Next Stop: NHL League Office

By Katelyn Simoncic

Excited, amazed, astonished, proud, speechless. No exact words can truly describe the thousands of thoughts that ran through my mind and the feeling that I felt after receiving an internship offer from the National Hockey League (NHL) League office. While my peers will be embarking on their internship endeavors in either May or August, I will be taking a slightly different route. On June 11th, I will begin my six-month journey in Manhattan, New York as an intern at the NHL League office. Opening a door that Temple University’s STHM has yet turn the knob on, I am determined raise the bar high and put Temple University on the map for the NHL League office’s future internship pools.

Working alongside one of the Directors of Partnership Marketing, Ms. Nicole Allison, I will be learning the ropes of sponsorship at a corporate level, one that is focused toward an entire league rather than one specific franchise. As Ms. Allison oversees five large clients including Geico, I will have the opportunity to shadow her throughout the entire partnership marketing process. When permitted and able to, I will be attending commercial shoots, sitting in on client meetings and conference calls, developing platforms for clients and events such as the NHL Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, helping out in other departments and much more.

This internship experience is not only going to provide me with hands-on experience in a league that is on the up rise, but this experience is going to change my life; no doubt about it!
Presidents’ Closing Address

By Lauren Caminiti and Andrew Jimenez

As the Spring 2012 semester comes to an end, the presidents of both sections would like to take a look back at the major projects, fundraisers and events we’ve hosted. Each of our sections respectfully handled two major projects during this semester. Although there are two sections of senior seminar, we view our company as one unit working together towards a common goal. Therefore, together our class had the distinguished honor of presenting the check for the endowment scholarship fund at the Awards Dinner Friday April 27th.

The semester brought many highs and lows to what a real company goes through, and being able to experience that with your peers has been something truly special. One of the biggest highs was Section 2’s Casino Night at the Top of the Tower; the turnout was tremendous and the venue was phenomenal. Much praise must go out to the project committee and all the hard work they did throughout the semester to make that such a memorable night. That event would not have been possible without the Fundraising and Sponsorship committee attaining the highest sponsorship in senior seminar history at $3,000 from Sunrise Yachts.

Nicaragua, Here I Come!

By Melanie Weisman

During the semester, Dean Montague had sent e-mails of internships that he thought students would be interested in. When I saw one for the La Isla Foundation in Nicaragua, I thought there would be no harm in applying. The last thing I ever expected was for them to show interest in me and eventually offer me the internship. When that happened I had a lot of thinking to do. For one thing, I had never left the country, and an even more important factor was that I did not know Spanish. Some call me crazy for taking on this task, but I am confident I can learn the basic Spanish I will need before heading there. I am excited to work in an environment I have never been in before and partake in a completely new experience.

The La Isla Foundation helps to fight chronic kidney disease for the people of Chichigalpa, Nicaragua. They started a recreation program for children within the community. I will help run the volleyball club and organize my own fundraiser to raise funds for the club and tournament. I will also be working with the Rancho Los Alpes Eco-Lodge to help them with their marketing. It still does not feel real that I will be leaving to live in a different country for more than 3 months. I feel so fortunate and lucky to be given the opportunity and I cannot wait to embark on the adventure.
I hope to not only know the language of the people there, but also the language of hospitality and customer service. This internship combines all of the factors that are important to me into a perfect position: culture, adventure, paradise and people. This first step into the world of international hospitality is only the beginning of my journey.

In Sanskrit, the word anantara means "without end" and evokes the “freedom, movement and harmony that are the spirit of the Anantara Experience.” For me, I hope the word means without end or limit to my future career path.

By Lorena Morel

Starting this June I will intern at Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa in Kauai, Hawaii as the Spa Corporate Management Trainee (CMT). This will be a 9-month program where I will have the opportunity to rotate within all the departments in the hotel for the first 6 weeks. For the remaining 8 months, I will focus on working with Anara Spa, learning more about all the aspects of managing hotel spas.

I am truly excited that I am finally joining the Hyatt family. After my junior internship with Hyatt Regency Penn’s Landing, I found a true connection with the Hyatt mission and vision, which pushed me to further pursue the Hyatt CMT program. Through this incredible opportunity I hope to gain a better understanding of how to successfully manage a spa, staff, and learn the art of empowering others.

