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## Your Source for Jobs & Internships

Even in a tough job market, Queens University of Charlotte's College Central Network (CCN) and our weekly Jobs List email newsletter seems to have no shortage of full time, part time, or internship positions available for our students and alumni. Launched in August 2009, CCN is our free online job and internship posting website. Convenient and easy to use, CCN offers our exclusive Queens Alumni Mentor

Network, as well as hundreds of free career videos, articles, and tips! All students have been pre-registered and can connect to the website using <http://www.collegecentral.com/queens/>. The Access ID is your Student ID and the password is Royals. To get the weekly Jobs List, email your name, class year, and qmail address with "Jobs List" in the subject line to Allison Martin at [martinab@queens.edu](mailto:martinab@queens.edu).

## Intern Finds Her Inner (wax)MAMA

**Jill Jacobs** blazed a trail for future Queens interns this Fall as our first student intern for WaxMAMA, a brand new website and email newsletter for women in Charlotte. It all started with



Courtesy of Jill Jacobs

a notice posted in College Central Network, the Queens online Internship and Job Website: WaxMAMA Intern Wanted. Intrigued by the name, Allison Martin included the internship as a last minute addition to her weekly Jobs List email newsletter. Jill Jacobs, referred by a friend after a disappointing internship search this summer, was checking the Jobs List for possible fall semester internships. WaxMAMA caught her eye, and the rest is history:

"I applied for it immediately. As a journalism major, an internship that allowed me to do interviews and write

blog posts was right up my alley. I also liked that it was directed towards women in Charlotte, and that it had to do with food, shopping, and nightlife." Following an interview over coffee, editor and founder Brooke Gibson made Jill an offer she couldn't refuse. As an intern, Jill has written blog posts, attended launch party events, promoted the publication at the Southern Women's Show, and gained "a ton of hands on experience" to add to her portfolio.

# Changing the World, One Middle Schooler At A Time

**Joel Tomkinson '10**, a Communication major, worked to change the world not far from our doorstep this summer 2009 as a middle school counselor intern for CROSS missions with Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Each week brought a new wave of energetic middle school campers, eager to jump into service projects at agencies around Charlotte that ranged from soup kitchens, elderly care facilities to donation warehouses. While his campers learned about service

and the needs of others, Joel learned a few things himself: "I didn't expect that this internship would give me so much insight into the way we are all the same group of hungry individuals looking for a connection with one another." For Joel, the summer was full of learning and self discovery for both his campers and himself: "I didn't know how difficult some of the ministry sites were going to be for me emotionally and spiritually. CROSS has taken me deeper and I'm thankful for that."



Photo and Interview by Kate Robinson

## Horsing Around

**Patrick Sullivan**, a Queens senior majoring in Communication and Marketing, found a way to combine his love for horses with his career interests in business and communications. As a summer 2009 marketing intern with Marah Jamil Arabians Ltd, an Egyptian Arabian horse farm located near Waco, TX, Patrick designs promotional materials for this specialty horse breeder and trainer. He's currently working on

establishing a website presence for the farm, and finds himself constantly "reworking and redesigning ideas in order to keep up with the competition." Patrick's internship has also increased his interest in pursuing graduate school in business and marketing. As his summer internship draws to a close, he reflects that this valuable experience brings him "another step toward the place I want to be".



Interview by Maya Abate

## A Star (and Internship) is Born

**Suzanne Mellichamp**, a senior Art major, found her internship at the Carolina Actors Studio Theatre by emailing just about every theater in the Charlotte area. With CAST, an internship was born. For their production of "Metamorphoses," Suzanne was in charge of lighting, keeping the stage organized, and general preparation for the unusual production that used an actual underwater tank for scenes. Suzanne says "I loved meeting all the actors and watching the play and pushing the light buttons. I even got to make lightning and that was very fun." Although it is often difficult to make a living in theatre, Suzanne is still passionate about it. She plans to pursue additional opportunities using the skills that she learned at CAST.



Interview by Kristen Lay



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## Happy Camper

**Leslie Pitman**, a junior English major, returned to her childhood this summer as an intern with Ridgecrest Camps. A former Ridgecrest camper herself, Leslie worked as a counselor and photography instructor for kids ranging from 9 to 17 years old. "It was one of the best summers of my life. As a photography instructor, I taught photography every day . . . it was really fun to see the girls grasp concepts and then put them into practice." Leslie wants to work with kids as a career, perhaps as a teacher, so this was an ideal internship for her.



## Music to Her Ears

**Lauren Lampley**, a junior Music major, made some sweet summer sounds as an intern at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. "I was responsible for planning the festival ensemble's repertoire for the 2009-2010 season. I accompanied the choir, soloists, and the congregation every Sunday." She also attended church music conferences, and learned the organ. Her favorite part? "After studying and practicing music for so long, I was finally able to see it applied. That was the most rewarding feeling." As a result of her internship, she is considering going to graduate school for sacred music. She would love to have a career as a director of music.

*Interview by Kristen Lay*



## It All Adds Up

**Kendria Whitfield**, a senior Mathematics major, landed an actuarial internship with Transamerica Reinsurance. At the suggestion of Bill Means in the Internships office, she applied online and had a phone interview and an in-person interview. "I was fortunate to get such an internship," she says. She was a modeling project intern; she helped a team to evaluate their models for profitability, and also helped with Excel inputs and other small organizational tasks. "My favorite part of my internship is getting knowledgeable information about the actuarial field." Kendria hopes to become an actuary in the future.

*Interview by Kristen Lay*

## Employers Recruit Queens Students and Grads

The Internships & Career Fair on September 24th launched the recruitment season for the 2009-2010 academic year. Over 200 students attended the fair in Ovens Athletic Center to meet with representatives from a variety of organizations including graduate schools, non-profits and corporations. Participating employers included Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated, Continental Tire, Family Dollar, Ford Motor Company, Travelers, Creative Loafing Newspaper, Discovery Place, Verizon Wireless and Convergys. Graduate schools included Duke University Fuqua School of Business, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Lenoir-Rhyne,

Gardner-Webb, Charlotte School of Law, UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro. In addition, The Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program and Enterprise conducted campus information sessions this fall for job, internship, and networking opportunities for students. Teach for America is already scheduled for a campus session this January 19, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Blair House. Fall campus interviews included The Travelers for claims representatives and Ford Motor Company for interns and their Finance Rotation Program. For the spring semester, The Hartford will be recruiting for claims representative and underwriters.

### Watch for these Spring 2010 events:

#### Tuesday, January 19

Teach for America session at 4:30 pm, Blair House

#### Wednesday, February 24

Resume-O-Rama & Prepare for the Fair in Trexler

#### Thursday, February 25

Metrolina Career Fair at Charlotte Convention Center

#### Thursday, March 25

Networking Reception in Burwell Parlors

### Mission:

The Internships and Career Programs office at Queens provides an academic forum to help students and alumni translate their education into productive careers and noble lives. We challenge individuals to combine their unique gifts, academic preparation and diverse experiences into a life work plan. Through the process of academic course work, experiential learning and career development services, the ICP staff provides a comprehensive career development education program for Queens students.



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