inn Evansville
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Evansville East
Hampton Inn
Holiday Inn Conference Center
Holiday Inn Express East
Homelife Studios & Suites
Lee's Inn
Quality Inn & Suites
Residence Inn
Signature Inn
Starkey Inn Bed & Breakfast

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812-477-2677
812-471-3400
812-423-5818
812-424-8000
812-471-7000
812-473-5000
812-424-6400
812-473-2500
812-475-1700
812-477-6663
812-471-3414
812-471-7191
812-476-9626
800-580-0305

Do you have a personal review of these or other accommodations or restaurants in Evansville? E-mail your comments to ueparentrelations@evansville.edu with "Reviews" in the subject, and we may include them on our Web site as a resource for other UE parents visiting Evansville.

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Academic Calendar

April

Friday, April 14 - Monday, April 17
Easter Break
Classes resume 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 17

May

Wednesday, May 3
Reading/Study Day

Thursday, May 4 - May 10
Final Examinations

Saturday, May 13
10:30 a.m.
Baccalaureate
Neu Chapel

1:30 p.m.
Commencement
Robert's Municipal Stadium

Monday, May 22
Summer Session I Begins

Harlaxton College Summer Classes Begin

June

Friday, June 22
Harlaxton College Summer Classes End

Friday, June 23
Summer Session I Ends

Monday, June 26
Summer Session II Begins

July

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day
No Classes

Friday, July 28
Summer Session II Ends

August

Wednesday, August 23
Classes Begin

September

Friday, September 1
Last Day to Register or Add Courses

Friday, September 8
Last Day to Drop a Course without a W

Open Houses

Do you know someone interested in attending UE? Encourage them to visit UE's beautiful campus. Our upcoming Open House dates are:

Saturday, April 22, 2006

Saturday, July 15, 2006

For more information, please contact the Office of Admission at 812-488-2468.

www.evansville.edu/parents