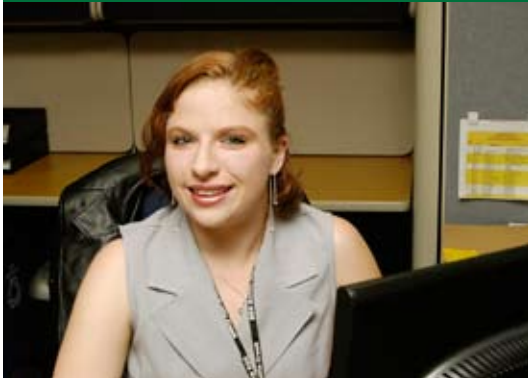


The Internship and Co-op Corner

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Making Her Own History



Cheri Derksen began her college experience at Oakland Community College in the fall semester of 2006 with plans to earn an Associate of Liberal Arts Degree. History and government have always been her passion, both inside and out of the classroom. Several trips to Washington D.C. reinforced her interest, including her most recent trip to see the Presidential Inauguration, where Barack Obama accepted his term of presidency.

Ms. Derksen first learned about the Workforce Recruitment Program for Students with Disabilities (WRP) co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Defense last fall. The Internship & Co-op Office at the college partners with WRP to offer opportunities for students to intern with the federal government and participating public sector employers

throughout the United States. Cheri began working with her Internship Coordinator, Lisa Skowronski to create a well-rounded resume and learn about the interviewing and application process. Cheri didn't really think she was going to get an offer but was grateful to gain more job search experience, and learn how to apply for federal employment. A recruiter from Washington D.C. came to the Orchard Ridge campus in February to spend a day interviewing qualified students.

To Cheri's surprise, she was one of three OCC students to be offered a position through WRP. She accepted an assignment to work as a Management Assistant for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in the Defense Enterprise Support branch at the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek, MI. "When I interviewed for this internship I had no idea that I would be so blessed to not only receive an offer, but one so close to home in a field that I love," she states.

Cheri was asked to organize the photographic history of the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center by creating spreadsheets as well as a filing system. This federal building, named after three U.S. Senators who were injured during World War II, also honors all the men and women who have fought for our country. As a result of her research, Cheri soon developed an interest in possibly joining the Armed Forces and has looked into the Air Force, Army and the U.S. Coast Guard. "Because of this internship, I have realized how much this great nation means to me. I would be honored to serve and that is what I am hoping to do with my life in the future." It is Cheri's immediate goal to finish her associate degree and then transfer to a four-year university to earn her Bachelor Degree with a double major in History and English Literature.

If you are interested in learning more about the Workforce Recruitment Program for Student with Disabilities, or would like to participate in the program this year, contact Lisa Skowronski at 248.522.3699

Extended Campus Office Hours

A Co-op Program Coordinator will be available at Royal Oak and Southfield on the following dates. To schedule an appointment call: 248.523.4147

RO Campus Career Transfer Center, Room B-101, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

SF Campus Career Transfer Center, Room 240, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Dates: Sept 9, 17; Oct 1, 14; Nov 11, 19; Dec 3, 9

A Co-op Program coordinator will also be available at the Highland Lakes Campus on the following dates.

HL Woodland Hall, Room WH-343, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Dates: Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

HL Woodland Hall, Room WH-343, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Dates: Sept 3, Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 10

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A New Partnership for Computer Aided Design (CAD) Students



(L to R) Joe Klesing, Corey Pavlik, Ken Minicuci, Michael Atkinson, Neil Gardner, Tom Apfel.

In January of 2009, Oakland Community College and Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. launched a new partnership at the Webasto Rochester Hills facilities. Webasto Roof Systems is a global automotive supplier with a strong presence in North America having multiple facilities in Michigan and Kentucky and their world headquarters is located in Stockdorf, Germany. For over 100 years, Webasto has worked to become a worldwide partner to the automotive, commercial truck and bus, marine, military and off-highway industries by providing manufacturing and distribution solutions for heating and cooling systems, roof and glazing systems and mobile electronics.

