Lehigh’s Western Regional Office

Lehigh University launched The Western Regional Office (WRO) to extend educational opportunities for Lehigh students and faculty by building curricular and research partnerships with dynamic enterprises in the leading metropolitan areas within the Western Region. A cornerstone partnership for Lehigh’s presence in the west is the Lehigh@NasdaqCenter in San Francisco, where Lehigh serves as the exclusive academic in-residence partner.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT
A focus of the WRO is to share the Lehigh story with students and school counselors in the western region through:
• Counselor and prospective student programming and events
• Partnership with the Posse Foundation
• Workshops and educational programming for the community

CAREER & INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT
The WRO works closely with prominent companies in the Silicon Valley and beyond to foster opportunities for Lehigh students and graduates. Highlights include:
• More than 2,000 summer internship postings from companies in the western region
• Hiring of recent grads increased by 400%
• Select companies that have hired Lehigh graduates or hosted interns include: Amazon, Apple, EPRI Institute, Facebook, Genentech, Google, Intel, Lyft, Microsoft, NASA, Nike, Oracle, Procter & Gamble, Qualcomm, Samsung, Silicon Valley Bank, SpaceX, Starbucks and Tesla

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS
The WRO’s partnerships offer opportunities for the Lehigh community including:
• Research opportunities for professors and students
• Capstone project subjects for students
• Companies that host Lehigh students include: Amazon, ETC Labs, Gap, Google, IBM, Intel, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, NVIDIA, OhmniLabs, OSIsoft, Paired Power, Peoples, Prospect SV, PeopleJoy, Qualcomm, Salesforce, Samsung, Santa Clara VTA, Starbucks, Tesla, Uber, Voltu and WonPlanet+

SPOTLIGHTS

Gregory Cheng
Major: Computer Science and Business
Hometown: Sammamish, WA
“One of the most defining moments for me was meeting a group of new people on the first day of my ‘Intro to Business’ class freshman year. Meeting my first few friends in these classes gave me a lot of comfort adjusting to Lehigh and opening up to the events and opportunities that were offered on campus.”

Siobhan Gillis
Majors: Psychology, Health, Medicine and Society
Minor: Entrepreneurship
Hometown: Los Altos, California
“Something I love about Lehigh is that it was very manageable to complete my interdisciplinary coursework over my time here. My interdisciplinary courses in business and humanities have prepared me to innovate within the social scientific and humanistic dimensions of health and medical care.”
Lehigh@NasdaqCenter

The Lehigh@NasdaqCenter (L@NC) is an exclusive academic in-residence collaboration between Lehigh University and the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center. L@NC offers multiple ways for students across Lehigh to take advantage of cutting-edge academic programming.

Lehigh Silicon Valley
Presented by Lehigh’s Baker Institute, LSV brings Lehigh undergraduate and graduate students together with alumni in Silicon Valley for a week-long, 3-credit immersion into new-venture creation. This year, a select group of students will be invited to participate in LSV++, a 3-day externship experience at a Silicon Valley company following LSV.

Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive High School Summer Program
In partnership with Lehigh’s Baker Institute and the Office of International Affairs, L@NC provides an exciting fully funded opportunity for students to learn about entrepreneurship in a global context through an eight-week group internship experience with startups in another country.

Remote Courses
The L@NC remote courses bring Silicon Valley ecosystem players into the classroom (virtually) via videoconference from the L@NC to students taking courses on campus in Bethlehem. Example courses include Women in Technology & Innovation, Dateline Silicon Valley and Design Thinking.

Startup Academy San Francisco
A ten-week summer internship program that provides students a unique opportunity to learn about the entrepreneurial process by immersing themselves in the vibrant innovation ecosystem of San Francisco. The experience includes housing in the city and a stipend.

Global Entrepreneurship Internship
Through the Iacocca Internship program, L@NC and Lehigh’s Baker Institute provide an exciting fully funded opportunity for students to learn about entrepreneurship in a global context through an eight-week group internship experience with startups in another country.

BY THE NUMBERS
7,000+
Alumni in the Western Region

2,000
Internships Posted by Alumni

HIGHLIGHTS
Ann Lewnes ’83
Adobe
Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer
San Jose, CA

Beth Galetti ’93
Amazon
Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Seattle, WA

Nick Dykstra ’73
Intellectual Ventures
Director of Finance
Bellevue, WA

Pam Fusek ’13
NASA
System Engineer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Los Angeles, CA

CJ McCollum ’13
Portland Trail Blazers
Professional Basketball Player, Founder of CJ McCollum Dream Center
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