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- Music Hall certainly "takes my breath away!"

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From The Director

Hi Everyone!

Finals week at last!
Time for a respite!

It's break time for the students, and for us at Lindner Honors-PLUS we can actually get some work done! The first snow of the season just fell today, and it's beautiful. Christmas is coming way too soon, and there's so much to do – but it's all good stuff! How lucky are we?

The Lindner Honors-PLUS staff and students were all invited to the Lindner Christmas Party earlier this week, featuring Jessica Simpson. I'm not sure about everyone else, but I really enjoyed it, and what a voice! The party is always such a treat, and I'm continually amazed at Mr.

Lindner's generosity. I am so proud to be representing a program bearing his name. He is such an inspiring role model for our students, as we endeavor to impress upon them the importance of giving back to their community. Thank you Mr. Lindner – I hope we can all pass on some of the kindness that you've shown us.

Student reminders:

Freshmen - please get your resumes in to Judy and Donna, if you haven't already, in preparation for your summer internship interviews.

Seniors – please don't forget to get your resumes in to Greg, if you haven't done so already, so we can send out our senior resume

book.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful, joyful, peaceful, blessed holiday season!!! See you after New Year's!!!

Jeri Ricketts

Co-Op of the Month - Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc

by: Kristen Schroeder



You know you love your job when it's the last week of co-op and you have no idea where the quarter went! It's such an amazing feeling to have found a job that you don't think twice about waking up at 4:30AM some mornings just to make sure everything is all set for your event that day! YES, I'm an event planner here at Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.! Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. (EES) develops and markets advanced medical devices for minimally invasive and open surgical procedures. The company focuses on procedure-enabling devices for the interventional diagnosis and treatment of conditions in general and bariatric surgery, as well as gastrointestinal health, gynecology and surgical oncology. Products include the ENDOPATH XCEL® Access System; CONTOUR™ Curved Cutter Stapler; HARMONIC™ ultrasonic cutting and coagulation surgical devices; and the MAMMOTOME® Breast Biopsy System for diagnosis of early stage breast cancer.



(Elizabeth Stephens, another co-op, and myself – right- in the Institute lobby)

As you can see, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., is a medical device company who is completely focused

on improving patient care through innovation. I have never witnessed more passionate employees than those here at Ethicon. Being a Johnson & Johnson company, everyone is committed to the credo, which puts patients first in every business decision possible.

Enough bragging on the company for now because I want to tell you all what I do on a daily basis as a co-op here! I have been hired on as an Event Administrator. I work in the Professional Education Institute here at Ethicon, which is an amazing building solely dedicated to education of surgeons, nurses, and employees. As an Event Administrator, I work in conjunction with approximately twelve ladies to run all of the courses we hold at the Institute. First, we make contact with the sales reps in the field in order to understand when they would like to bring in a surgeon and what they would like to accomplish during the visit. Over 40,000 surgeons come from all over the world in order to learn about our devices and practice using them in our lab. Being such a global company, we have various locations throughout the world and continue to build on our global presence. A surgeon that I brought in yesterday from Florida described our Institute as a “Mecca”. He was absolutely amazed at the state of the art equipment and technology we use here! After we have figured out the requests for the event, we plan every single detail for the day. This includes hotel, ground, catering, presentations, lab, etc.... The list goes on and on and nothing ever surprises us because there is always

a change in the agenda as soon as you think it's set for the day. I feel so privileged to perform my daily tasks because I network all day. I have the ability to speak with anyone in this company and I have to speak with executives most days in order to line up my presenters. I even got to meet Karen Licitra, Company Group Chairman and Worldwide Franchise Chairman of EES, which is amazing that she flew in from New Jersey just to speak with a Dr. that I had in yesterday! The dedication to customers at this Institute is incredible.

Working on my events and bringing in various customers is more rewarding than I could ever have imagined. I go home from work every day, even if I am super tired (I only sit down about an hour or two when I have a group in for the day, which I love!!), thinking about how much I love what I do. It's not just the task of planning events that I enjoy; it's the entire atmosphere and company attitude that I look forward to each day. It's amazing to think how everyone at this company plays such a huge role in transforming patient care. We strive to convert more and more surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures in order to speed up recovery time for the patient. I have plans to continue my co-op rotations with the company and am hoping to go into sales upon graduation! I could go on and on about this place, but there is only so much room on a page. HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!

