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The New Face of PIEE

With the arrival of UE's new president, Thomas Kazee, and approval of UE's new strategic plan, we decided to update the Partners in the Evansville Experience program and give it a fresh look and new logo.

It's still the **Partners In the Evansville Experience** program, but we have changed the abbreviated name from **PIEE** to **Partners**, in order to highlight the partnerships formed through this very special program. Our new name reflects a stronger emphasis on the direct role that alumni and friends have in the lives of our students and recent graduates. The term *Partners* is also automatically inclusive and takes less explanation when recruiting or showcasing this great program to new volunteers and alumni.

With this new name change, we have also introduced a new streamlined logo, informational brochure, and a new design for our Partners Annual Report. These new changes have been reflected in several of our print publications, e-mail communications, social media sites, and the alumni website. The new look and message of the partners program has been well received and we hope to build on this new brand image.

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Partners Program Highlights – Remaining Strong in Year Four

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education, actively recruits alumni, parents, employers, and friends of the University of Evansville and connects them with current UE students through various career development programs and events. The partners program emphasizes alumni participation and provides students with timely, hands-on professional experience and the chance to expand the realm of opportunities available to them in Indiana. Both offices work together to create new programs and improve existing curriculum.

In 2010, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations sent out 165,710 messages regarding programs and opportunities in Indiana. Outreach communications included e-newsletters, e-mail blasts for marketing programs and events, social media memberships, and the *Alumni Today* online publication. Every year we see more and more interest from alumni and parents in the partners programs due to marketing, word-of-mouth, and continued program success. The alumni online community continues to prove its value by increasing engagement with alumni, parents, and friends. In 2010, the community attracted 460 new members, increasing the member total to 4,402, and was utilized more than 53,000 times.

It was a productive year for the partners program at the University of Evansville. During the 2010-11 fiscal year, the program increased its volunteer base by 13 percent, from 464 active alumni and parent volunteers to more than 524 volunteers. UE had more than 60 partners-related activities on campus benefiting approximately 2,000 students. These programs included career fairs, forums, Humanities Night, Define Your Life Program, Do What You Are Assessment, Students in Leadership Etiquette Reception, UE's JobLink, Three C Virtual Career Fair, and the Student-Alumni Mentoring Program. During this time more than 200 partners volunteers were on campus to assist and participate in these great programs and aid UE students.

Our distinguished alumni and partners members have been more than generous with their time and talents and have provided our students with career and professional advice, internships, and employment opportunities. Strong alumni relationships have resulted in career opportunities for current students and recent graduates at Indiana businesses such as Old National Bank, Mead Johnson Nutrition, Deaconess Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Master Brand Cabinets, Target, SABIC, and Berry Plastics.

The number of alumni currently using UE JobLink increased 30 percent in 2010, from 417 to 542 members. UE's JobLink continues to exceed its annual goals and remain strong in its alumni participation numbers, increasing to more than 5,100 employer contacts and 2,398 total student and alumni participants.

Throughout 2010-11 the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education co-hosted four career fairs and seven career forums, including three new events. Two events stood out: the Year of Service Forum and Humanities Night. Our panel of alumni and friends transformed the Year of Service Forum into a special evening, which led one of our graduating seniors to consider a service program that teaches English in the Dominican Republic. Although the economy continues to affect overall recruitment and attendance at career fairs, three of UE's career fairs, including Health Careers Fair, Career Day, and the Teacher Recruitment Fair received high marks from students and recruiters alike. Similar to last year, more than 70 percent of recruiters who participated came from our economic region.

The total number of students completing experiential education experiences was 1,383, up from 1,331 the year before. According to the 2010 Experiential Education Survey of graduating seniors, there has been a 10 percent increase in the number of unpaid internship experiences since 2006. In the recent Experiential Education Survey, 70 percent of students reported that their experiences fulfilled an academic requirement, an increase of 20 percent since 2006.

Additional 2010-11 Partners Statistics and Figures

■ Full-time job positions posted (Figure total derived from two databases found in JobLink: UE postings and National NACElink Network postings)	4,982,127
■ Alumni interested in the mentoring program	>80
■ Alumni mentors and student mentees matched	50
■ Internships and co-educational opportunities available to students	131
■ Total appointments conducted by career services staff	1,457

Student Experiences with the Partners Program

Full-time Employment

Brad Kastrup '11

Sports Management

Throughout my four years at the University of Evansville, I used all that the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education office had to offer. Whether it was résumé help or interviewing tips, the staff was always there to provide a helping hand and words of wisdom. Most importantly, the staff was personally invested in my career success. Late in the spring of my senior year, I was lost with no clue of where I was going to be after graduation. Career services staff members spent time speaking with me about my interests and what I wanted for my future. They used this information to help me find appropriate employment opportunities and options.

