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We invite you to read a few of the recipients’ thank you notes, which highlight the depth of their appreciation and the magnitude to which your generous donation has impacted their professional development.

Thank you!

Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development
Abigail Calandra  
English Major | May 2020  
Wunderkind PR, Inc

**RECIPIENT OF THE PATRICIA AND VINCENT CARRETTA INTERNSHIP FOR ENGLISH MAJORS**

I can not thank you enough for the scholarship that allowed me to have this amazing summer! I’ve spent the last three months connecting with authors agents and publishers, as well as reading at least 10 books. My summer focused on publicity and how a book really gets sold, which has been the perfect first step into the publishing world.

For the first month, I helped out on any project I could get my hands on. I prepped media reports, edited pitches, thought up interview questions, and read a whole lot. I also got the fantastic opportunities to travel into NYC for BookExpo and I attended the filming of a telethon for the impractical joker, James Murray (he just came out with his second book!). At these events I was able to network my way into a job shadow opportunity with an agent from Harper Collins, which is my dream company so it was really great to meet all those people!

This internship fund has given me the money I needed to make an unpaid internship feasible, and I am so grateful for the opportunities it has given me this summer.

Nicholas Marshall  
Cinema Major | May 2021  
Film Industry in NYC

Thank you so much for your generous donation to me this summer. The money that I received was integral to furthering my career path in the film industry. This summer I moved to New York City and interned at a documentary film production company. It was an amazing experience and I never would have been able to do it without your donation. New York City is a very expensive place to live and the only reason that I could do this unpaid internship was because of the money that I received through the fund. **It was an all-around incredible experience and I feel as though it set me on the right path to achieving my future goals in the industry.** I could not be more grateful, and I hope that one day I can make enough money making films and doing what I love to provide someone else with a similar experience. It was truly a life changing summer and I am so thankful for your support.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in sponsoring me in the 2019 Student Affairs Internship Fund. I am very appreciative and honored to have been chosen as one of the recipients of this award.

In August, I will start my journey as a new graduate student at Binghamton University where I will be working to obtain my Master of Business Administration. In April, I was looking for an internship that would enhance my skills and provide me with exposure to new opportunities. When I accepted the internship with LUMA, I thought it was a perfect fit for me because one of its primary aspects was centered around marketing, which is what I plan on pursuing in graduate school. However, since it was unpaid, I wondered how I would be able to stay in Binghamton for the summer. The provisions that were awarded to me through the 2019 Student Affairs Internship Fund allowed me to be more confident in this decision.

This funding has helped to make my internship experience very gratifying. It was wonderful to know that throughout the summer I could approach new experiences with this internship, which would ultimately benefit me in a career setting, and still have a way to provide for my necessities. I was able to be more involved and help create an impact in the Binghamton community. I am very grateful to everyone who has made this possible.

Katelynn Slater, '19
MBA | May 2022
LUMA Intern, Binghamton

I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend the Koobi Fora Field School located in Kenya, and the funding received to make this possible. As a student pursuing the paleoanthropology field, this experience was crucial to get hands on training and form the necessary connections to excel in the field. I was also given the extraordinary opportunity to conduct research that I plan to present next year at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists’ Conference! Thank you so much!

Deanna Maybee
Masters Anthropology | May 2020
Koobi Fora Field School, Kenya
First I’d like to thank you for supporting us, the students at Binghamton University, by gifting us with the chance to pursue opportunities that may be otherwise unattainable. Your donations have afforded me the amazing experience of being an intern at the Broome County District Attorney’s Office. After spending a summer working with passionate attorneys dedicated to prosecution, I too can see myself pursuing a similar career path.

Throughout my internship I received first hand experience of the daily work a prosecutor performs. I observed live victim interviews, attended court proceedings with Senior Assistant District Attorneys, and even attended conferences with County Court Judges. I also contributed by giving personal analysis on active cases, detailing case evidence, and drafting legal memos. I learned a lot during my time at the DA’s office, and I couldn’t have done it without your generous gift.

**Having financial security while pursuing an unpaid professional opportunity allowed me to focus more on building my skill sets.** I believe it is essential for students to have access to these experiences. I am personally grateful for your generosity. Thanks again for playing a role in my academic and professional success.

It is with immense pleasure and gratitude that I write to you. Through your generous donation I was able to intern abroad this summer in Armenia at the Foundation for the Preservation for Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC).

I applied for American Council’s Overseas Professional and Intercultural Training Program (OPIT) which would place me in Armenia for 8 weeks to work at FPWC and stay with a host family. FPWC is a wonderful environmental organization that works on several comprehensive projects with the collective goals of conservation, environmental education, and community development. FPWC has purchased 30,000 hectares of private land, the Caucasus Wildlife Refuge (CWR), to connect the state forests to each other so that vulnerable animals in Armenia can more easily cross the country. Animals such as the Armenian Mouflon, Bezoar Goats, Syrian Brown Bear, and the severely endangered Caucasian Leopard have made a comeback through these efforts. At the CWR, there is a Wildlife Rescue Center for the rehabilitation of rescued bears, as well as a breeding center for the Bearded Vulture. This conservation work has brought back the populations of these species and protected them against illegal poaching and habitat destruction.

