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Beyond the Search Bar: How the Career Planning Gave Me A Competitive Advantage



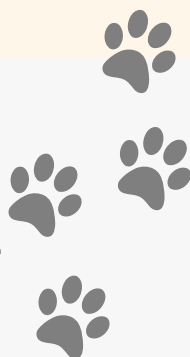
During late fall of 2025, I decided to visit the Career Planning office. I had applied for several internships but hadn't heard back from any, so I wanted a second opinion and more guidance. I went in during drop-in hours and met with Janna. She helped me find niche internships that hadn't even opened yet. She helped me update my resume and provided me with valuable contacts.

I ended up applying for The Ally Challenge Internship—the very first one she suggested—and I'll be working there this summer! Career Planning gave me a competitive advantage by helping me apply early for opportunities I never would have found on my own.

-Rylie Yuhas

Tip: Reset Your Strategy:
If you've sent out applications and aren't hearing back, don't keep doing the same thing! A chat with Career Planning staff can help you pivot your strategy, uncover why your resume isn't sticking, and point you toward a more successful path.

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ANNUAL: TAKE A BULLDOG TO WORK DAY

THIS SPRING CELEBRATES THE 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TAKE A BULLDOG TO WORK DAY

The Institute for Career Planning organized its annual Take a Bulldog to Work Day program to give Adrian College students the opportunity to experience a day in their chosen career field.

Some of the sites included:

- Creek Enterprise
- Fox 47
- Adrian College Office of the Vice President of Business Affairs



The Next Chapter Event: From Student to Alumni - Building Connections *for What Comes Next*

This spring semester the Institute for Career Planning partnered with Dr. Karen Keune and her Leadership and Professional Networking course to host a Networking Event preparing students for what comes next after Adrian College.

The event started with a networking reception followed by a panel discussion. Alumni spoke about their preparation before graduation, interviewing advice, networking, and so much more.

We are so fortunate to have these professionals share their tips for success.



Guests (left to right) : Ryan Boyd '22, Emily West -Assistant Director of Career Planning, Eric Himich - Cintas '07, JR Smith '88, Alivia Depies - Cintas '25, Bailey Mruzik '22, Elijah Dealca '26, Jenna Cleary '11, and Joshua Ray '22

Student Employee of the Month

January



Blake Christianson

nominated by his supervisors, Jacob Conklin & Alessandra Gigliotti

February



Zoe Greenbaum

nominated by her supervisor, Jun Tsuji

March



Connor Ferkalo

nominated by his supervisor, Ashlee Griffis



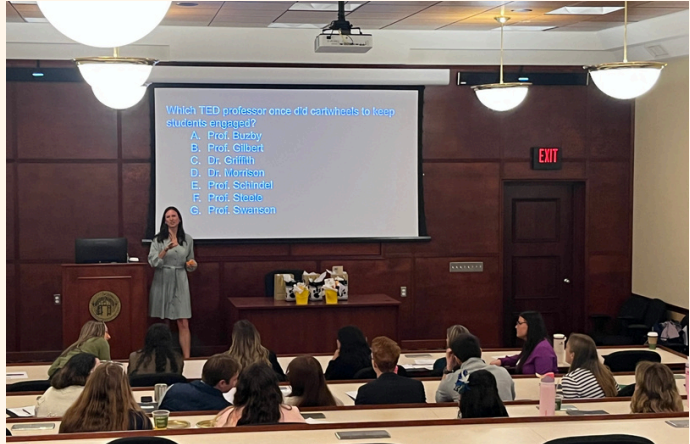
Swag Bag Winner

Blake Christianson!

These young professionals are building the skills that will carry them into their future careers. Thank you to the supervisors for taking the time to recognize these “rising stars” who show up and help make a big impact to our departments.

College to Classroom

Stepping out of the classroom as a student and into the classroom as a professional is a monumental transition. These students have spent years preparing for the classroom; now, they are preparing to land the job! College to Classroom is an annual program organized by Career Planning in partnership with the Teacher Education department to bridge that gap.



Meet the Interns:

Ethan DeBerry, Senior
Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science
Minor in Business Administration

Tony Rao, Junior
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Actuarial Science
Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science



The Institute for Career Planning office is proud to recognize the innovative work of our interns, Tony and Ethan. Leveraging their backgrounds in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Business, they are transforming how our office utilizes data to support student outcomes.

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