Kristen Schroeder
Class of 2007

2005 Lindner Holiday Party

by: Brad Stephens

As a freshman in Lindner Honors-PLUS, I've tried as often as possible to talk to upperclassmen and get a feel for some of the benefits of the program. Almost every individual that I have talked to gave high praise to the annual Carl H. Lindner Christmas Party, hosted this year on December 5th, at Cincinnati Music Hall. Now, after experiencing the Christmas party for the first time, I can personally attest to how amazing a night it was!



(Brad Stephens, Emily Taylor, Brian Rapien & Jordan Brewer)

As a freshman living in Turner Hall, it was fun to walk around the dorms and see everybody getting dressed up and ready. By the time we had all taken pictures and made our way down to Music Hall, we began to see for ourselves how big an event it is. This was the first time that I had ever been inside Music Hall, and I was astonished at how magnificent a building it is. To borrow a phrase from the evening's main performer, Hollywood star Jessica Simpson, Music Hall certainly "takes my breath away!"



(Jessica Simpson on stage)

Simpson was typically herself: though sometimes a bit clumsy, she did a fantastic job singing and kept the crowd entertained. I won't soon forget a little girl asking Simpson if she can play a musical instrument, drawing a response of, "No, but I can burp the ABCs."

Several other Lindner Honors-PLUS freshmen and I sat alongside our dates in the first balcony, which gave us a great view of the show.

Speaking prior to Simpson's performance was the evening's host, Carl Lindner, who earned a tremendous standing ovation after his kind words about family, friends, and business partners in the past year. As a gift, everyone in attendance received a \$75 gift certificate to the Palace Restaurant in the Cincinnati Hotel, as well as two coupons for free ice cream from UDF. What an added bonus to this wonderful event!!



(Anna Godby, Ryann Noble & Ashley Dugan)

While the show was terrific, the ball immediately afterwards might have somehow topped it. What a great chance it was to mingle with Lindner Honors-PLUS students from all five current classes! Although it's impossible to name everybody that was there, I was glad to have the opportunity to talk to people from each different class. I remember standing there laughing as Phil DiCiero took Adam Eling's date to dance while Adam went to get drinks. I couldn't help but notice that Jeff Brawand had some

sort of fascination with the Swiss cheese slices. Krista Detmer and Jamie Lindemann were side-by-side poking fun at each other over by the bar. Brian Rapien and David DeWitt both seemed to take roles as official photographers throughout the night. I was also glad to have an opportunity to chat with Kelly Collins, Tony DeBlasio, Stephen Porter, Ryann Noble and so many others that it's impossible to name everyone.



(Jessica Vater, Phil DiCiero, Katie Paulin, Adam Eling, & Kathryn Crumley)

Looking back, I realize that it was all the friendly faces at the party that made it so much fun. Sure, I had a blast at the performance and enjoyed the delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful music, but I think it was being among such good company that made the night so remarkable. After my first Lindner Christmas Party experience, I can see why it is so highly anticipated. I really appreciate the time and effort that was put into the event, and look forward to attending the Lindner Christmas party (hopefully!) for the next four years.

Brad Stephens
Class of 2010

Linz Austria Experience

by: Christina Wagner

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Hello!

I returned to Linz Sunday afternoon after a crazy ten days of traveling. I decided at the last minute to join friends for a trip to Berlin a couple weekends ago. I'm so glad I went! Berlin isn't the prettiest city, but there is so much history there. We took an overnight train to get there, which I think everyone should experience at some point in their life. At first it's kind of fun and exciting, but that wears off very quickly. There are cabins that have six seats (three on each side), which can fold down so it kind of looks like a giant mattress. Well let's just say it's not the best sleep I've ever had. When we got to Berlin, we wandered around....found the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, and the Holocaust Museum. Where the wall used to be, there are cobble stones in the road that mark the spot.

And it's just strange to walk back and forth between the old east and west sides and realize how much has changed in just 15 or 16 years. We did lots of walking tours this trip. Although it was so so cold, it was still worthwhile. The first one was a tour of the city, which explained the general history of Berlin. That city has been at the center of so many events in the past century that have completely changed history...WWI, WWII, Cold War. Then we went on a Third Reich tour, which was really fascinating. I could easily devote an entire page to what I learned, but I don't want to go into an entire history lesson here. Anyway, Berlin was amazing and there is so much still changing today. It's definitely a city that I will be anxious to visit in another 10 or 15 years.

