



# I.D.S.O. Newsletter

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## Top Places To Launch A Career - Here This Thursday at Career Fair!

Thanks to a recent Businessweek article, we've learned that at least 6 of the top 50 places for new college grads to launch a career will be represented at this year's Fall Diversity Career Day. They are listed here by rank (according to Businessweek):

Rank	Company
5	Enterprise Rent-A-Car
9	JP Morgan Chase
19	Ameriprise Financial
24	United Parcel Service (UPS)
27	Eli Lilly and Company
32	Central Intelligence Agency

There are 136 registered companies as of 09/13/06. So even if these 6 don't tickle your fancy, I'm sure there will be a company there worth learning more about. The 2006 Fall Diversity Career Day is this Thursday, September 21 from 10am - 2:30pm at the UIC Pavilion (525 S. Racine). For more information visit the "Career Services" link from the IDSO Home page or see our "Calendar of Events". Bring plenty of resumes, dress professionally, and hope to see you there!

Source: Businessweek (September 18, 2006), "The Best Places to Launch a Career" by Lindsey Gerdes, pg. 64-82

## Read Your *Bleepin'* Email

If you're one of those people who just won't open and read CBA massmails, you might want to listen up. A lot of important information that, believe it or not is very relevant to you, is distributed electronically every day. Regardless of your major (but especially if you're IDS), the art of sifting through mountains of information and extracting the useful stuff is an important thing to practice in this day of information overload.

So who's sending you all this "junk" anyway? Here's a couple names that should ring a bell (and I bet many of you don't know what they do):

- John Anderson: Director, Business Career Center
- Donna Nowacki: Director of Academic Services



If you don't know how much a typical intern for your major makes, when the next career fair is, or how to participate in on-campus interviews...then you haven't read last week's massmails alone.

We should all consider ourselves fortunate that as adults and young professionals we're still being "spoon fed" information that will enable us to take control of our future. So the next time you see some obscure CBA "junk mail" in your inbox, it would behoove you to check it out. It just might be the answer to what you've been looking for.

## IDSO Website: New Look, More Info, Same Home

By now, many of you have hopefully noticed that we've updated our site. The IDSO Blackboard site proved to be rather unpopular last semester so we will now disseminate all of our news via our web site. Therefore, please check the site often as it will be updated at least weekly and perhaps as often as every day. The bottom of each page shows the date when the page was last updated.

We still need a new webmaster to take over responsibility for the organization's website. Without a volunteer this semester, there **may be no IDSO website next semester**. If you like the site and/or would like to contribute, let our current webmaster, Tom Shimizu, know at tshimi1@uic.edu. Please help us keep the organization alive.

## I Wish I Would Have Done An Internship

Every semester, without fail, I sit back and patiently listen to CBA seniors tell me how they wish they would have done an internship. As graduation nears, many wonder "Where has the time gone!?". Then they realize that a lot of their peers HAVE done an internship, and with ever deepening dread they come to realize that they are in a poor position (competitively speaking) as they begin sending out their resumes.

Sadly, what none of them seem to wonder is whether or not there was an opportunity for an internship for them. Perhaps the phrase "I wish I would have done an internship" can be translated to "I wish I would have exercised some initiative and taken advantage of one of the many opportunities I was given to participate in an internship". I think that sounds more accurate seeing as how I can hardly make it through a day without being exposed to some kind of professional opportunity, be it via email, student orgs or random flyers posted around campus.

Now don't get me wrong, there are plenty of soon-to-be degree holders who DON'T regret not interning. Maybe they knew exactly where they wanted to work...maybe they knew precisely what they wanted to do and didn't need any internship to help them decide. For you men and women like this, I applaud you and envy your certainty. However, if you're like most of us, you probably don't possess such certainty. In fact, I've even heard IDS seniors declare they don't even know what kind of jobs an IDS degree is good for! But that's another story (see the "I Graduated...Now What" article in this newsletter).

I'm sure most of you don't need to be preached the academic and professional benefits of an internship. So instead, allow me to provide you with some economic incentive. The chart to the right illustrates the average difference in pay between a CBA grad with and without an internship. This information was obtained from last year's CBA Undergraduate Employment Survey Report (one of those "junk mails" often overlooked). If this little bit of incentive has sparked your interest, then don't dawdle! Go speak to a teacher, an advisor, your friends, a student org rep...anybody...and get the ball rolling! Many recruiters are looking to fill next summer's quotas right now. Good luck!

Major	With Internship	Without Internship
Accounting	\$45,800	\$34,857
Economics	\$34,920	\$30,667
Finance	\$42,632	\$33,140
IDS	\$41,161	\$33,500
Management	\$35,688	\$32,280
Marketing	\$35,416	\$34,142

Relationship Between Employment Salaries and Internship

## Fate of IDSO in Your Hands

Some People want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen.

If you are one of the latter, then consider becoming an IDSO Board Member. There are currently only 2 active board members trying to serve the needs of nearly 40 registered organization members. We do so because we believe in this major, have met many great people throughout our time here at UIC, and because we believe in the value of helping our classmates and peers.

Without volunteers, the organization is not likely to survive long into the upcoming spring semester. "So what" you may ask? Well, for starters, the IDSO represents IDS students on the CBA Dean's Advisory Council, keeps in touch with IDS graduates in order to help current students gain an edge with respect to what their futures may entail, exposes students to recruiters for internships and full-time opportunities, and much more. Did you know you may even be eligible for credit through BA 289 as an active IDSO board member?



Keep our organization alive! Check out our "Board Members" link on the IDSO website to learn more about how you can make a difference.

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

## I Graduated...Now What

IDS majors have a tough gig...not everyone knows what exactly it is that we can do. Unfortunately, this includes some IDS majors themselves. To help with this dilemma, let's take a look at a list of some example jobs for IDS majors (this list is available on the IDS Dept. website or on the IDSO website):

- Business Analyst
- Systems Analyst
- Management Analyst
- Business Process Analyst
- Technical Consultant
- Software Support Specialist
- IT Management
- IT Sales Manager/Specialist
- Technology Sales
- Software/ IT/ High-tech sales
- Sales/Marketing Analyst
- Business Operations Specialist
- Logistics/Distribution Analyst
- Inventory Specialist
- Supply Chain Analyst/Specialist
- Application Development
- Application Programmer
- Database Administrator/Specialist
- Data Center Analyst
- Network Specialist
- Data Warehouse Consultant
- Business Intelligence Consultant / Specialist
- Decision Support Specialist
- Research Analyst
- Market Research Specialist
- Marketing Analyst
- Database marketing
- Data Mining
- Customer Relationship Mgr
- CRM Marketing Analytics Spc
- Risk Mgmt Analyst/Consultant
- Actuarial/Insurance Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Trading Systems Specialist
- Financial Technologist

For more information about these positions, check out the "IDS Careers" Document developed by the IDS Department. You can find it on our website here:

<http://digitalmeiyo.com/IDSO/Careers.pdf>