Although this is a big step in my career and it comes with much excitement, I do have fears about it. One of my greatest fears is that I will possibly not have the same respect level as my supervisors because I will be fresh out of school; however, I find this more of a challenge that I will gladly tackle. Fortunately, I can say this because the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management (STHM) has provided me with a strong foundation that has built my character, confidence, and determination to help me persevere in the industry.
End with a New Beginning

By Timothy Malloy

As I look back on the past four years spent as an undergraduate student, I am proud of the path that has led me to where I am today. By applying optimism with confidence, I believe I have made the most of my time spent in the classrooms of Temple University. As my undergraduate degree comes to a close, I am honored to have an opportunity to apply my in-class experiences to the field of recreation. This upcoming fall, I will be completing my senior internship with the United States Coast Guard MWR Program Miami, Florida base.

I am very grateful for the opportunity due to the experience that it will provide. I have had programming experience in the field of recreation, but the MWR Program will offer a look into the business administration side of recreation, which is essential to success in the field. I plan to practice the same optimism and self-assurance displayed in the classroom in order to make the most of every opportunity with the Coast Guard MWR.

No words can thoroughly describe my time spent with Temple and my excitement as I advance my career in a field that I have such a strong passion for. My advice to all undergraduate: Believe and remain open-minded in all situations, you never know where life can take you.

Journey to Internship

By Samantha Lloyd

From the moment I became a student in the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management (STHM) at Temple University all I heard about was Senior Professional Development Seminar and Internship II. I always heard how excited and scared I should be at the same time, but that it would be the best time of my life.

When I started my junior internship I was determined to have a great experience and to find an even better one for my senior internship. After being in Senior Seminar for a few weeks, applying to some internships, and trying to better my professional skills I was given the chance of a lifetime—an interview at Peter Callahan Catering. I felt that it was an accomplishment to even have been granted an interview with this renowned company, known amongst the stars all over the world.

When I got the phone call two days later informing me that they wanted to bring me on as an intern, I was more than overjoyed. This was the opportunity that every student could only dream of, and it was becoming my reality. Now that I have had the opportunity to get into the internship and start working, I couldn’t ask for more. I know that I have learned all of the skills necessary to help me succeed in this internship and am excited to see where else this takes me.

Internship: The Start of Moving Forward

By Marissa La Brake

This summer I have been given the great opportunity and privilege of pursuing an internship opportunity in Miami, Florida. I will be completing my senior internship as a compliance intern within the athletic department at the University of Miami. For obvious reasons, I am extremely excited, anxious, and just a tad nervous to be able to relocate to Miami, but I am also very thankful that this particular opportunity will be the start of my career.

This experience in Miami will be my first exposure to college athletics and compliance, outside of the classroom. For that reason I am somewhat apprehensive about my ability to adapt to an un-known environment and city. Despite my apprehensiveness, there is no doubt in my mind that I will be able to continue to develop my skills and work hard to turn into the young professional that I desire to be, while learning as much as I can.

I am very excited and honored to be fulfilling my senior internship with the University of Miami and their athletic department. After doing extensive research on an assortment of colleges and universities within the Division I level, I am certain that the University of Miami and I are going to be a perfect match. I am very thankful and blissful to be joining the University of Miami’s athletic department and look forward to working with the best in the division.
By Herbert Kandeh

I started my internship search last August when I visited London. I knew the company that I wanted to intern with because they were members of the FIFA StreetFootballWorld network. I took the opportunity to visit the offices of Street League in London and had the privilege of speaking with Ms. Sally Marsh, the Operations Manager of the London offices. Initially, she thought I was from North London because of my subtle accent. I explained to her about the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management (STHM) internship requirements and inquired about the possibility of spending the summer with their organization in the summer of 2012.

In February, Ms. Marsh scheduled an interview with me regarding the Progressions Intern position. Since I couldn’t travel to London, due to my class requirements and financial limitations, we agreed to have a Skype interview. To my surprise, the interview included two other executives from Street League; Ms. Elisabetta Ognibene and Mr. Nigel Manfield. The interview was at 6:00 AM because of the time zone difference; that didn’t matter to me, though, because this was the job experience that I really wanted.

Early in March, I received an offer letter from Ms. Ognibene. I was very excited about the news, but also cautious because I still had another obstacle to overcome; I needed to have a work VISA issued by the United Kingdom Embassy in New York. I applied for the VISA on the 16th of March and was astonished when I received an email stating that my VISA had been issued.