After another night train back to Linz, I

took a three hour nap and hopped on another train to Vienna where I met my aunt and her friend. There's so much to see in Vienna! We spent a while in the Christmas markets. They were so neat and beautiful. Taking a picture doesn't do it justice either because it smells like heaven with all the pastries....yum! So I did some of my Christmas shopping there. Then we went to the Opera one night. They have standing room only tickets for 2 euro, so we just stayed for about an hour to be able to say we'd been to a Viennese opera. We also went to Schonbrunn palace, which was absolutely beautiful. And we went to the Hofburg palace, and visited their Treasury. It was pretty cool....they had tons of jewels and religious relics. I'm always a little skeptical of that sort of thing, but they claimed to have one of the nails from Jesus' cross.

For Thanksgiving, we spent the day in Bratislava, Slovakia. I was presently surprised by how much I liked that city. When we got into the train station, I was a little skeptical because it still had a very run-down eastern European feel. But the actual town was really cute. There isn't a lot to do there....just walk around and visit the castle for a nice view of the city. We had dinner at this traditional Slovakian pub, which was so cool! I can't really explain it, but it was this huge place that has this homey, unique, charming feel. And for lunch we found a place that had turkey....I did miss having a real Thanksgiving dinner though. But it was great to be able to have my aunt there.

Then we went to Budapest, Hungary, which was also amazing! It actually used to be two cities, Buda and Pest, which are separated by the Danube. Buda is very hilly, and has more of a small town feel to it....cute buildings, cobble stone, castle, churches. Pest is completely flat, and is more modern and

busy. I think we were all museumed out, but we did visit the House of Terror which is where the Nazi and Communist headquarters used to be.

Budapest also had Christmas markets and cute shops, so I did more Christmas shopping. I love Eastern Europe so much! I think it still has this old world, charming feel. Oh....it snowed everywhere we went, so everything was even more beautiful.

Now I'm back in Linz and have been busy catching up. I know it sounds like I've completely been skipping all my classes, but I only skipped one day....I love this block scheduling! I was thinking about going to Poland this weekend, but I decided that I need a break. And I really don't have that much time left in Linz. I figure I can always come back to see Poland, but I can't hang out with all the exchange students again. My last trip before my parents visit will be to London in a couple weeks. I'm really excited for my mom and dad to come! We're going to Vienna, Bratislava and Munich....so I'll be able to show them around since I've been to all those cities before.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! And I hope everyone is getting excited for the holidays. I've been listening to a lot of Christmas music! Having snow everywhere and Christmas markets is really getting me in the holiday spirit!

Take care,
Christina

Items of Interest

Jennifer Schuster, Class of 2008, has accepted the position of Youth Member on the March of Dimes Board for the next year. A really interesting side-note to this is that it was a position originally held by Clarissa Kin, Class of 2004, and passed on to Anna Godby, Class of 2006, who is now passing it on to Jennifer. UC is the only school to hold this position on the board and it has always been held by a Lindner Honors-PLUS student.

Ryann Noble, Class of 2006, asked me to put in this note of thanks: "I want to give a Big Thanks to Anna Godby, Adam Hildebrand, Brock Fortman, Dominic Berardi and Professor Ann Welsh, for a great quarter working on the GM Collaborative with the Engineers and DAAP students. I had so much fun and I think we all learned a lot. I hope we can all be involved in the spring as well – Have a Happy Holiday everyone!"

Ryann

Alumni Corner

We are proud to add two new alumni to our esteemed list of graduates from the Lindner Honors-PLUS program: Ashley Dugan & Sebastien Schultz just completed their final exams, and will graduate this Saturday! Congratulations on a job well done! We'll miss you, so remember to keep in touch! Also try to come back for our graduation cruise in June. You will get an invitation!

Donna

Happy Holidays Everyone!



January Birthdays

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| Sebastien Schultz | Jan. 07 |
| Brian Delaney | Jan. 17 |
| David Dewitt | Jan. 20 |
| Jeff Brawand | Jan. 20 |
| Jessica Kinnemeyer | Jan. 23 |
| Sarah Harvey | Jan. 28 |
| Kathleen Paulin | Jan. 29 |
| Jason Ballas | Jan. 30 |

