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- “For two and a half days we immersed ourselves in public policy with some of the most respected policy makers inside the Beltway.”

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From The Director

Hi Everyone!

Can it really be past Thanksgiving already???

Autumn quarter is winding down and the holiday season is upon us! So much is happening here that it has really crept up on me.

The juniors and seniors attended a forum recently, sponsored by UC's International Programs office on global business and events, based upon the best selling book, "The World is Flat". Several panelists from the business community took part and shared their thoughts on globalization, and everyone I've talked to found it very thought provoking. The next day our freshmen and sophomores attended one of their Leadership Cincinnati Seminars – this one on Human Services in the greater Cincinnati area, led by staff from The United Way. The purpose of this series of seminars is to educate our students

about aspects of the community that they need to be aware of, but probably aren't exposed to on a daily basis. The series includes seminars on Human Services, Government, Fine Arts, and Economic Development.

We'll be sending out our Annual Report for the last academic year soon, so watch your mail! Soon to follow will be our Senior Resume book for this year's graduating class who, by the way, are already landing some great jobs. Ashley Dugan and Sebastien Schultz are graduating early this December. Ashley's accepted a position with BASES in Marketing Research, and Sebastien's going to pursue playing drums with his rock and roll band for the foreseeable future. This is no ordinary band: They won a competition last summer for a spot on the program at Lollapalooza and played there while

being treated like royalty – were put up at a great hotel, ferried around in golf carts, attended all of the back stage events – and have been working on a recording deal. Best of luck to both of you!!!

I also want to welcome Ryann Noble to our Honors-PLUS staff this winter. Ryann will be working for us full-time as a co-op, returning to school in the spring to graduate. We are all so happy to have her with us during the freshman interviewing and recruiting season! Welcome Ryann!

Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and joyful holiday season!!!

Jeri Ricketts

Co-Op of the Month - PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

by: Alex Huang

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is one of the biggest global companies and is the leading accounting firm among the group commonly known as the Big 4. This past summer, I had the privilege to work for *PricewaterhouseCoopers* and I intend to stay with the firm for my next quarter of CO-OP as well.



(Alex Huang)

My internship began with a meeting with the other interns and the recruiter at the Cincinnati office, where we were introduced to some of the staff and given a tour of the office. The weekend after spring finals, I traveled to Dallas, Texas for training. I went through extensive 7 hour training at the Dallas office, with new hires from all over the country. At training we were given a company computer and other tools that we would need to prepare for our jobs. I flew back to Dayton that night and my first day of work was the next day.

I was under the IFS department, which is an acronym for Internal

Firm Services. Since I had only one year under my belt, I remained in the Cincinnati office, while all the other interns, who had completed at least 3 years of college, reported to clients' offices. I was a bit discouraged at first, but I later realized that working in the office provided great insight. By working through IFS, I was able to do work with all departments, such as broad perspective of *PwC* as a tax and assurance, giving me a whole.

When I first got this job, I never could have imagined that I would be doing work for some of the most powerful companies in the world, such as Microsoft and P&G. During my time at the company I worked on projects ranging from billing clients to helping out with lawsuits. I was also involved in a major business acquisition project. The diverse working experience that I was exposed to broadened my knowledge as well as my vision in the business world extensively.

In addition to working on projects that involved other clients, I was in charge of organizing a pre-hire event in Dayton. I also helped with the planning and execution of several alumni/client gatherings, aided in organizing the company's July 4th Celebration, and participated

in national webcasts given by *PwC*'s leaders.

The best aspect of the intern program at *PricewaterhouseCoopers*, which I think sets it apart from any other company, is its large nationwide internship recruitment. By working with other interns, it relieved some of my fears about being the "new kid on the block." All the interns learned the operation of the firm together and we were able to learn from each others' mistakes and become good friends.

In my time with *PwC*, I learned the importance of taking responsibility. My co-workers at the office exemplified a very admirable work ethic and when I was assigned a task, I knew that I had to complete the task accurately and timely. I also learned about being professional and trusting others. When I struggled with tough projects, my coworkers would willingly help me to overcome the difficulties.

If anyone is interested in possibly starting a career with *PricewaterhouseCoopers*, do not hesitate to contact me.