Lyman Frank Baum said it best when he stated, “Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.” My internship this summer is certainly a dream come true as it aligns seamlessly with my future aspirations of working in the international realm of the sport and recreation industry.
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Night Market
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Front Desk
Phan Thiet, Vietnam

Timothy Malloy
United States Coast Guard
Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation
Miami, FL
By Katie Paone

It’s hard to believe that my experience with Temple University and The School of Tourism and Hospitality Management is coming to a close. Through various internships and volunteer hours I have built my professionalism and knowledge of the industry and now have the opportunity to apply what I have learned to the real world. My senior internship will take place in the fall semester of 2012.

Located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania’s Aldie Mansion Heritage Conservancy is an accredited land trust and conservation organization. It is a non-profit organization, specializing in conserving both the environmental and historical aspects of eastern Pennsylvania and western central New Jersey.

My responsibilities lie within the event management and membership department. I will have the opportunity to demonstrate and advance my skills in fundraisers, community outreach events, membership, and direct mailing. Fundraisers include the Art of Preservation fundraiser, as well as the Christmas for Aldie black tie affair. My skills will be put to the test when I am put in charge of completely planning the volunteer recognition dinner from start to finish, while simultaneously acting as the on site events manager once a week.

I am very excited to have found an organization that seems a perfect match for me. I have always had a strong passion for developing events that incorporate and bring the community together. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to use my knowledge of environmental sustainability for a conservation organization. I am very eager to begin my professional career with such a reputable organization and advance my experience and knowledge of the industry with them.

By Brittany Julien

This summer I will be interning with The Food Trust, an organization based in Philadelphia, dedicated to making sure everyone has access to affordable and nutritious food.

The Food Trust was founded in 1992 as a small Farmer’s Market educational program inside The Reading Terminal. It has since expanded to an organization that not only teaches about the benefit of good food and health, but also now provides such foods and more.

I will be working under their newly developed Night Market department. Since its founding last year, the Night Market has held 4 different food festivals around the city in various sections including Mount Airy and Chinatown. I am VERY excited to be apart of the development of this program and am eager to apply some of the more formal knowledge that I’ve learned in the classroom.

To be apart of a new project as it grows will most definitely be a learning experience. Food has long been a passion of mine and may perhaps be the main reason why I became a Tourism and Hospitality major, just four short years ago. At some of last season’s food festivals, Night Market had several food trucks present, which have recently become very popular. Just being able to see all of the various vendors will definitely be a perk of the position.

I will admit, there is some nervousness and slight apprehension as I embark on this new journey. However, I think that may be a good sign. It means it will be a challenge and once I cross this hurdle, I will have another accomplishment. I’m ready.
Look Out Baltimore!

By Rachel Pearson

Baltimore: The city of Orioles, Ravens, crab cakes and National Bohemian beer. Baltimore was definitely not my first choice in destinations upon graduation from the School of Tourism and Hospitality but as I stood looking out at the beautiful Inner Harbor at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, I couldn’t say no. Food and Beverage has always been my passion, and the hotel industry is so interesting to me. Finding a way to collaborate these desires was a dream come true when I was offered the position of Food and Beverage Supervisor at Marriott International. As a multi-purpose F&B Supervisor, I will be overseeing all 4 of their food outlets including a full service restaurant, bar and lounge, coffee and sandwich bistro, and room service. I look forward to a challenging yet fulfilling opportunity as I start branding myself within the Marriott brand! Look out Baltimore, here I come!

Fox Chapel Golf Club

By Filip Rams

Fox Chapel Golf Club is one of the leading family clubs in Pittsburgh and one of the finest in the nation. Established in around 1923, Fox Chapel Golf Club has a very long tradition of golf and tennis. The Club consists of an 18 Hole golf course named after Seth Raynor. The golf course is consistently ranked among the Top 100 classic courses in the nation. Moreover, the club features a heated L-shaped Olympic-size pool and baby pool, as well as a playground that provides fun for kids. The club offers “Junior Sports Adventure” which is a fun-filled week of professional instruction in golf, tennis and swimming for children ages 6 through 12.

During the summer months, Fox Chapel Golf Club utilizes six Har-Tru outdoor tennis courts. I will be working under and assisting Craig Perry who is the Director of Tennis at Fox Chapel Golf Club in day to day operations. My internship responsibilities will include office work, marketing, coordinating operations between golf, tennis entities, and club house. Moreover, I am required to supervise the front desk operations and pro shop, and also assist the Director of Tennis in any other necessary functions.
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Good luck to all of our seniors going on internships! STHM Pride!

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-Jeffrey Montague

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