**I see my stay in Armenia this summer as an important learning experience not just for myself, but for other people who I will share my experiences with.** Thank you for your contribution not just to me, but to the country of Armenia.
Thank you so much for the opportunity to pursue my summer internship at Infiniti Greens. My name is Brendan Enochs and I am currently studying environmental science in Harpur college at Binghamton University. Infiniti Greens is a local business founded by a Binghamton alum that produces microgreens, a nutrient rich alternative to store-bought greens that can be easily grown all year round, with the goal of making this product more accessible to the Binghamton community. I think this is a very important business because Binghamton's west side is categorized as a food desert, meaning its residents are not in close proximity to a supermarket, making it difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. Infiniti Greens provides a possible alternative for people to acquire healthy food options. Without the money I received through this fund I would have not been able to work at Infiniti Greens this summer.

During my summer internship I was able to get a full understanding of the business by helping with all parts of the production process. In particular, I got to focus my attention on tackling problems in the business regarding its long-term environmental sustainability: lack of environmentally friendly packaging, the large amount of waste generated in production, and wasteful energy usage. This was really beneficial to me because as an environmental science major you learn about the current environmental problems, but you do not have the opportunity to really do something about it. This internship allowed me to work almost as an environmental consultant and really make a difference in this business. This allowed me to fulfill my goal of making a difference in the community and help me get real experience in the professional field. This is a profession that I am strongly considering as I begin to think about what I want to do when I graduate from college. By getting experience in this field early on in my professional career I am ahead of my peers and stand out when I want to apply to more opportunities in the future. Not only that, being able to work as an environmental consultant has helped me determine that this is a career I want to pursue. Thanks again for this amazing opportunity and experience that I will never forget.
First and foremost, thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity this summer. My financial situation is often a source of stress in my life and your support has provided me with the security I needed to pursue this amazing opportunity. Without your help, I wouldn’t have been able to take up this position. The internship falls perfectly in line with my major of Environmental Economics. Shadowing my mentor Steven Neale, the head of Sustainability and Economic Development for the Township of Verona, N.J., I have been able to gain a lot of valuable insight into the field of administration as well as some great experience.

This is a useful experience to have on paper when seeking future employment, but more importantly to have hands on practical experience when I actually enter the workforce full-time after college. I attended the 10th anniversary Sustainability Summit for Sustainable Jersey and learned about steps municipalities across the state can take and are taking to become more environmentally friendly. I have worked closely with the entirety of the Chamber of Commerce in the Township on matters like this year’s Restaurant Week and the ‘Shop Verona’ initiative. I’ve worked on the Green Business Recognition Program to help local businesses become certified. Most recently, I’ve been working on a project comparing the plastic containers and utensils ordered by local restaurants for takeout business to eco-friendly alternatives to which they could switch. Thanks again for your support and making this experience possible.
I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the Internship Award for my internship at Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Without your generous support, it would have been extremely difficult for me to have had this amazing experience and for that I am grateful.

My time at Yad Vashem has been truly memorable. I was chosen as the first intern to be able to work for the Archives Division. I have been assisting with digitizing new files received by Yad Vashem as well as materials already housed within the Archives but not yet digitized. Digitization is extremely important to make sure that these historical documents are available to researchers, educators and individuals across the globe via the internet as well as making sure that these fragile documents remain accessible for generations to come.

I have personally handled and scanned documents from the Nuremberg Trial, hand drawn maps of Eastern European communities and ghettos as well as documents created by the German Army mapping out work and internment camps for Jewish prisoners. I have also scanned passports of people who perished in the Holocaust, as well as last letters of communication between people trapped in Europe sent to their families in the United States and Palestine. As part of my internship I was also given a tour of the campus. As part of that tour, I was able to see the original Schindler’s list that helped Oskar Schindler to save 1,200 Jewish people by employing them in his factory.

I have also been part of a team that does intake for Pages of Testimony. Pages of Testimony is a document where family members or friends of people who perished in the Holocaust are able to provide information about them such as their names, date and place of birth, if they were married, where they lived, and if known, where they perished. I was working with members of the Ultra Orthodox community on this project. I sat in on talks given by survivors where they
provided testimony of their experiences during the Holocaust. I was also invited to be part of several lectures for teachers from English language countries. Two that stood out were about the role of Rabbis and community elders in the Ghettos during the war and the other was about Modern Israel.

My time at Yad Vashem will be something I will never forget. When I was not working at Yad Vashem, I also had the opportunity to explore Israeli culture as well. On several occasions at the end of my work day, I took the Jerusalem Light Rail to the Machane Yehudah Market which is teeming with the sights and smells of spices and all manner of local food. Shopping there is quite the experience. I also took a trip one afternoon after work to the Old City of Jerusalem where I went to the Western Wall and was able to say a prayer for my family members and put several prayer notes into the Wall as is a tradition.

I have made memories that will last a lifetime and I have so many great stories to share when I get home.

Thank you again for making it possible for me to participate as an intern at Yad Vashem this summer.