I took their suggestions and started to weigh all my options. With the help of career services, I was able to find an opportunity in the University of Evansville Office of Institutional Advancement. I wouldn't have even known about this position were it not for the help provided by the career services staff. In addition to helping with finding the position, the staff helped with reworking my résumé, and cover letter, and they provided guidance and support for how to handle any of the interviews that I would face before obtaining the position.

I started my new full-time position in June as the assistant director of annual giving and reunion giving at the University of Evansville. I appreciate all the hard work and caring from career services. I encourage anyone that is searching for career support and help to reach out to the University of Evansville career services staff, and I assure you they will be there waiting with open arms.

I used the following services:

- Résumé and Cover Letter Assistance
- Career Search
- Interview Tips
- Career Planning
- UE JobLink

Full-time Employment - Procurement

Zachariah Kanet '11

International Business and Marketing

I was fortunate enough to be in a situation where I had to pick between two employment opportunities upon graduation. The choice was between working abroad, which is something I had a very strong desire to do, or taking a role with a company that would land me a lot of great experience and opportunity for early advancement. Ultimately, I sided with the latter and I have to credit the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education with helping me with that difficult decision. With their guidance, I was able to make a decision that I was comfortable and truly happy with.

The University offers many opportunities for students to get involved, network, and prepare for a future career. I participated in a number of leadership and networking organizations during my time at UE and these led me to other great opportunities and experiences. Through events sponsored by career services, I was able to network with individuals from my current employer. It was these relationships that first helped me land that initial interview. Then ultimately, it was the practice and preparation gained through career services that landed me the position. The skills gained through the Experiential Education 90 course were a great first step to building that preparedness. The continued follow-up and use of the office were the perfect next steps in jump-starting my career.

My internships also prepared me for being an effective employee in the work place. I did an internship with both a small non-profit and large Fortune 500 company. These experiences helped me compare the different working environments and helped prepare me for the professional world. The guidance in forming my résumé and presenting myself in an interview from the career services staff truly helped me in gaining these positions. Although one of the experiences was an unpaid internship and the other was paid, the knowledge I gained from each experience was unique and transforming. After these experiences I knew I was ready for the real world!

I used the following services:

- Résumé Assistance
- Student-Alumni Mentoring Program
- Mock Interviews
- Experiential Education 90
- General Career Advice

Internship Opportunities

Dora Kotsiou

Sports Management

Throughout my years at the University of Evansville I have used the exceptional resources of the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education. They have been very helpful in many areas all across the board, especially when it came to finding an internship that best suited my needs. Initially, career services guided me toward internships beneficial to my future endeavors, and then went on to help me with résumés and cover letters in order to display my skills in the best way possible.

Internships play a major role in securing hands-on and networking experience, which will hopefully create job opportunities for me in my future. I have worked personally with Linda Wulf, who has spent endless hours supporting me in making sure that I secure the right internship at the most suitable company. Fortunately enough the summer of my junior year I applied for an internship in Chicago at Burns Entertainment and Sport Marketing. Burns is a company that has been the industry leader for over 40 years, linking entertainment, sports, and music properties with top brands in every category. I was selected to go on to the next step of the interview process, which was the telephone interview. There is no doubt that without the help of career services preparing me for my interview and initial application, none of this would have been possible. I was selected for the summer to participate in the internship program, which was a true honor considering only six interns were selected.

Coming from Australia I have been extremely impressed with the support and attention to detail that has been offered to me from the University's career services staff. I recommend their services and will always be appreciative of all of the help that has been given to me over the three years that I have attended the University. Career services has not only allowed me to achieve my goals by pointing me in the right direction, but they have also gone above and beyond to make sure that experiences at my internships are enjoyable and memorable for many years to come.

Become a UE Partner Today!

As a UE alumnus, friend, parent, or employer, you have the opportunity to establish a partnership with the University through support of career services programs and initiatives, and by mentoring individual students. Your background and experience can serve and lead students to a higher level of professionalism.

