

EXCELLENCE in CAREER PREPARATION

There are a lot of opportunities and events on campus to connect you with people who are part of the Lake Forest College network. The Career Advancement Center provides you with resources that you need to be successful.

Charlotte Jackson '19

MAJOR: Economics with an emphasis in data science CURRENT JOB: Associate consultant at Axiom Consulting Partners

Read more about Charlotte at lakeforest.edu/Jackson

Lake Forest College has clearly and conscientiously embraced career preparation as a key institutional goal and proudly includes this commitment in its Mission Statement:

... "We prepare our students for, and help them attain, productive and rewarding careers."



THE LIBERAL ARTS ADVANTAGE

PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS IN TODAY'S WORKFORCE

The liberal arts education students receive at Lake Forest College sets them apart as competitive candidates with writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills ready to take on the challenges presented in today's professional world. Students may pursue up to two majors and one minor adding to their skill set and foundation of knowledge thus broadening their opportunities.

... The uniquely human skills polished by a well-rounded liberal arts education will make job candidates more competitive for all roles in the digital economy—whether you're an artist or an engineer.

-U.S. News & World Report 2018

INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

At Lake Forest all students are required to complete an experiential learning opportunity,



such as an internship, summer fellowship, or senior thesis. This allows our students to apply their liberal arts skills through a substantive experience outside the classroom, and to see how those skills are valued by employers.

Julie Lord '21 worked as a marketing and promotions intern at Cumulus Media in the NBC Tower in Chicago.

When hiring for our law firm,
I look for traits in an individual that are
often typified by liberal arts students,
such as those at Lake Forest.
These candidates are usually
confident risk takers, analytical
thinkers, creative problem solvers,
and generally well-rounded
people. Now more than ever,
a liberal arts education is vital.

—Bill Lowry '84 Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry: Attorney, President and Managing Shareholder



LOCATION: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Our ideal location just 30 miles north of one of the greatest cities in the world—Chicago—provides unparalleled access to top internships and career opportunities. Chicago is home to over 400 major corporate headquarters (including 36 in the Fortune 500), countless museums, theaters, consulates, and more. No matter what your interest or major, you will find an opportunity to explore a career path.



Lake Forest College In The Loop is the College's off-campus program in Chicago. Students spend a semester in the city living, taking classes, and completing a credit-bearing internship of 20 hours per week working in a professional environment.

Among the most diverse economies in the nation, Chicago is a key player in every sector, from risk management innovation to manufacturing to information technology to health services.

-World Business Chicago 2018



ALUMNI AND EMPLOYER NETWORK

CAREER PATHWAY COMMUNITIES: A UNIQUE MODEL THAT WORKS

Our unique Career Pathways model consists of specialized communities that students join to match their interests with career preparation opportunities. These communities have Leadership Teams that consist of alumni, faculty, professional staff, employers, College trustees, and current students. These Leadership Teams are part advocate, part advisory board, and they help to competitively prepare students for jobs and internships to stay on the cutting edge of recruiting trends.

Our Career Pathways preparation program takes students through four stages of personal exploration and career development. We help students gain the skills and experiences they need to be successful and to build a strong network within their Pathway, a network that will provide them with industry insight and help them land meaningful jobs.

Students can join one or all five communities including the Build Your Own community, which is customized to a student's specific interests and connects them to career opportunities across the Pathways:

- BUSINESS AND FINANCE
- CREATIVE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION
- LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE
- SCIENCE AND HEALTH CARE
- BUILD YOUR OWN

#12 BEST ALUMNI NETWORK

Based on students' ratings of alumni activity and visibility on campus.

—Princeton Review



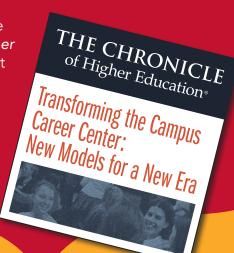
The Foresters I hire as interns and graduates are competing against candidates from the top schools in the country, including the Ivy League schools. They are well prepared and have what it takes.

—Randy Lauer '81 Citigroup, Inc.: Managing Director New York City

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A STRATEGIC MODEL

Lake Forest was recently featured, along with Stanford and Rutgers, for its institutional

focus on career preparation in the Chronicle of Higher Education's report on "Transforming the Campus Career Center: New Models for a New Era."



What's really unique about the way we provide career support at Lake Forest is that the entire campus has made a true commitment to this effort. We are intentional in our approach so as not to leave it to chance whether or not our students do well after graduation.

—Colleen Monks Interim Director for Career Advancement Center

CAREER ADVANCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Every first-year and transfer student is assigned an academic advisor and a career advisor when they begin at the College.
- Our students have daily access to more than 300,000 employers through Handshake, the nation's leading career platform. Last year, over 10,000 jobs, internships, and fellowships were posted with Lake Forest College.
- 11 professional career center staff—more than twice the national average.
- Pathway Leadership Teams help direct Pathway strategy and provide students with high-level mentorship.
- Nearly 100 percent of students work with the career center's staff before graduation.

SUCCESS AFTER LAKE FOREST

#9 BEST SCHOOLS for INTERNSHIPS

Based on students' ratings of accessibility of internship placement at their school.

-Princeton Review 2020



A strong base of Chicago-area companies routinely hire our students for internships and jobs, including:

The Art Institute of Chicago

Abbott Laboratories

AbbVie

Alight Solutions

American Writers Museum

Americorps

Ayco, a Goldman Sachs Company

Axiom Consulting Partners

CDW

Chicago Bears

Chicago Blackhawks

Chicago Botanic Garden

Citigroup

Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago

Coyote Logistics

Cumulus Media

Goldman Sachs

Horizon Pharma

HUB International

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

JPMorgan Chase

Medline Industries

Morgan Stanley

Morningstar, Inc.

Museum of Contemporary Art

Northern Trust

Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital

Satori Energy

Shedd Aquarium

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

Stout Advisory

University of Chicago Medicine

University of Chicago Press

WNBA Chicago Sky



internships

Build internships into your semester. Apply what you learn by pursuing up to three credit-bearing internships with our flexible curriculum. You can explore several fields and gain the skills and experience employers are looking for.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Lake Forest students go on to top graduate schools across the nation, including:

College of William and Mary

Cornell University

University of Denver

DePaul University

Emory University

University of Florida

University of Illinois

University of Iowa

Loyola University

Marquette University

University of Michigan

Northwestern University

University of Oregon

Penn State University

Purdue University

Rosalind Franklin University of

Medicine and Science

University of San Francisco

University of Texas at Austin

University of Virginia

Washington University in St. Louis

University of Wisconsin-Madison

99%

of graduates land jobs, graduate school, or other chosen opportunities within 6 to 9 months

*73% of the 403 members of the graduating class reporting

