Alumni Updates

Chris Andrade ’13 GIEP/CHE relocated to Mount Vernon, Illinois after graduation to begin the Manufacturing/Engineering Trainee Program at Continental in July, where he will rotate between Illinois, Germany, and China. He also recently became engaged.

Holly [Olsen] Bailey ’01 GIEP/CVE finished her first year as an online math teacher for Florida Virtual School.

Colleen Black ’10 FIEP/POCE just completed her first year of a Coastal and Ocean Engineering Master’s degree program at Oregon State University.

Nicole Bonvouloir’13 FIEP/MCE will begin working in a rotational program at Kalmatics Corp., an aerospace company in Bloomfield, CT, in September.

Dara Clough ’03 SIEP/CVE and her husband Jason welcomed a baby girl, Camdyn Lucie, in December. Dara currently works as an IT Engineer at Bryant Associates, Inc. in Lincoln, RI.

Eric Collette ’11 SIEP/CVE will be graduating from Texas A&M this August and starting work as a Petroleum Engineer with Marathon Oil in North Dakota.

Elena Dempsey ’13 CIBP/Global Business relocated to Reston, VA after graduation to start a rotational graduate program with Volkswagen Group of America. Elena is one of only 16 selected out of 850 applicants.

Dennis Franke ’01-’02 TU-BS exchange has been working for “Robert Bosch GmbH” in Braunschweig since Sept. 2004. He recently switched functions from project management in the division of braking systems to sales in electronic drives. His customers include Audi, Porsche, and VW. This July, he enjoyed a three-week trip to Oregon in the U.S. with the whole family, his first visit back since his URI exchange year in 2001/2002.

Ashley Gracias ’13 SIEP/MCE relocated to Connecticut after graduation to begin working in the New Product Development Department at Gerber Scientific designing and building cutters with new designs and features, installing them at customer sites, and communicating with customers about the products.

Brendan Greashel ’13 GIEP/MCE moved to Germany after graduation to start the International Management Trainee Program at ZF. He will begin his first project at the R&D Center in Duising, a small town in the north of Germany, followed by rotations elsewhere in Germany and in the U.S.

Adam Hanks ’11 FIEP/CVE now works as a Product Development Engineer for Toyoya Plastics in North Kingstown, RI.

Sarah (Gabryluk) Koenig ’07 FIEP/CVE just started a new position at UTC Aerospherics as a Systems Engineering Manager for Southeast Asia.

Temitiolu Kusenmu’10 FIEP/CVE is currently a structural engineering EIT with HDR Engineering Inc. in Corpus Christi, Texas, working with the ports and harbors group in the maritime market.

Filip Losowski ’09 GIEP/CVE was recently promoted to Regional Sales Manager for Supfina in North Kingstown, RI.

Stefan Maretzki ’06 Dual Masters (TU-BS) started a new job at IMS, an engineering office in Hamburg, this July. He previously worked at Bilfinger SE for six years. The new job requires less travel, allowing more time at home with two-year-old Jesper.

Alissa McKechnie ’13 GIEP/MCE began a job at Enteprise in Billerica, MA after graduation. She works on Solid Works and also integrates and chemical reaction testing of the filters they make.

Friederike Vollenberg ’09 Dual Masters (TU-BS) visited the IEP in September. She has completed career opportunities at ZF after graduation to about 20 American and German students.

She has already traveled to the company’s Minnesota location, and will be heading to Japan next.

Andrew Moakes ’13 GIEP/MCE moved to Germany after graduation and started an internship at IAV Berlin. This October he will be working in ZF’s Graduate Trainee Program. He’s excited about his new job and can’t wait to get started.

Drape Paben ’09 German/BUS, Mgmt. was recently promoted to Director of IT Procurement for Siemens in North America.

Ben Potter ’06 GIEP/OCE moved to California to work as a design engineer in the bicycle industry after six years of Design and Systems Engineering with the Navy. He now works for Sram, a global bicycle component design company with offices all over the world. He is on the team that deals with global design and manufacturing issues, works with professional race teams, and helps to encourage high brand awareness. He uses his German language skills and travels internationally on a regular basis.

Stephen Schönfeld’08 Fall TU-BS exchange moved to Atlanta last year and currently works for a German logistics company that specializes in automotive parts logistics in Jilin, Jliting, etc.

Mike Schroff ’00 GIEP/MCE left ZF in 2010 to become a business intelligence consultant in Chicago.

Meghan (Collins) Soens ’09 SIEP/BME/ELLE was promoted to Global Marketing Manager at Boston Scientific Endoscopy. She manages a team of four product managers and is responsible for upstream and downstream marketing and product development of medical devices in the U.S., Europe, and key markets in Asia.

Andrew Walker ’13 SIEP/CHE began a new job after graduation in Manufacturing at Amenta in West Greenich, RI.

Dr. Sigrid Berka
Executive Director

Thank you to those who have represented the IEP at conferences, high schools, high school fairs, institute visits, company presentations, IEP preparation and board meetings this year.

Romain Alferos ’10 FIEP Jennifer (Dahl) Alderson ’09 GIEP Yldania (Polanco) Carrasco ’03 SIEP Matt Dunham ’09 GIEP John Ellwood ’06 GIEP

Thank you to Barbara Brunini ’92 GIEP and Joe O’Hearn ’92 GIEP for their ongoing IEP scholarship contributions.

Robert Thompson ’09 Dual Masters (TU-BS) Steven Wojciechowski ’93 GIEP

We always have opportunities for alumni to stay involved in the IEP, and we appreciate all your efforts to do so. Please keep up your enthusiasm for our unique program!