Become a UE partner by completing the online interest form by visiting www.evansville.edu/partners/volunteer.cfm. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Spencer at 812-488-4065. You may also e-mail alumni@evansville.edu.

Your Opinion Is Important to Us!

Every year we strive to serve our alumni, students, and UE community by providing top-notch alumni and career development services; however, we are always looking for ways to improve in order to sustain the outstanding reputation that UE prides itself on. This is why we want to hear from you! The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has developed a quick online survey with the purpose of gaining your perspective into our partners program. Please complete this survey and tell us what you think.

To complete this survey, please click [here](#) or visit www.uealumnionline.com/partnerssurvey.

If you prefer to complete a paper survey, please e-mail Monica Spencer at ms323@evansville.edu or call 812-488-4065 and one will be sent to you via e-mail, which you may print it out, complete, and mail it back to the alumni office.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to learn more about additional volunteer opportunities on campus and how you can get more involved, please visit us online at www.evansville.edu/volunteer and view our Volunteer Handbook.

Calendar of Events for 2011-12

Student-Alumni Mentoring Program

Location: Ridgway University Center

- Kick-Off Reception: Thursday, September 22, 2011, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- October Luncheon: Wednesday, October 19, 2011
- November Luncheon: Thursday, November 17, 2011
- February Luncheon: Wednesday, February 15, 2012
- March Luncheon: Thursday, March 15, 2012

Family Weekend – September 23 - 25, 2011

Homecoming 2011 Reunion Weekend – November 11 - 13, 2011

Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education Career Fairs

- Health Careers Fair: Tuesday, October 25, 2011
- Career Day 2012: Tuesday, February 14, 2012
- Teacher Recruitment Fair: Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education Career Forums

Fall 2011 Liberal Arts Career Development Forums

- Humanities Night: Wednesday, September 28, 2011
- Graduate and Professional School: Wednesday, October 5, 2011
- Year of Service Opportunities: Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Engineering Forum – Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Exercise and Sports Science Forum – Wednesday, March 28, 2012

**Career Services and
Cooperative Education**
Connect and make the difference.

For additional student success stories visit, careerservices.evansville.edu.

Thank You Partner Volunteers!

The Offices of Alumni and Parent Relations and Career Services and Cooperative Education would like to thank the following volunteers for their assistance with the on-campus partners activities and events!

Graduate and Professional School Forum

Dana Caldemeyer '08
Derek Jones '03
Jennifer Medlin
Wayne Rinks
Mark Cirino
Maggie Stevenson

Three C Virtual Career Fair

Scott Harrell '85
Michael R. Halbig '80
Jerry Steckler '80
Lindsey Robak
Lorraine Wurtz
Jason Flinn

Year of Service Forum

Brandon Shufflebarger '09
Emily Elsea '97
Erik Elsea
Malcolm Hardy
Rob Moore
Barbara Pieroni
Bill Hemminger

Engineering Forum

Al Lentz '02
Justin Bennett '00
Kristy King '02
Robert Rumford '96
Scott Titzer '84
Amy Barrett '02
Andrew Rister '10
Bill Morgan '89
Chris Brooks '07
Deborah Shokouhzadeh '09
Tom Athipposhy '78
Tom Balbach '81
J.D. Sloan '01
Deanna Harris
Dennis McGuire
Jeff Pack
Kara Hensley
Laura Ballis-Skinner
Lori Cook
Mark Schmidt
Ronald Steinhart
Ryan Cross
Tom Storey

Health Careers Fair

Bret Hirt M'96
Brian Kelly M'96
Tammy Klein '81, M'01
Mark Marchino '86, M'91
Amanda K Mason '00
Stephanie Pfeil '96
J.D. Stock M'96
Denise Stetter
Letha Harding

Humanities Night Speakers

Dana Caldemeyer '08
Andrew Carter '07
Katie Darby '07
Rachael Derrick '04
Bo Johnson '01
Derek Jones '03
Gabe King '08
Keith Leonhardt '89
Andrea Mann '87
Molly Scherle '09
Heather Stone '09
Haley Tallman '04
Jeremy Taylor '09
Matt Vanover '09
Shane White '06

Career Day 2011

Alaina Bartley '06
Darin L. Lander '03
Gene Weisheit '78
Jerry Steckler '80
Mitch Gieselman '78
Tamara Esche '08
Jennifer Whitaker