Joe Klesing, Vice President of Research and Development, and Ken Minicuci, Manager of Engineering – Methods, Processors and Standardization met with Department Chair-Tahir Khan, Director of Placement Services and the Internship & Cooperative Education Program-Willie Lloyd and Program Coordinator-Kathie House to plan the Webasto internship initiative. “We have decided to reduce the work we do in India and would like to explore new/additional resource paths to assist and develop a pipeline of trained local professionals! Webasto wants to work with students who can grow with the company while they are still in college; students who have completed their first year of college and have successfully passed a CATIA V5 class.”

CAD majors Michael Atkinson and Corey Pavlik were selected as the first two interns from OCC. Their supervisors are: Tom Apfel - Design Group Leader - New Domestic Customers and Neil Gardner - Design Group Leader - Ford Customers. Michael and Corey are working together with the same project team and their work-stations are located in the same cubicle. They attend bi-weekly meetings with the DGL (design group leader). The two also attend other multiple team meetings where many project teams come together to discuss their



individual design problems and to solicit ideas from the other groups. Michael says, “Everyone is friendly and helpful and they really work together in teams. At meetings, problems are resolved like, more efficient ways for building parts. We also discuss ways of better communicating our ideas and experiences on projects, for example if someone in the meeting was having difficulty on a project, another person who has had a similar experience will come forward to share their knowledge of how they overcame the issue so that all the members in the meeting can

learn new ideas or solutions to the problem that they are having. Sometimes we make a macro design of a part, which makes the task move faster, and reduces the design time from weeks to minutes.” His first assignments were to make minor changes to CATIA V5 drawings. In the second week as an intern, he was given an assignment to make and locate several small 3D pads. It was his first opportunity to model a part. “At first, I was completing drawings, then 3D parts and modifications and I was finally able to record the data changes within a PowerPoint slide show for a presentation. Currently he’s designing a cargo cover with the assistance of the Ford group designer. In conclusion Michael says, “I have had a great internship with Webasto. I learned more about modeling from the people who work on CATIA V5 everyday; from new commands, to new tools and to new ways of doing things. I’ve also learned about the drafting package and its basics. In addition to the design skills I’ve learned how to interact in meetings and how to relay my ideas to others; I feel like a part of the team. Thank you Webasto for this opportunity.”

Corey began his internship during the Summer II semester (at the time of this writing he was in his third week of the internship) during his first week at Webasto he was taken on a tour of the complex and was able to visit the Validation and Prototype center. “There I saw all of the different types of sunroofs; from roofs that move to a vent position when open, to roofs that slide above or below the roof when in the open position. Now I am working on assisting in the development of commodity drawing templates for standardization formats and key component development methods/directions.”

Employer Appreciation Breakfast

The Internship & Co-op Office hosted a breakfast reception held at the Orchard Ridge Campus, Ridgewood Café on April 16. Formal recognition was given to business partners and community organizations that have hired Oakland Community College students to work as interns and co-ops over the past year. Through these training opportunities, students earn academic credit, compensation and valuable experience outside of the classroom environment in a professional work setting.

Dr. Tim Meyer, Chancellor of OCC began the event with a warm reception. Several OCC students served as guest speakers and shared personal success stories and the benefits they received as a result of participating in the Internship and Co-op program. More than eighty people attended the breakfast including business partners from Greater Media Detroit, Marie Howard Showroom, Beaumont Hospital and Community Marketing Associates.



Presenters at the breakfast included: (L-R) Lynda Struble, Interior Design Intern with Noir Unlimited; Kevin Flowers, CIS Co-op with Ranger Data Technologies; Stephaney Moses, Accounting Co-op with Bayco Management, Inc.; Dr. Tim Meyer, OCC Chancellor; Anna Morks, OCC Project Bold Alumni and Michigan Rehabilitation Services speaker; Lisa Skowronski, Co-op Program Coordinator.

Workforce Recruitment Program for Students with Disabilities

This program is sponsored by the Federal Department of Labor to recruit college students with disabilities to work for both public and private sector employers throughout the United States. Students hired will work in Summer 2010 on paid internships, and recent graduates will be considered for permanent employment.

The Internship & Co-op Office will offer an Informational Meeting on Friday October 23, at 10:00 am at the Royal Oak Campus in Building A-102 for students wanting more details about how to participate in this program, and to secure an interview for employment.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Students must have a documented disability with the ACCESS Office
- Students be a U.S. Citizen
- Students must be enrolled on a full time basis (unless their disability precludes them from taking a full load of courses; a less than full load is an acceptable accommodation)
- Candidates can be recent college graduates (May 2009 or later)

Call Lisa Skowronski at 248.522.3699 to sign up for this informational meeting.

