

# 10 CAREER-PREPARATION ADVANTAGES

AT CENTRE COLLEGE



IT'S NO ACCIDENT THAT CENTRE ALUMNI ARE THE NATION'S MOST LOYAL AND AMONG THE NATION'S MOST SUCCESSFUL. FOLLOWING ARE 10 REASONS WHY.

## 1 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PREPARATION

It all begins here. Working one-to-one with world-class faculty members who are dedicated to the intellectual and personal growth of their students gives you a head start on your career and on life. Opportunities for joint research, travel to and participation in professional meetings, and publication quickly give you an insider's view of an academic field and its career possibilities. You learn more and progress faster. And the breadth of Centre's approach enables you to see the big picture and adapt successfully to the rapid change of today's work scene. Add to this the benefits of participation in Centre's nationally recognized study-abroad program, and you quickly see why Centre graduates attain extraordinary success in today's knowledge-oriented, global economy.

## 2 EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS

Centre is a residential college. Most students live on the Danville campus and interact not just in the classroom, but everywhere. This, combined with the College's intimate size, means you end up getting to know many more people than is typical in a large, impersonal university setting. In addition, the College provides, in the words of *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, "extensive and intensive extracurricular opportunities." And the experience of successfully adapting to life in a foreign country through our nationally recognized foreign-study program develops knowledge and skills that provide enormous advantages in today's global marketplace.

## 3 CAREER ROADMAP PLUS FREE ASSISTANCE FOR LIFE

The Center for Career & Professional Development offers a Career Roadmap, a helpful resource to guide students through their career and professional development during their four years at Centre. Students are given this roadmap in the beginning of their first year and are encouraged to meet regularly with their career counselor, who can guide them through their Roadmap. Through this office, students are assigned a career counselor, receive a CentreWorks account, and have access to a network of supportive Centre alumni

through the Career Mentor Network. Additionally, all of the resources and assistance offered by the Center for Career & Professional Development are available to alumni after graduation free of charge.

## 4 CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY FOR CAREER EXPLORATION AND JOB SEARCH

Now for the high-tech part. For self-discovery and career exploration, the Center for Career & Professional Development offers both tried-and-true assessments such as the Strong Interest Inventory and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and new, cutting-edge assessments such as YouScience. There are also a wealth of online major and career exploration tools on the "Explore Majors & Careers" section of the Center for Career & Professional Development's website. For internship and job opportunities, there is CentreWorks, a comprehensive online database of over 800 internships and jobs posted just for Centre students; [internships.com](http://internships.com); and numerous links on both the "Summer Internships Resources" and "Jobs by Career Field" pages on the website. These and other online resources provide easy access to a vast array of tools to help you identify your skills and interests, explore majors and career fields, and locate and apply for internships, jobs, and graduate schools.

## 5 AVAILABILITY OF INTERNSHIPS

Internships are an invaluable way to "test-drive" possible careers and gain relevant experience. Centre has an extensive internship program that allows you to gain valuable professional experience while earning academic credit. Examples of recent internships include Amnesty International, Denver Art Museum, Harlem Children's Zone, Johns Hopkins University, Lockheed Martin, N.I.H., Save the Children, The Nature Conservancy, Toyota, U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Senate. The Center for Career & Professional Development assists students in locating and applying for internships, as well as applying for Centre's internship funding programs.

## 6 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*"There's a little college down in Kentucky which in 60 years has graduated more men who have acquired prominence and fame than has Princeton in her 150 years."*—Woodrow Wilson

Among many others, Woodrow Wilson (America's 28th president) commented on Centre's remarkable tradition of producing leaders. That tradition is becoming even richer. Our small size and group-oriented approach to social life and many academic activities make multiple opportunities for leadership development available to all students. You can participate in campus government, on social activities committees, in volunteer projects, or in a variety of clubs and special-interest organizations on campus (including career-related groups such as the Pre-Med, Pre-Law, and Pre-Vet Societies). And we have special opportunities such as our Brown Leadership Program that enables students to travel and meet with successful leaders from around the country, or our Bonner Program that helps students develop leadership abilities in a community-service context.

## 7 GREATER ACCESS TO TOP GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The outstanding academic preparation Centre students receive, the College's reputation for producing top-notch graduates, and four years of one-to-one advising are big pluses in securing admission to leading advanced-study programs. Because Centre faculty know their students personally and often work with them on research and other projects, they can give individually tailored career advice and more personal, highly effective letters of recommendation. In addition, all faculty members are available to provide career and advanced-study counseling to interested students regardless of major. Centre also designates some faculty members as expert advisors in specific fields including pre-med, pre-law, pre-business, pre-nursing, pre-vet, pre-dentistry, pre-physical therapy, pre-pharmacy, and pre-physician assistant.

## 8 NATIONALLY KNOWN ALUMNI NETWORK

In addition to being the nation's most loyal, our alumni are also some of the nation's most supportive. They take a keen interest in the College's students and help facilitate their career and professional development by giving presentations on specific career fields (through our Career Chats) and professionalism topics (through our Emerging Professionals series), and providing job and internship leads. The Career Mentor Network, hosted by the Center for Career & Professional Development, provides students with direct access to a wide array of alumni in their career field(s) of interest.

## 9 EFFECTIVE JOB INTERVIEW TRAINING

The Center for Career & Professional Development offers assistance with job interview skills and strategies. In addition, you can go through practice interviews and then review your performance with a professional to pinpoint areas in which you're strong and areas that need improvement.

## 10 COMPREHENSIVE CAREER INFORMATION

The Center for Career & Professional Development website contains a vast array of resources on major and career exploration, internships and internship funding, job searching, and graduate and professional schools. The Center for Career & Professional Development also maintains an unusually comprehensive library of career-related materials. These include books and other resources on a variety of career fields as well as information on graduate and professional schools, graduate admissions test preparation, and job search resources. The library also contains major profiles describing connections between the College's academic programs and possible career fields.



The Center for Career & Professional Development in Old Carnegie contains major profiles describing connections between the College's academic programs and typical career fields and graduate schools.

## VISIT CENTRE

The best way to judge Centre is to tour the campus, talk to the professors and students, attend a class, and spend the night in a residence hall. We invite you to visit and encourage you to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions.

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