Exercise and Sport Science Forum

Franny Enzler '08, M'10
C.J. Barnard M'02
Brad Gant '05
Jennifer Allen
Gwen Barnett
Kristen King
Michael McDonald
Julie Stucki

Alumni Scholarship Days

Rhonda Hinkle '98
Bob Grzegorek '84
Chad T. Walker '96
Bradley Coomer '93
Melissa Buller '85
Darin Axel Adams '95
Robyn Axel Adams '95
Rachael Derrick '04
Steve Willem '79
Elaine Fetta '81
Kerry Brenneman '92
Holly Mark '96
Ali Cotton '97
Wanda Bell Brown '85
Patrick Meyers '98
Sonya Anaya '09
Jeffrey Werner '99
Dean Peterson '84
Dianne McCarty '67
Cari Kauffman '07
Dan Miller '70
Steven Drake '77

Jim Metcalf '78
Debbie Metcalf '79
Jessica Ray '10
Susan Stocker '00
Dave Denny '83
Jean Denny '85
Christy Meyer '94
Jamie Hignite M'94
Rick Busick '79
Luann Busick '79
Lisa Hayes '99
Shannon Sellers '94
Doug Schoenekase '99
Cindy Bumb '81
Sue Hodapp '82
Joe McMillen M '04
Sarah (Biolchini) McMillen '05
Chris Gill '97
Rebecca McGuire Ellis '97
Lilah Gael '01
Kirk Sakel '05
Robin Greenlee '91, M'08
Larry Tindle '66, M'71
Diane Meier '64
Phyllis Crecelius '62
Johanna Rusk '92
Bob Trach '86
Karen Suftko '96
Paul Mattingly '08, M'10
Ashley Carter '99
Mary R. Howell Miller '91
Jill Swiz '01
Tina Learned '78, M'90
Terry Beck '86
Gina Davis Cox '03
Ruth Ann Sellers '83, M'90
Martha Seal '03, M'05
Matt Shafer '88
Shauna Cavins '02, M'04
Michelle Woodburn '06, M'08
Steven Bugg '97
Judi Hardesty '82, M'85
Watez Phelps '01, M'04
Debra Martin '95
Veltri Taylor '81
Sonya Brindle '95
Terry Beck '86
John Koehler '55
Judy Seitzinger '83
Emily Sights '07, M'10
Elizabeth Hamilton '94
Elizabeth Watkins M'10
Sara Miller '92
Robin Church
Roger Spurgeon
Laurel Vaughn
Julie Burdette
Ann Martin

Student-Alumni Mentoring Program

Barbara Price '66
Emily (Sights) Fife '07, M'10
Dan Rogers '91
Brad Anslinge '02
Abby Porter Trafny '05
Frank Schultheis '61
Sheila Corcoran '72
Cari Kauffman '07
Melissa Wagler '04
Derrick Wilkerson '85
Gene Weisheit '78
Martha Seal '03, M'05
Kirk Sakel '05
Laura Tormoehlen '01
David Diaz '81
Denise Bell '89
Cynthia Cain '96
Erin Braun '01
Olivia Salyer '04
Judith Freson '76
Ronnie Goodman '07
Rebecca Moore '93
Kip Zurcher '96
Elissa Shetler '06
Brad Gant '05
Mackenzie Walton '06
Neil Stowe '02
Gail Lowry '86
Bart Gilliat '93
Dianna Barber
James Duncan '96
Rachael Derrick '04
Shirley Lewis '05, M'07
Derrick Wagler '00
Greg Gordon '72
Anita Horn-Rizek '89
John MacCauley '74
Janet Brown '83
Karen Lance Ubelhor '08
Emily Millsap '09
Joe Miller '78
Spencer Vinson '05
Jeff Workman
Joe Klemczewski
Ken Wahl
Allison Becker
Kori Propst Bert Chancellor
Ron Hagy

Mentor Speaker Series Speakers

Kim Steiner '10
Bruce Roberts '92
Max Cordier '11
Stacy Gallucci '97
Ron Hagy

Partners Events



Steven A. Church '92
*President and CEO
of Gibbs Die Casting*

Breakfast with the CEO Event

The second annual Young Alumni Network Breakfast with the CEO was held on UE's campus in April 2011. Steven A. Church '92, president and CEO of Gibbs Die Casting was the distinguished keynote speaker. Prior to joining Gibbs, Steve was the president of George Koch Sons, LLC (a Koch company) from 2003-08. Steve is a graduate of UE's electrical engineering program and also earned two additional degrees in 1998 from Indiana University including his MBA

and a JD. Steve is a registered member of the Indiana Bar Association and the US Patent & Trademark Office.