Work and Learn in Florida or California This Winter

In the past two semesters more than twenty students from all five of OCC campuses worked, earned money and gained experience at Walt Disney. Students in a variety of academic disciplines can earn internship/co-op credit which can be applied toward their certificate or degree in programs including business and hospitality management. This fall, recruiters from the WDW Resort will visit the Royal Oak and Orchard Ridge campuses and conduct four presentations to accommodate student schedules. Attendance at one presentation is required if students want to secure an interview with a recruiter. The presentation lasts approximately one hour and students must be on-time, or will not be interviewed. Call 248.522.3699 to reserve your seat.

Mon	Sep 28	12:00 pm	Building B-215	Royal Oak Campus
Mon	Sep 28	5:00 pm	Building B-215	Royal Oak Campus
Wed	Oct 21	12:00 pm	Building A-216	Orchard Ridge Campus
Wed	Oct 21	5:00 pm	Building A-216	Orchard Ridge Campus

The Co-op Clothes Closet

Donations of men's and women's business attire (suits, sports jackets, dresses) have resulted in the Clothes Closet's expansion to include the Auburn Hills Campus as well as the Orchard Ridge Campus. If you are preparing for an interview and need professional attire contact Lisa Skowronski at the Orchard Ridge Campus at 248.522.3699 or Kathie House at the Auburn Hills Campus at 248.232.4140. Clothes are available in many sizes.

Internship & Co-op Program • Fall 2009 Workshop Schedule

Call to reserve your seat in any of these events: Auburn Hills Campus at 248.232.4140; Orchard Ridge Campus at 248.522.3699.

INTERNSHIP & CO-OP INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Attend a one hour meeting to learn how you can participate in the co-op program and earn academic credit for hands-on work experience in your field of study. Prerequisites and program requirements will be discussed.

August 28	Friday	10:00 am	OR	M-146
September 3	Thursday	2:30 pm	OR	M-146
September 11	Friday	12:00 pm	AH	G-230
September 22	Tuesday	3:00 pm	AH	G-230
October 5	Monday	12:00 pm	AH	G-230
November 11	Wednesday	3:00 pm	AH	G-230
November 17	Tuesday	11:00 am	OR	M-146
November 25	Wednesday	10:00 am	OR	M-146
December 11	Friday	11:00 am	OR	M-146
December 17	Thursday	2:00 pm	OR	M-146
December 17	Thursday	5:00 pm	AH	G-230

RESUME CLINICS

In preparation for employment, we invite current students and alumni to meet with a Program Coordinator who will critique your resume; so bring a working draft.

September 4	Friday	10:00 – 12:00 pm	OR	M-113
September 8	Tuesday	12:00 – 2:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
September 18	Friday	3:00 – 5:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
October 12	Monday	5:00 – 7:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
October 13	Tuesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	HL	WH-343
October 22	Thursday	2:00 – 5:00 pm	OR	M-113
October 28	Wednesday	5:00 – 7:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
November 9	Monday	3:00 – 5:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
November 11	Wednesday	10:00 – 12:00 pm	RO	B-101
November 17	Tuesday	12:00 – 2:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
November 24	Tuesday	9:30 – 12:30 pm	OR	M-113
December 8	Tuesday	3:00 – 5:00 pm	AH	Library D-205
December 9	Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm	SF	240

INTERVIEWING WORKSHOPS

This workshop is designed for individuals who have never experienced a professional interview, and for those wanting to improve their interviewing skills. Learn how to prepare and have good answers ready for potential employers.

September 3	Thursday	3:30 – 4:30 pm	OR	M-146
September 24	Thursday	12:00 – 1:00 pm	AH	G-230
October 9	Friday	10:00 – 11:00 am	OR	M-146
October 14	Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	AH	G-230
October 29	Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	AH	G-230
November 5	Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	AH	G-230
November 17	Tuesday	10:30 – 11:30 am	OR	M-146
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PLEASE NOTE: You may have questions about your job search or need some individual assistance. If you are a single parent, have a disability, limited financial resources, or are a non-native speaker of English, you may receive support from the Internship & Co-op Office. A program coordinator can assist you in identifying personal challenges to employment and work with you in managing these challenges so that you can begin achieving your career goals.



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