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 Class of 2009

Honors-PLUS Visits the Beltway

by: Brian Delaney



For the first time, the University of Cincinnati has had the opportunity to participate with the nation's best students in an essay competition/fellowship with the *Center for the Study of the Presidency*. The CSP is a non-partisan, non profit organization that is independent of the Federal Government. The Center draws on "lessons of history and memory to strengthen Presidential leadership, organization and strategic thinking." If you want to find out more about the Center or the Fellows Program, visit www.thepresidency.org. If you browse their website, you will see UC is one of only a few public institutions represented.

Drew Jandes and I were two delegates sent from UC to compete against the top students from the most elite schools across the nation. Our fellowships entail two conferences in Washington and a research paper on the modern Presidency. Our

first conference was in late October where we presented our paper proposals and defended them amongst our peers. And the second is in April where we present our final drafts in hopes of winning publication in *Presidential Scholars Quarterly* and a chance to meet First Lady Bush and other White House dignitaries.

For two and a half days we immersed ourselves in public policy with some of the most respected policy makers inside the Beltway. We sat in on panels with senior fellows of think tanks such as the Brookings Institution, Heritage Foundation, and the American Enterprise Institute. If you ever watch Fox News or MSNBC, then chances are you have seen many of the scholars that we met with. We discussed issues such as the failures and common behaviors of second term presidencies, the War in Iraq, post WWII's Marshall Plan, and modern Presidential leadership. Assistant Managing Editor of *Newsweek*, Evan Thomas, spoke to us about the failures and issues surrounding Hurricane Katrina and national leadership. Surprisingly, he even had strong criticism for the way the media handled it.

Our final panel was probably the most interesting. It was with Colonel Bernard Liswell, a prison warden of Guantanamo Bay, Colonel Paul Hughes, Iraq Program Advisor, Brendan Fitzgibbons, Iraq Development Program, Major Alfred

Connable, Intelligence Officer, USMC. All of these panels were off the record so each of these individuals gave their honest opinion on everything related to Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. Colonel Paul Hughes, from the Dept. of Defense at the time, even gave us a behind-the-scenes view of what went on in the DoD and the White House in the months leading up to the war. The other gentlemen discussed the current security, economic, and political situation in Iraq. If you want to learn about what we discussed I encourage you to ask Drew or me. Because it was off the record it was truly fascinating. You will most likely never read or hear anything in the media of what we were given access to.

The next step for Drew and I is our papers. We have from now until March to write our research papers. After our second conference in April, I can send another update. A fellowship has been set up for future years, so if you are interested please see Jeri, Drew, or me.

Brian Delaney
Class of 2007

Linz Austria Experience

by: Christina Wagner

As part of our International Program, students attend [Johannes Kepler University](#) for 13 weeks and take 18 credits. In mid-September they do an intensive German course to give them basic communication skills and at the beginning of October they begin 12 credits of business, in English, while continuing with their German. A Business College professor accompanies our students and teaches accounting there. Students reside in a dorm and have the possibility of sharing accommodation with an Austrian student. Many students take advantage of Austria's central location to travel on the weekends.

One such student is Christina Wagner, Lindner Honors-PLUS class of 2006. She has kept me posted on her adventures and I thought it would be fun to share her experiences with you.

November 14, 2005

My trip to Prague was so great! We went with about 60 international students from JKU. REFI (the international student group) really does a great job with planning events and trips. On the way to Prague, we stopped at the Budweiser brewery. Yes, that's right. Apparently the American Budweiser company stole the name from the Czech company. I have to admit that the Czech beer is about a million times better. I'm not going to be able to drink Budweiser or Miller beer when I get back home....I've been spoiled over here. :) Anyway, Prague is absolutely amazing. It's definitely one of my favorite cities in Europe. The old town square is beautiful. Growing up when I would hear about Europe, I had this mental image of all these old colorful buildings and statues, churches everywhere, cafes and shops lining the cobble-stone streets. For me, the old town square in Prague is exactly what I always imagined Europe to be like. In Prague, we ate at a traditional Czech restaurant, went on a tour of the city (as usual), walked across the Charles Bridge, visited the Jewish quarter, walked

up the clock tower to get a great view of the city (as usual), walked across the Charles Bridge, visited the Jewish quarter, walked up the clock tower to get a great view of the city, went shopping, and went dancing at a couple discos (the reason I didn't get enough sleep).

On the way back to Linz, we stopped at this adorable little town called Cesky Krumlov that has an amazing medieval castle.