Steve serves on the Board of Directors for Koch Enterprises Inc. and several of its subsidiary companies (Brake Supply, Gibbs Die Casting, George Koch Sons, and South Western Communications) and the Koch Foundation. He is active in the community by serving on the Board of Directors for Deaconess Health Systems, the Evansville Chamber of Commerce, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He is a past Parish Council president for Christ the King Catholic Church and a Brute Society member. Steve and his wife, Stacey (Muehlbauer), have four daughters: Claire, 15; Ellen, 13; Molly, 11; and Sarah, 5.

Gibbs is one of the world's leading global automotive suppliers of high quality aluminum and magnesium die cast components. Gibbs employs more than 1,500 global team members with sales in excess of \$225 million. Gibbs has operations in the U.S., Brazil, China, Hungary, and Korea.

Steve addressed a large crowd of UE students, Young Alumni Network members, and local business professionals. He spoke on Gibbs Die Casting, corporate responsibility, global business, the die casting industry, and the importance of family. The Breakfast with the CEO is an annual event sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, partners, and the Young Alumni Network. UE's Young Alumni Network is a network of UE alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years and live in the Indiana counties of Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, and Warrick. YAN's primary purpose is to provide unparalleled professional development and social networking opportunities to Evansville's young professionals.

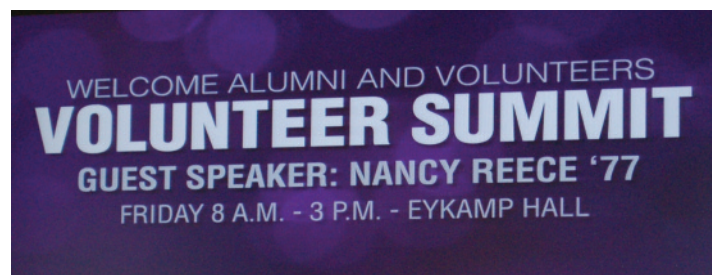
Student-Alumni Mentoring Program and the Luncheon Speaker Series

The Student-Alumni Mentoring Program saw significant growth in 2010 with an increase in alumni-student matches and a slate of top quality speakers for the Luncheon Speaker Series events. In Fall 2010, 51 students were matched with mentors consisting of UE alumni, local Evansville business leaders, and UE friends. Mentors are chosen based on their professional experience and degree(s) and matched with student mentees with the same area of study, degree level, or interest. Our students and mentors establish strong and

lasting relationships and have a successful outcome with the program regardless of distance. Mentors represented 28 different areas of study and came from 20 different locations including Evansville, Indianapolis, Nashville, Washington, D.C., New York, Kentucky, and Maryland.

Administrators from the Offices of Alumni and Parent Relations and Career Services and Cooperative Education contact mentors and students on a quarterly basis seeking progress updates, and continuing interest in the program. The well-attended Luncheon Speaker Series events continue to be a key element of the program. This year speakers presented on a wide variety of topics including: Non-Profit vs. For-Profit Companies, Etiquette and Rules to Successful Job Search, and Appropriate Ways to Ask About Salary Information and Ways to Properly Negotiate. A particular highlight was the November presentation by alumnus Bruce Roberts '92, who lives and works in London. Bruce spoke to students and mentors via Skype about global internships and job opportunities. This was a first for the Luncheon Speaker Series and we hope to continue using our international alumni and their global expertise in future presentations.

The Student-Alumni Mentoring program will be extending its efforts in 2011-12 and will expand the program to include United States veteran students and adult education students. Please stay tuned during the coming months for more information. If you are interested in getting involved with this great program, please contact the alumni office at 812-488-4065 or alumni@evansville.edu.



