

CONNECTIONS

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GIVING A CAREER ADVANTAGE



James Roberts '18 and InternShift host Joe Heaney '85, founder of the Walden Associates environmental consulting firm in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

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Summer internships give students valuable workplace experience, networking opportunities, and advantages in the competition for jobs after graduation. In fact, “more and more employers insist that new college graduates have relevant professional experience,” says **Pat Winkler Schor '82**. But, she adds, many internships pay little or nothing. “Gaining that crucial experience is especially difficult for some students, because it’s not financially feasible for them to serve an unpaid or low-paying summer internship.”

Schor and her husband, **Jeff Schor '79**, are the chairs of the Marquis Parent and Family Council, which has endowed a fund that enables the College to provide students with stipends that make it possible for them to accept low-pay or no-pay internships. The fund is but one resource supporting internship stipends. This summer, 50 students received stipends, with a total of \$93,500 awarded.



InternShift host Peter Simon '75 with Joanna Scotti '17 at the Morristown, N.J., office of William E. Simon and Sons

An additional solution to helping students gain professional experience is the new, innovative InternShift program. In it, Lafayette’s “employer partners” provide interns a competitive income, challenge them with substantive responsibilities, and make sure they receive mentoring from senior executives and opportunities to interact with internal and external constituents.

This summer, alumni and parents hosted InternShift students at eight workplaces, including the environmental consulting firm Walden Associates, where owner **Joe Heaney '85** gave **James Roberts '18** experience with project proposals, billing and invoices, and client communications. Roberts also helped at groundwater-remediation sites.

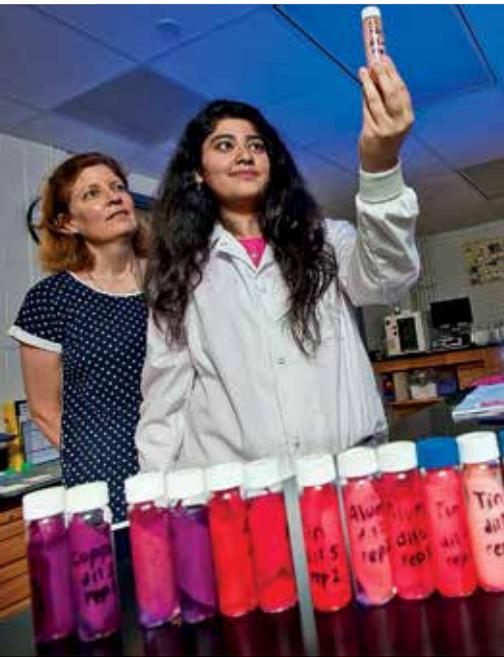
“I was able to see the environmental side of engineering – how it affects the communities we live in, the water we drink, the air we breathe. The fact that we were able to help people meant a lot to me,” says Roberts. “Getting paid as an intern gave me a sense of purpose. They were trusting me and giving me jobs where I had to perform so I could help the company grow.” ■

CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT

This fall marks the second anniversary of the *Live Connected, Lead Change* campaign’s public launch. At the kickoff gala, held in the American Museum of Natural History on the eve of the 150th Lafayette-Lehigh football game at Yankee Stadium, the College honored its history, traditions, and community while looking boldly to the future. It was an exuberant celebration of Lafayette pride, one of many such moments surrounding Rivalry 150 Weekend.

It’s another moment for pride and celebration. You have contributed \$322 million to the campaign so far, and the impact is powerful! Your investment in Lafayette is supporting transformative learning experiences in and out of the classroom, fueling student and faculty creativity and achievement, bringing the campus together in new ways, creating dynamic facilities, and advancing a bold strategy to enhance the College’s affordability and distinctiveness by growing the student body and faculty.

Examples of the campaign’s far-reaching impact are many. See inside for just a few.



Embracing Opportunity.

A scholarship endowed by William R. Dodds Jr. '74 is helping make boundless opportunities possible for Aleeza Ajmal '18, a chemical engineering major from Pakistan. They include traveling to the national meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to make a presentation on her research and contributing to an interdisciplinary Technology Clinic team. She enthusiastically encourages others, particularly women and minorities, to pursue science and engineering.



Sharpening How We See.

Internationally renowned printmaker Curlee Holton has mentored scores of students in artistic collaborations. His professorship, supported by David M. '70 and Linda Roth, is one of only three endowed chairs in the visual arts held by African Americans in the nation.

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A Student's Impact in Kenya. The son of subsistence farmers in the village of Kibargoyet, Kenya, Kelvin Serem '17 grew up in a house without running water or electricity. His character, academic prowess, and determination to succeed brought him to Blair Academy in New Jersey for secondary school. Now, attending Lafayette on a scholarship, he is passionate about improving the quality of life for his six younger siblings and others at home, so he started a school in the village where 85 children are enrolled.



DKE's Rho Chapter Is a Roaring Success. Alumni of Delta Kappa Epsilon provided generous support for a striking renovation of their chapter house to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the Rho Chapter's founding at Lafayette. Inspired by their dedication and guided by their leadership, the undergraduate brothers aimed for excellence and won the fraternity's highest honor, the Lion Trophy, awarded to the top-performing DKE chapter in the nation.

Thinking Globally while Studying Locally. Thanks to Walter '57 and Christa Oechsle, all students have the opportunity to incorporate international perspectives into their education. The Oechsle Center for Global Education is a collaborative, dynamic learning environment that creates a sense of discovery.