Life in Linz has been good. My classes are picking up. We did a group presentation about globalization in India last week. And now we're working on our research paper for it. Also, I've been trying to branch out from the North Americans a bit. So I've been hanging out with some kids from Sweden, Finland and Taiwan. On a semi-sad note, I think homesickness is starting to set in a little bit. It's funny because a couple weeks ago, I was saying how I wish I could stay for the whole year. And now I keep thinking about how I miss my mom and my backyard. But we made Cincinnati-style chili the other night, which helped. And we found a theater showing Elizabethtown (which is about the city in Kentucky), and it was in English and didn't even have German subtitles!

- Christina

October 24, 2005

Sorry it has been a while since my last update! As promised last time, I have a more academic update now. The classes here are set up a little differently than at UC. I have Global Accounting and German every Wednesday. I have Current Issues in Global Business on random days, and my International Finance class is an intensive class in November. So there are days I have 9 hours worth of class and days where I don't have class at all. I'm also doing an independent study in Accounting,

Information Systems. So far, my classes have been mostly reading with some group work. It's interesting doing group projects with other international students because they really rely on me since I am a native English speaker. We've had some really good discussions on issues like globalization, child labor, subsidies and government controlled businesses. I love having discussions on these topics because you can get 15 different perspectives. When I first came, I thought I would always be on the defensive about being an American. But everyone I've met has been really respectful. People here seem more interested in discussing than arguing, which is nice. So it's been a great learning experience so far. We've slowed down our traveling a little bit. Last weekend we went to Graz, Austria. It reminded me a lot of Linz. About 50 students went on the trip, which was organized by the international student group, so it was a good opportunity to meet more students. The highlight was going to an Austrian vineyard. It was a beautiful day, and we were out in the middle of nowhere, but I love places like that. We sat outside on picnic benches and tried different wines, meats and cheeses. There was an accordion player and people were dancing on tables, so it was really fun! On Saturday, a few of us took a day trip to Passau, Germany. We didn't want to go away for the weekend because we were kind of tired from all the traveling. Passau is only about an hour away, and it's a quaint and charming town....my kind of place. We did some shopping, had lattes at an outdoor cafe, and went into the cathedral that had an organ with 17,000 pipes! The interesting fact about Passau is that it is the city where three rivers (Inn, Liz, Danube) meet, so that was neat to see. Tomorrow night there is a Stammtische party, where different countries make snacks from their home. We're making M&M cookies (we couldn't find chocolate chips) and PB&J sandwiches. I know that sounds simple, but finding the right ingredients was

Linz Austria Experience, cont....

by: Christina Wagner

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quite tricky. We couldn't find baking soda anywhere, so we had to use baking powder and it miraculously worked out okay. And we don't have ovens in our dorms, so I had to go to another dorm and use theirs'. Being here has definitely made me realize the things we take for granted, like having all the proper cooking utensils sitting in the pantry. Also, I promised more information on my roommate. Her name is Jun and she is studying here for 3 years! She is getting her masters in computer science. I was asking her about her travel plans. She wants to go to London, but she said she needs to go to Vienna first and get permission to go to England since she is Chinese. I thought that was really interesting.....I never would have thought of that. Next weekend we're taking another bus trip with the international student group. We're going to Prague! That was one of the cities I visited last summer, and I LOVED it, so I'm excited to go back! I'll update you when I return! I hope you're enjoying fall back home!
-- Christina

September 28, 2005

I'm still having a great time in Europe! This past weekend was awesome. On Saturday, we went to this little Austrian village called Hallstatt. It sits right on the lake and the houses are built into the side of the mountain. It's probably the most beautiful place I have ever seen. I went there last summer on the Honors-PLUS trip and loved it, so I was really excited to go back. We also went to a town called Gmunden, which is also on a lake. We rented boats and walked around the town. Once we got back to Linz, we had about 15 minutes to pack up our stuff and head to the train station. Then we went to Munich for Oktoberfest! I stayed in a hostel for the first time, which wasn't all that bad actually. We had to get up at 6am and head right to Oktoberfest so we could be sure to get a seat. I wasn't sure what to expect, but it was definitely different than what I thought it would be.

There are 15 HUGE tents set up, and each brewery has its own tent. So there is one for the Hofbrauhaus, Lowenbrau etc. And then there are vendors and rides all around, so it feels like a huge festival or carnival. We went to the Hofbrauhaus tent (of course), which was so much fun. I went to Munich with my Kentucky and Canadian friends, and we met up with the other Americans. The Hofbrauhaus was definitely the most touristy tent, but you could still see Germans walking around in their traditional lederhosen. I'm really glad we went because you hear of people going to NYC for New Year's Eve or Mardi Gras for New Orleans, so it's neat to be able to say I went to Oktoberfest in Munich. After Oktoberfest, we spent the night and next day sightseeing. I think Munich is a great city. We saw the glockenspiel at the city hall, walked up a church steeple to get a great view of the city, went to the market, had a picnic in the English Garden, and did some shopping.