Volunteer Summit 2011

The Volunteer Summit is a day-long event that occurs biannually and serves as the kick-off event for homecoming weekend. It is designed to bring together UE volunteers from all organizations to discuss volunteer opportunities, programs, strategic initiatives, and progress. It also enables volunteers to share experiences, learn best practices, and generate ideas to get others involved with UE. This year we had more than 50 volunteers at the summit, representing many different organizations including partners, Leading Edge Alumni Guiding the University of Evansville (LEAGUE), and the Young Alumni Network. Partners members played a very significant role in the planning and execution of the summit. UE was excited to invite back to campus well-known author, columnist, and UE alumna Nancy Reece '77 as the keynote speaker. Nancy earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education from UE and her master's degree from Indiana University in 1978. She spoke about the importance of volunteerism, integrity, and leadership, and how we all benefit from others.



A new event at the Volunteer Summit was the Volunteer Service Recognition Luncheon, where lapel pins were awarded to volunteers who have served UE for 5, 10, and 25 years. This event was very warmly appreciated by alumni and volunteers and will be an ongoing summit event.

A new element presented at the Volunteer Summit was the UE Volunteer Handbook. Created to serve as a point of reference for all UE volunteer programs, activities, and events, it also describes the many programs, councils, committees, and advisory boards at UE. The Volunteer Handbook will be updated annually and can be found at www.evansville.edu/volunteer. A quarterly e-newsletter will be sent to UE volunteers informing volunteers of progress, new programs, and featuring outstanding UE volunteers.



Breakfast with Kazez

With the arrival of University of Evansville's 23rd president, Thomas A. Kazez, the Young Alumni Network, in coordination with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, hosted the Breakfast with the President event to formally introduce President Kazez and his wife, Sharon, to UE's local young alumni.

President Kazez spoke to a crowd of approximately 70 young alumni, students, faculty, and staff, about his professional background and what he hopes to achieve for UE. The breakfast was held during the inauguration week festivities, which included a wide variety of events and programs in order to welcome UE's new president to campus.

Alumni Scholarship Days

At UE, we are always trying something new and exciting to help engage our alumni aid current and prospective UE students. On March 4 and 5, 2011, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Admission, hosted the first Alumni Scholarship Days event in four major cities across the Midwest including Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and St. Louis. These cities were followed up with another round of interviews on UE's campus on March 8 and 9.

Based on academic merit, a select group of newly accepted students were invited to attend one of the scholarship days events in a location of their choice. Based on their interviews and overall admission scores, students received additional scholarship assistance to attend UE in the fall.

Alumni and friend volunteers from the Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Evansville areas were asked to participate and serve as interviewers at Alumni Scholarship Days. Interviewers had the opportunity to meet with incoming students, learn more about the students' experiences, aspirations, and choice of study. Interviewers also spoke about their own unique experiences at UE and what they loved about the campus. More than 75 alumni and friends interviewed a total of 156 students. Out of those 156 students, 105 students will attend UE this fall.

The Alumni Scholarship Days received outstanding reviews from alumni, friends, parents, and prospective students. This event will continue in 2012 and will include additional cities. If you want to be involved in Alumni Scholarship Days, contact the alumni office at 812-488-ALUM or alumni@evansville.edu to learn more.

Health Careers Fair

The Health Careers Fair was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. Approximately 200 students and 61 employers attended the event. Seniors represented the greatest number in attendance with 56 students, followed by freshmen with 41 students. Also in attendance were 31 graduate students, 24 juniors, seven sophomores, and seven alumni. Physical therapy and physical therapy assistant students were the most represented major with 110 students, followed by 35 exercise and sport science and 25 nursing students. Students received information regarding the fair in their various classes and were asked to attend by their professors and advisors.

Student feedback was positive overall. UE students reported collecting highly useful information and benefiting from networking and job planning strategies. Approximately 95 students received preparation assistance from career services prior to the career fair. Employer feedback was also overwhelmingly positive. One employer commented that this year's students "... were very prepared, professional, and inquisitive."

Humanities Night

The Humanities Night Forum was the beneficiary of serendipity. The first Humanities Night was held on Wednesday, September 30, in Eykamp Hall, Ridgway University Center. The date chosen for the event by chance turned out to be in the middle of the inauguration week festivities, and the event tied in perfectly with the liberal arts focus of the inauguration theme. More than 120 students, 20 faculty members, and numerous alumni and friends representing a wide variety of careers participated in the event. The keynote speaker was Sharon Kazez, PhD, wife of President Kazez. Sharon has a strong background in the humanities and arts. The idea of a Humanities Night came from two faculty members' wishes to provide more career and major-related information for students. This program galvanized the faculty into seeing career services as a support organization for liberal arts and sciences, as well as the professional colleges and school.

