CAREER INITIATIVE (CI) PROGRESS

1. “Taking Initiative,” the L&S Second-Year Career Development course (Inter-LS 210) is in its third week and off to a great start. The course, led by Associate Dean Greg Downey, has already begun to show a positive impact on students in the course. As just one example: one student wrote to his alumni mentor, “I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for speaking with us....the discussion was a helpful start and offered a fresh perspective on navigating our future college/career path.”

2. The Career Initiative team has developed a pilot employer partnership program for the 2015-16 academic year and will limit partnerships to four employers for this period. Currently the group is in discussions with American Family Insurance, who sought out L&S Career Initiative participation, as part of a ten-year agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Milwaukee Bucks have also reached out to the Career Initiative to join the pilot partnership program.

3. We are very excited to learn that Provost Sarah Mangelsdorf will present the L&S Career Initiative to the Board of Regents’ Education Committee on Thursday, 2/5/2015.

4. Students are filling the Career Kickstart program in Ogg Hall rapidly. Currently 448 students have signed up, leaving only 152 spaces remaining. At this time last year, Ogg Hall only had half that amount committed to live in the building. Students are reporting excitement about kick-starting their career preparation.

SPRING CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR – THIS WEEK

Thursday, 2/5/2015, from 4-8 pm at the Kohl Center

More than 175 local, regional and national employers will attend this career fair, the largest of the semester, eager to recruit UW students. This event is open to all students and alumni. Take a look at the guide book, a helpful resource with sample questions for recruiters, tips on how students can maximize their time at the fair, employer lists and descriptions, and a list of open positions. The Career Initiative wants to acknowledge the great work done by schools/college, offices, and individuals around campus to make this event happen.

☀️ BRIGHT SPOT

One of our priorities on the L&S Career Initiative is to identify excellent programs and services across the College of Letters & Science that support undergraduate career preparation. Take a moment to review this invaluable resource for students pursuing careers in government, politics and policy, regardless of major.

The Government, Politics, and Policy Careers Webpage is a robust resource that teaches students about careers in government at the city, county, state, and federal levels as well as careers in policy-related organizations. Student interest in these industries has been strong, but applying for these positions can be quite confusing. The L&S Career Services office has a dedicated professional in Marie Koko, who is a fully trained Certified Federal Career Coach and Certified Federal Job Search Trainer—one of the few in the country—to assist students in identifying appropriate-level positions and guide them through the application process.

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