We have our first German exam on Thursday, which we're all slightly nervous about. German is definitely a challenging language. After this week, we have a week off before our regular classes start. So next week, we're going to Greece!!! I have always wanted to go there, so I'm super excited. I need to go shopping though because I wasn't planning on going to a beach during my quarter abroad in Austria.
-- Christina

September 15, 2005

As many of you know, I am in Linz, Austria studying abroad for the quarter. After successfully navigating my way through the airports in Detroit, Paris, and Munich, I arrived in Linz on Monday night. I have been pretty busy the entire time. There are lots of little things I have to take care of like getting Austrian insurance, paying rent, buying groceries, and registering for classes. It's not that big of a deal, but it is a challenge because everything is a little different than what I'm used to. Yesterday, I went on a tour

of the city. Austria is so beautiful and Linz is a really good fit for me. Although it is a very industrial city, it still has a lot of charming areas. And it's not too crowded and busy. Linz is right on the Danube River and has the neatest town square with really old colorful buildings. I'm studying at Johannes Kepler University, which is only about 40 years old and has a fairly modern campus. Being surrounded by green hills is quite a change from what I'm used to, but the random sculptures on JKU's campus do remind me of UC a little bit.

We started German lessons yesterday. There are two Wagner's in the class and my professor's last name is also Wagner. So about a tenth of the people in the room have the same last name. I know German is going to be a difficult language, but I'm actually really excited about it. We have three weeks of intensive German lessons, and then I start my business classes (which are taught in English). I've already met lots of other international students, which I'm most excited about. There are people from all over...Canada, France, China, Taiwan, Poland, Botswana, Spain, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Peru, and even another girl from Kentucky! We're going on an excursion to a monastery in upper Austria this weekend, which should be fun. And the next weekend we are going to Oktoberfest in Munich! I'll be sure to keep you updated.
-- Christina

Watch the December Newsletter for more updates!

Items of Interest

Jessica Kinnemeyer, Class of 2006, was tapped into CWEST (Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Spirit Together)

Adam Eling, Class of 2006, was tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Leadership Honors Society.

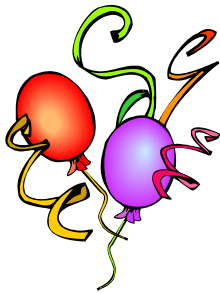
Nancy Gannon, Class of 2007 was tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa.

Carly Weiler, Class of 2008 was recently tapped into the Greek Honorary, Order of Omega.

Jessica Young, Class of 2007, was recently tapped into the Greek Honorary, Order of Omega, and also received the *Eileen Blain Rudolph Scholar Award* at the Tridelta Founder's Day Celebration.



Reminder: There is a Lindner Honors-PLUS International Trip Reunion at the Hofbrauhaus on Thursday, December 1st, from 7:00-?. Ute & Hans Papke will be joining us. Please RSVP to Dominic Berardi ASAP.



Two Lindner Honors-PLUS students, class of 2006, will be graduating this December, a little ahead of schedule. They are:



Ashley Dugan



Sebastian Schultz

Congratulations on achieving your goal!
We wish you every success!



Alumni Corner

Sarah Green, Class of 2004, has a new job. She is still living in Arizona, but she is now working for "Where Magazine" in Scottsdale, AZ as a Marketing, Circulation & Events Manager.

Kim Hais, Class of 2003, is entering her fifth year with Great American Insurance Company in Kansas City, MO. She was recently promoted to Senior Underwriter, and is spending the majority of her time traveling, mostly for work. The territories she handles include: Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Utah, parts of Missouri & Kansas & she just picked up Vancouver, Canada.

December Birthdays

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| Derek Brown | Dec. 04 |
| Matt Mezinskis | Dec. 14 |
| Jessica Carrier | Dec. 16 |
| Zach Gillerlain | Dec. 18 |
| Nancy Gannon | Dec. 21 |
| Andrew Rahe | Dec. 23 |
| Kyle Dearduff | Dec. 26 |
| Michael Rosier | Dec. 26 |
| Sarah Madrigal | Dec. 27 |
| Matt Yung | Dec. 31 |