–Dr. Sigrid Berka
IEP Alumni BBQ in Kingston, RI

Congratulations To This Year’s Grads!

Chinese
- Christopher Andtrakia - Chemical Eng.
- Ruben Auer (Chinese minor) - Mechanical Eng.
- Alisa McKechnie - Mechanical Eng.
- Elena Dempsey (IBP) - Global Business Mgmt.
- Patrick Slavin (IBP) - Marketing

French
- Nicole Bonrouxuir - Mechanical Eng.
- Daniel Miller - Chemical Eng.

German
- Nicholas Beretta - Biomedical Eng.
- Johnathan Farnsworth - Mechanical Eng.
- Brendan Greash - Industrial & Systems Eng.
- Neil McCaffrey - Biomedical Eng.
- Andrew Moakes - Mechanical Eng.
- Julia Roter-Hanna - Chemical Eng.
- Andrew Ruggeri - Electrical Eng.
- Donna Salamey - Biomedical, Electrical Eng.
- Stephen Suviajan - Mechanical Eng.
- Sean Taylor - Mechanical Eng.
- Daniel Belzey (IBP) - Global Business Mgmt.
- Jonathan Schultz (IBP) - Global Business Mgmt.

Spanish
- Joshua Borcuk - Mechanical Eng.
- Kelly Cesare - Chemical Eng.
- Bryce Connors - Chemical Eng.
- Lula Gonzales - Civil Eng.
- Ashley Gracia - Mechanical Eng.
- Matthew Perkins - Ocean Eng.
- Lauren Schambach - Ocean Eng.
- Andrew Walker - Chemical Eng.
- Beatrice Pratt (CELS) - Microbiology

This year’s grads have accepted offers from companies and graduate programs in the U.S. and abroad, including:
- Amgen (Rhode Island)
- ComEd, Exelon (Illinois)
- Continental (Illinois/Germany/China)
- EMD Millipore (New Hampshire)
- Entegris (Massachusetts)
- Gettier Scientific (Connecticut)
- Hexagon Metrology (Michigan)
- Kaman Corp. (Connecticut)
- Navatek Ltd. (Rhode Island)
- Ri-DOT (Rhode Island)
- Setacude Technologies (Massachusetts)
- URI/TU-BS Dual Masters (Rhode Island/Germany)
- Volkswagen (Virginia)
- ZF Friedrichshafen AG (Germany)

IEP Internship Placements 2013

- Germany
  - Lauren Boltz - Emitec, Eisenach
  - Whitney Clark - Osram Opto Semiconductors, Regensburg
  - Nicholas Del Greco - Deutsche Bahn, Berlin
  - Andre Hofman - ZF, Schaefflert
  - Christina Liese - Siemens, München
  - William Machado - IAV, Gilhorn
  - Jonathan Morasutti - Tennet Offshore, Lehnhe
  - David Powers - Deutsche Bahn, Kassel
  - Emily Serman - Zueblin, Stuttgart
  - Andrew Sharkey - Experimentierstation Obstbau, Schlaichters
  - Daniel Spader - Hexagon Metrology, Wetzlar
  - Fard Topchooy - Bayer, Leverkusen
  - Aaron Zarenski - Bosch, Stuttgart
  - Kareem Hant (IBP) - UniCredit (Hypovereinsbank), München

- France
  - Kayla Belanger - Rhodia, Saint Fons
  - Christian Faria - Schneider Electric, Montpeller
  - Michael Gardner - Université de Pau à Anglet, Anglet
  - Ben Jacques - ENERCAP, Lyon
  - Zachary Lorusso - LMS Imagine, Lyon
  - Edward Thomas - UTC Laboratoires, Compiègne

- Spain
  - John Adley - SAMTACK, Barcelona
  - Maria Briones - CEIT, San Sebastian
  - Brad Clark - Abengoa, Sevilla
  - Jessica Damiutti - IFS, Madrid
  - Richard Higginbotham - Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragosa
  - Alec Kaja - 3P Biopharmaceuticals, Noain

Fullbright Scholarship: Daniel Belzey (GIBP)
DAAD Study Abroad: Katie Wright (GIEP)
DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship: Eli Lamoth (GIEP)
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2013 Beatrice S. Demers Scholarship Recipients:
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- Elia Lamoth (GIEP) - Nicholas Zentiffo (CIBP)

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Hoffmann, Andy Marchesseault '05 GIEP, Wilhelm Hoffmann, & Ray Penza '09 GIEP.

DiGiulio '11 GIEP, GIEP, Matt Dunham '09 GIEP, Dan Danckert '12 & Wright, Katie Wright, Dean of Arts and Sciences Winnie Brown, Dean of Engineering Rey Wright, Katie Wright, & Jeff Borden '09 FIEP.

Congratulations Angela!

IAV, Gilhorn

DTI/DOT, Stuttgart

Deutsche Bahn, Kassel

Navatek Ltd. (Rhode Island)

Zueblin, Stuttgart

Deutsche Bahn, Berlin

Kamalhoti Corp. (Connecticut)

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Niels Bo grocery (GIEP)

Japanese

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Netherlands

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French

Carol Grantham, Executive Director Emeritus John Grantham, IEP Chef Mark Schoenweiss, 6 Yldania Carrasco '03 GIEP

Left: Dennis Huphey '09 GIEP.

Right: Colleen Grinham '12 GIEP, Assistant Director for the IEP Living & Learning Community Angela Graney, & IEP Executive Director Sigrid Berka.

Ivan Huphey '09 GIEP.

Below: Shenita Daines '06 GIEP. & Lee Cheesethy.

Above: Executive Director Sigrid Berka welcomes alumni and kicks off the raffle, assisted by Grace Riley.

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