Alumni Updates

Chris Andraka '13 GIEP/MCE started in a new position as Division 1 Lead Engineer - Moving of Continental Tire in Illinois. Ylidana Carrasco '03 SIEP/MSE welcomed her 3rd child, Arianna Carrasco in February 2014.

Kyle Chase '12 GIEP/MCE was accepted to the University of South Carolina’s International MBA program and will be beginning in July.

In November (just after Colorado law changed in October to recognize same-sex marriage), Kaylen Haley '03 GIEP/BME married Kaylen Stinson URI '04. She and her wife still live just outside Denver, Colorado. Kaylen also took on a new position within Covidien/Medtronic in March as a Development Program Manager - her team is focused on developing procedural solutions to improve the lives of lung cancer patients.

Jarrod Pierce '10 GIEP/MCE married Sara Pierce in September 2013. Jarrod lives in North Kingstown, RI and works at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Franklin, MA.


Ines Walther ’01-’02 TU-BS exchange student in the International MBA program and will be attending the University of South Carolina’s International MBA program and will be beginning in July.


J-Term Study Tours

This winter, IEP students participated in J-Term study tours to Chile, France, and Germany.

GIEP, Meghan Soens SIEP '15, and Martha Ziołkowska FIIEP '10 will provide valuable advice and strategic guidance along with our more seasoned board members in helping us manage the growing IEP.

For their outstanding support of the IEP, both received honorary doctoral degrees from the college of Engineering, Arts & Sciences, and the cause of foreign language education in the state.

Please take note of another big celebration to come: the IEP’s 30th Anniversary. We hope to welcome many of our academic and corporate partners as well as numerous alumni from around the world to the Kingston campus in late Spring 2017 (date TBD)....

Wishing you my very best for a good summer!”

--Sigrid Berka
IEP Internship Placements 2015

IEP Directors made 45 international internship placements in 2015, our largest group to date. As of 1990, over 550 students have completed internships through the International Engineering Program. See below for the list of where this year’s interns landed:

**Chinese IEP**
- Chris Kardaras (Political Sci.)
- Insigna HengTian (Hangzhou, China)
- Alex Lam
- Offshore Pipelines & Risers (Hangzhou, China)
- Sam Leblanc
- Sentinel Tech (Taijin, China)
- Kailynn von Dettum (IBP)
- Insigna HengTian (Hangzhou, China)

**French IEP**
- Kelley Conahan
- Medinoll (Jouac, France)
- Arielle De Souza
- CEREMA (Compèigne, France)
- Amanda Junkins
- Medinoll (Jouac, France)
- Patrick Moran
- Bouguées Construction (Marseille, France)
- Katie Noonan
- École des Hautes Études en Santé Publique (Rennes, France)

**German IEP**
- Boris Babic (IBP)
- VW (Wolfsburg, Germany)
- Ian Calise
- Bayer (Levernksen, Germany)
- Joseph Purdon
- IAV (Gihorn, Germany)
- Max Guterrez
- Maurer Söhne (München, Germany)
- Lucas Hansen
- DB Schenker (Mainz, Germany)
- Lucas Hohl-Marchetta
- Beinbauer Automotive (Büchberg, Germany)
- Bryce Holden
- Bosch (Stuttgart, Germany)
- Paul Innz
- DB Systel (Frankfurt, Germany)
- Ian Mace
- ZF (Friedrichshafen, Germany)
- Kevin Matthews
- IAV (Gihorn, Germany)
- Patrick McNamara
- Meyer Werft (Papenburg, Germany)
- Jacob Ommberger
- Bayer (Levernksen, Germany)
- Conor O’Neill
- Meyer Werft (Papenburg, Germany)
- Matthew Polack
- Continental (Hannover, Germany)
- Nastasia Ritting
- Siemens (München, Germany)
- Joseph Rocchio
- BASF (Ludwigshafen, Germany)
- Sarah Steichen
- Osram Opto Semiconductors (Regensburg, Germany)
- Joseph Sullivan
- BP Mineralö (Gelsenkirchen, Germany)
- Riley Tuttle
- IAV (Gihorn, Germany)
- Elizabeth Wynn
- Bayer (Levernksen, Germany)

**Spanish IEP**
- Norman Blanchard
- BASF Chile (Concolín, Chile)
- Katie Brown
- NBC (Curanuma, Chile)
- Aaron Brunelle
- CREG Catalysis (Zaragoza, Spain)
- Raul Chacon
- SEAT S.A. (Barcelona, Spain)
- Jack Clark
- Puerto Ventanas (Quintero, Chile)
- Max Grabinski
- Pedelta (Barcelona, Spain)
- Jessica Havas
- NBC (Curanuma, Chile)
- Patricia Hogan
- Arup (Madrid, Spain)
- Bradley Leusner
- Geoecologia (Valparaiso, Chile)
- Jennifer McGunigal
- Hope Global (León, Mexico)
- Sean Mann
- Hope Global (León, Mexico)
- Cara Nunez
- Vademecum (Madrid, Spain)
- Nicole Nunez
- SEAT S.A. (Barcelona, Spain)
- Marcos Rodriguez
- SEAT S.A. (Barcelona, Spain)
- Nelson Sheppard
- Pedelta (Barcelona, Spain)

Meyer Werft in Papenburg, Germany, where Patrick McNamara and Conor O’Neill interned building cruise ships.

**IEP Affiliates**
- Preston Steele
- Biomedical Eng.
- Michael Smith
- Ocean Eng.
- Erik Simpanen
- Medical Eng.
- Nicholas Crowley
- Electrical Eng.
- Joseph Sullivan
- Electrical Eng.
- Sarah Watson
- Mechanical Eng.

**Honorary Degree Recipients**

Congratulations to two of our IEP Advisory Board members, who were awarded honorary doctoral degrees this May:

Angus Taylor, CEO of Hexagon Metrology and IEP board member, received an honorary Doctor of Business degree from the University of Rhode Island for his fabulous support (most notably securing a sizable grant from the Germany Ministry of Economics and Labor) and his continued educational collaboration with the program (e.g., in terms of trans-Atlantic scholarships, and our annual J-Term trips to Berlin).

Rolf-Dieter Schnelle, former Consul General of Germany in Boston and IEP board member emeritus, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Rhode Island for his fabulous support (most notably securing a sizable grant from the Germany Ministry of Economics and Labor) and his continued educational collaboration with the program (e.g., in terms of trans-Atlantic scholarships, and our annual J-Term trips to Berlin).

Left to right: Rolf-Dieter Schnelle, Provost DalHays, Angus Taylor, Dean Wright.