EPICS WELCOME

Welcome back and we hope that you had a great holiday break! Winter quarter is shaping up to be a busy one, but one that will provide many opportunities to learn more about what is happening in the creative sectors and what you can do to further prepare yourself for the job market.

This quarter will continue to provide opportunities for attending our EPICS Connections Speaker Series, Leadership Journeys, and to meet with employers through our annual Job and Internship fair. This quarter is also the time to keep a watchful eye on internship opportunities and when you should be actively applying for internship opportunities each week (more on that below).

Stay up to date with all that EPICS is doing this quarter by connecting with us on social media and by following our blog. We are looking forward to working with you this quarter!

SOCONNECT

We will be adding summer internship postings on a weekly basis so please make sure that you have access to SoConnect and are actively looking for new postings or setting up job alerts. Beyond searching and applying for internship opportunities, SoConnect allows you to:

- Register your internship experience for credit
- Request and view career coaching appointments with the EPICS staff
- Upload multiple resumes, cover letters, clips, and other documents
- Set automatic notifications to announce when new postings hit the database
- Save settings for job searches to be used again at the click of a button
- Register/RSPV for EPICS programming and workshops

To log in and get started working with SoConnect, go to the student login page. A student guide for using SoConnect can also be found here.

If you are having problems accessing SoConnect, contact the NUIT Support Center at 847-491-HELP (4357).

CAREER COACHING HOURS

Colin’s appointments are scheduled in advance through SoConnect and provide the opportunity for you to discuss your individual career questions or review your application materials. His appointment hours for this quarter include:

- Mondays (12 – 2pm)
- Tuesdays (12 – 2pm)
- Wednesdays (12 – 2pm)
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Winter quarter is the time to be closely tracking and applying for summer internship opportunities. Colin will be detailing the internship application process during the first MSLCE Professional Development workshop, but as you are researching opportunities make sure that you are looking for internships that offer:

- 24 hours a week of on site experience
- Substantive work detailed in a clear job description
- Regular supervision from a supervisor working in the same functional area as your role
- Work and supervision that is closely related to the MSLCE program and curriculum

SOCONNECT OPPORTUNITIES

Make sure to follow EPICS on social media and through our blog where you can regularly find our Weekly Round-Up of new internship postings within the system.

JANUARY CAREER FAIRS

NCA’S Winter Internship & Job Fair
NCA will be hosting their annual winter career fair on Tuesday, January 12 & Wednesday, January 13 from 12 to 4 p.m. in Norris. Employers hiring for internships and full-time opportunities include: Colgate-Palmolive, Shedd Aquarium, Macy’s, Citizen Schools, PepsiCo, Visa, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Accenture and more, with different employers attending each day. Sign up beginning at 12 p.m. for a free professional photo (first-come, first-served with limited space). Students must bring their Wildcard and resumes, and dress in business professional attire.
Log into CareerCat to RSVP

SoC & Medill Internship & Job Fair
RSVP and attend this year’s Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, January 27th from 10-3 in Norris. Meet employers and learn about job and internship opportunities. There are over 35 employers who have already registered! Some of the employers represented include: Apple, Energy BBDO, Havas Worldwide Chicago, Mudlark Theatre Company, and The Mill!

Prepare by attending a Fair Prep Session. No RSVP required:
Attend one of the career fair preparation workshops listed below and sharpen up your resume, get your business attire ready, and research the companies attending so you can practice telling recruiters why you are a good fit for their organization:

- Friday, January 15th 12:00 - 1:00pm, location TBD.
- Tuesday, January 19th 6:00 - 7:00pm, Louis Hall 119.
- Wednesday, January 20th 6:00 - 7:00pm, Frances Searle 1-483.
- Monday, January 25th 5:00 - 6pm, location TBD.

We hope to see you at the career fair. A resume is necessary for entrance, business attire is strongly encouraged!
EPICS WINTER QUARTER EVENTS

EPICS programs are available for you to take advantage of beyond the events within the MSLCE program, so please make sure to keep up with our calendar and social media for events each quarter. We currently have the following events for the winter quarter confirmed and you can always RSVP through the EPICS calendar.

MSLCE SPEAKER SERIES

Our MSLCE Speaker Series agenda is confirmed and we’re very excited about the guests that we are bringing to campus!

- **Thursday, Jan 7 | Jane Gottlieb, VP/Executive Producer at CBS**
  5:15pm | Frances Searle - Room 1-441

- **Thursday, Feb 1 | Harry Gottlieb, Founder of Jellyvision and Jackbox Games**
  5:15pm | Frances Searle - Room 1-441

- **Thursday, Mar 3 | Mark Hoebee, Artistic Director at Paper Mill Playhouse**
  5:15pm | Frances Searle - Room 1-441

If you are interested in viewing our series from the fall and last year, you can follow the link below and view each individual session [log in with your NetID and password](#).

MSLCE INDUSTRY IMMERSION SITE VISITS

As a part of the MSLCE Professional Development course, we have arranged for a few visits to creative organizations in Chicago. You will have the opportunity to select your site preference based on your interest in the organization and the time/date for the visit, but due to restrictions on the size of the groups that can attend we cannot guarantee your first choice. If there is availability to attend more than 1 visit, we will provide an announcement. Our winter visits will include:

- **Feb. 5th | 2 pm - National Museum of Mexican Art**
- **Feb. 26th | TBD – Goodman Theatre**

MSLCE SPRING INDUSTRY IMMERSION TREKS

The MSLCE Industry Immersion Treks during spring break (3/21 – 3/25) will allow current full time students (part time students can elect the academic year in which they will participate in the Industry Immersion trek) the opportunity to visit either New York or Los Angeles.

The Industry Immersion treks provide students with the opportunity to meet and engage with professionals through individual talks and through site visits. Updates on who you will be engaging with on the treks will follow in February through the Professional Development course.

QUESTIONS?

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