Six academic sessions were conducted with a total of 19 panelists, 15 of whom were UE alumni. By all accounts, the evening was a huge success. Faculty, students, and panelists alike were highly constructive in their feedback. Many students and panelists reported that they hoped Humanities Night would become an annual tradition. Students also benefited from and appreciated hearing alumni stories and professional experiences.

Career Services Webinar: LinkedIn or Left Out

On February 24, 2011, the Schroeder Family School of Business Administration, in collaboration with the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education, offered an informative and well-attended webinar, LinkedIn or Left Out, to the campus community. The presenter, Jenny DeVaughn, director of social strategy at Bernard Hodes Group, sponsored by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is consistently ranked as one of the Top 10 Most Connected Women in the world on LinkedIn.

This webinar assisted the UE community in learning about this important social media networking tool. After viewing the webinar, several faculty from the Schroeder Family School of Business Administration incorporated and utilized the presentation within their curriculum and classrooms.

LinkedIn is the world's largest business-oriented social networking site used mainly for professional networking. With over one million users and expanded features, it is a powerful tool. LinkedIn allows users to manage their professional identities, build and engage a network of professionals, access knowledge, insights and opportunities, research companies they may be interested in working with, and profile information on employees.

To view the entire webinar online, the link listed below will be available until October 2011.

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Define Your Life Program

UE's Office of Student Affairs introduced a new and unique program in August 2010 titled Define Your Life. The program serves to raise awareness and boost attendance at career services' residence hall programs and to get students more actively engaged. The Define Your Life program is rooted in purpose and transformation. It helps students identify specific experiences that they want to include in their unique Evansville Experience and provides opportunities for perspective and reflection. Career service programs played an integral part in Define Your Life and inspired further collaborations. Resident assistants joined forces to present hall programs to replace sparsely attended floor programs, and these programs were further connected to other campus programs. With these changes, attendance at career service programs improved: 37 attended a workshop on graduate school, 40 attended the board experience of the Amazing Ace Challenge, and another 40 attended two other workshops. Initial feedback from students has been positive and encouraging.

Do What You Are (DWYA) Assessment

This year, an all-time high of 514 students completed the DWYA assessment. In the seven years that we have been offering this premier program, the average number of users has been 464 per year. Expanded collaboration between the Dunigan Family Department of Nursing and Health Sciences and career services was a contributing factor to the increase. All nursing students completing the entry level nursing course were required to complete the DWYA and then meet individually with career services staff members. This experience provided needed communication for the new nursing students, and resulted in 20 referrals for academic skills support, counseling, and developmental academic advising. This program provides needed connections between students and UE support mechanisms and serves as a retention tool.

Great Connections



UE mentor and student mentee meet and introduce themselves for the first time.



Student mentee and UE alumnus mentor



Shirley Lewis '05, M'07, alumni mentor, with student mentee Lacey Conley. Showing off their scarfs that Shirley knitted for both of them.



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Brittany Chidester and UE alumna and Speaker Series presenter, LaToya Smith '09, connect after the Mentor Speaker Series Luncheon.



UE alumni, Jennifer Barchet '01 and Kaylene Kittle '04, at UE networking event.



UE students and young professional alumni listen to speaker, Chris Traylor, at the recent Breakfast with the CEO Event.



UE student and UE alumna mentor

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Seeking Partners for the New UE Alumni Professional Network



As we enter a new academic year, the Offices of Alumni and Parent Relations and Career Services and Cooperative Education are happy to announce another convenient, simple, and direct connection alumni may have with UE and its students. The University of Evansville Alumni Professional Network is an online system that allows students and recent graduates to contact interested alumni, recruiters, and friends of the University as they explore career paths and attain post-graduate outcomes.

As UE alumni you represent an important resource for students as they determine their majors, minors, and career directions.

The professional network is a web resource of career profiles designed to connect more alumni and friends of the University with the career development needs of students. It is a chance for them to

ask questions about your field and your transition from a student to the professional world. You offer a unique opportunity for students to increase their business protocol and communication skills.

All you have to do is:

- 1) Visit the career services website: careerservices.evansville.edu.
- 2) Create an account.
- 3) Respond to students inquiries as necessary.

By serving as an informal career advisor you provide the precious gift of knowledge and time invested into the next generation of leaders graduating from the University of Evansville!





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