


Upcoming Events

GPP presentation at
Transitions for Student Success
April 11
CSU Dominguez Hills

Year-long online class for students interested in exploring graduate school options. Notification will be sent in May



UCDAVIS Office of Graduate Studies



Successful applicants gain admission to a variety of advanced degree programs

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Research and Pre-professional Experience

Pre-professional preparation and research experience are usually required for admission into an advanced degree program but it is often not explicitly stated. Students applying for an MSW program should have real-world experience in the social services, pre-medical students need experience in a healthcare related organization and students applying for a PhD program should have familiarity (continued on page 2)

Spring Online class provides early start

Over twenty students from across California have expressed an interest in the online class offered this upcoming spring quarter, Getting Prepared for Graduate School: Spring 2015. The course is a condensed version of our year-long online class which helps students explore graduate school options. The Spring course has been organized for students who are ready to submit a graduate school application in Fall 2015 and would like some guidance. The assignments focus on the major essays, tests that are required for various programs, and how to contact faculty. Students completing the course receive a \$500 scholarship and the GPP Director will continue to work with them on revisions until they are ready to submit their application.

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Fall Admissions number Ten to Date

Our second year of assisting alumni of care with graduate school applications has proved incredibly fruitful. Students have not only been admitted to many programs but have also received generous and substantial fellowships that will allow them to focus on their scholarly and professional work. Students were admitted to programs in law, public policy, educational leadership, business management, biology, teacher credential and water resources management, at both the MA and PhD level. Students who applied for psychology and social work programs are still waiting to hear about admissions as many programs in the CSU system do not send acceptances until April.

The GPP assistance for some students included funding for test preparation courses and travel to visit various universities. Other students received help with their statements of purpose and personal statements. The success of these students, however, is truly their own as each worked hard to create a holistic picture of their accomplishments and talents. A complete list of student acceptances will be available in the next newsletter.

Next Newsletter in May 2015

(Research and Pre-professional Experience)

with research methodologies and have worked on a faculty project or completed research of their own.

Pre-professional volunteer opportunities can be found through the non-profit organizations themselves or through a campus Career Center. Research opportunities are available through summer jobs and independent study classes. Many campuses also have special programs like MURALS at UC Davis (Mentorship for Undergraduate Research in Agriculture, Literature and Science) or the UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program) at California State University at Long Beach.

Undergraduates from disadvantaged backgrounds can also gain pre-professional experience through various pipeline programs and organizations. The Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) offers summer institutes that help students gain technical, presentation and research skills. The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) offers weekend and summer programs for pre-law students.

GOOD NEWS!

Eric Lehman (CSU Sacramento MA in Literature) is hired as a Teaching Associate at CSUS for a first year composition class.

Erica Ontivaros (CSU Fullerton), Angel Lee Woolsey (CSU Fullerton) and Zefora Ortiz (UC Berkeley) successfully complete the 2nd quarter of the first GPP year-long online class.

Sarah Palmer (UC Davis senior) prepares for UC Davis Summer Abroad Program in Chile

Two New Cases on College Pathways website

<http://www.cacollegepathways.org>

GPP cases are narratives about alumni of care who have been admitted to graduate schools. The stories of their efforts and successes can be used to help other students think strategically. Two new cases posted at the College Pathways website feature Eric Lehman, a UC Davis alumni currently completing a Masters degree in Literature at CSU Sacramento and Eden Haven Martinez, a UC Santa Barbara and CSU Fresno alumni finishing her teacher credential and Masters degree at UC Davis.