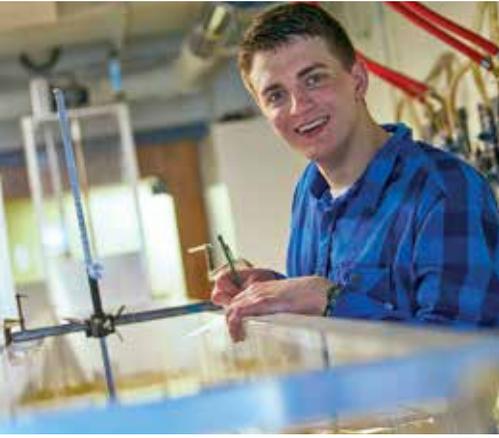
Helping Students Learn How to Learn. A recipient of the Dreyfus Foundation Award for teaching and mentoring, James Ferri holds a chair in chemical and biomolecular engineering endowed through a bequest from James T. Marcus '50. He says, "Teaching is extraordinarily rewarding."



Leaping Boundaries. "Your financial aid gives you a real sense of purpose," says Mariah Fontanez-Lutsky '17. Heading for medical school as a women's and gender studies major, she has combined her passions, including working to improve access to medicine and education in low-income Latin American communities.



Promoting Women STEM Scholars. Support from Heidi Ludwick Hanson '91, Daniel Hanson, and the Clare Boothe Luce Program is expanding research and mentoring opportunities for women engineering students beginning early in their college careers. One Luce Scholar, Colleen McGovern '18, is researching how certain proteins interact with laboratory-produced molecules that are used to treat many diseases.



Combining Engineering and History Is So Lafayette. Michael Bennett '17 found a place to pursue both of these interests. His research focuses on the sustainability of transportation systems, a vital issue for healthy, vibrant communities. He was invited to make a presentation at the American Society of Civil Engineers' national conference.



Breaking New Ground. Supported by a major gift from Kent Rockwell '66, the Integrated Sciences Center will be a spectacular home for biology, computer science, environmental science/environmental studies, the IDEAL Center, and more.



Unlocking the Secrets of the Immune System. A life sciences research fund endowed by Steven and Ann Yanez P'15 supports research by Anna Ptasinski '18 and biology Professor Bob Kurt on how white blood cells interact with cancer cells. "This research is opening my eyes to so many parts of medicine and science, and maybe one day it will help shape treatments," she says.



Making a Bigger Splash. Mike '70 and Jill Weinstein's generous support made a dramatic difference to Lafayette's natatorium. The College's NCAA Division I swimming and diving teams and recreational swimmers alike benefit from the renovated, light-filled space, including upgraded spectator seating and new scoreboard, diving towers, race-timing system, and more.



Elevating the Humanities. Professor Ian Smith, the inaugural holder of a chair in the humanities endowed by Robert E. '84 and Susan Sell, challenges students at the highest level. Smith transformed the world's view of Shakespeare's *Othello* with his research and transforms his classroom into a place of innovative intellectual experience.



Research Is a Launching Pad. Valerie Melson '17 turned campus research into a life-changing internship at the National Institutes of Health. Her mentor says, "She has the characteristics of a great future scientist."



Aspiring Civil Engineer Uses Arts and Culture. Your support sent Bryan Sherrill '17 (left), who is pursuing degrees in civil engineering and international studies, and an interdisciplinary student team led by Professor Fluney Hutchinson to work with citizens in central Appalachia on translating the region's arts and cultural traditions into business opportunities.



Engineering Celebrates 150 Years. An anonymous donor's \$8.5 million matching grant has inspired additional gifts totaling \$4 million. Support to date for the Liberal Arts and Engineering Challenge totals \$12.5 million.

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Gifts, pledges, and bequests totaled \$322 million as of Sept. 30.

CONNECTING LIBERAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING

GOAL **\$120 MILLION**
 PROGRESS TO DATE **\$66 MILLION**

FOSTERING INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

GOAL **\$65 MILLION**
 PROGRESS TO DATE **\$38 MILLION**

CONNECTING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

GOAL **\$135 MILLION**
 PROGRESS TO DATE **\$80 MILLION**

ANNUAL FUND

GOAL **\$75 MILLION**
 PROGRESS TO DATE **\$60 MILLION**

Emerging Initiatives: Goal \$5 million



CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES



CONNECTING LIBERAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING

\$120 MILLION

A STATE-OF-THE-ART INTEGRATED SCIENCE CENTER
\$60 MILLION

ACADEMIC FACILITIES
\$30 MILLION

WILLIAMS ARTS CAMPUS
\$20 MILLION

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FUND
\$10 MILLION

ANNUAL FUND
\$75 MILLION



FOSTERING INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

\$65 MILLION

FACULTY POSITIONS
\$40 MILLION

STUDENT RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIPS FUND
\$10 MILLION

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FUND
\$15 MILLION

EMERGING INITIATIVES
\$5 MILLION



CONNECTING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

\$135 MILLION

FINANCIAL AID
\$85 MILLION

ATHLETICS
\$20 MILLION

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
\$30 MILLION

TOTAL:
\$400 MILLION

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THE CAMPAIGN for LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

The support of thousands of alumni, parents, and friends is propelling the most ambitious fundraising effort in Lafayette's history toward its goal of \$400 million to build on and connect the College's strengths, solidify its standing among the nation's most outstanding undergraduate institutions, and position it for future success.

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