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 Silicon Valley and beyond to foster opportunities for Lehigh students and graduates. Highlights include:

- 350+ students placed in internships and full-time careers in the western region over the past four years
- 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
- Partner companies that host Lehigh students include: Amazon, Autodesk, Berkeley Labs, Gap, Google, IBM, Intel, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Ohmnilabs, OSIsoft, PwC, Qualcomm, Salesforce, Samsung, Santa Clara VTA, Salesforce, Starbucks, Tesla, Twitter, Uber and Voltu

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.”
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.

**Start Up Academy**
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.

**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. As part of this year’s 10th anniversary, students will hear from LSV alumni, special guest instructors and Silicon Valley rock-stars from the first nine years.

**Global Entrepreneurial Fellowship**
In partnership with the 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 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, Venture Capital Finance, Disruptive Engineers and Design Thinking.

**Silicon Valley Innovation Internship**
Lehigh students seeking an integrated, real-world internship experience in entrepreneurship, innovation or social impact can participate in a remote, project-based internship with a startup, innovation focused organization in Silicon Valley, or a new venture team working on early-stage technologies with startup potential.

**BY THE NUMBERS**
7,000+
alumni in the western region

800+
alumni and friends engaged through programs, mentorship and events

**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

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

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

Sandy Stelling ’91
Alaska Airlines
Vice President of Strategy, Analytics & Transformation
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