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Intern to Intern
By Briana Janson, Student Assistant

Lexi Weber, a junior accounting student, has been chosen as the undergraduate Intern of the Year for 2015 because of her efforts to go above and beyond expectations. She has interned at Tronconi Segarra & Associates for nearly a year now and in that time has worked on a variety of meaningful projects. She believes that working for a mid-sized firm helped her because interns are given the opportunity to talk to the CFOs and treasurers at the clients they work with. Lexi works on audits for different clients including nonprofit organizations, manufacturing companies and local businesses. She also works on government contract audits and bankruptcy audits. In her time with Tronconi Segarra & Associates, she has completed more than 90 audits for bankruptcy court alone. Lexi has been given more responsibility as her internship continues. Recently, she sat in on a board meeting for a high-profile client and went to a client’s office, where she met with the client face to face regarding their audit.

Lexi attributes her success to professionalism and a strong brand. She said that without developing her brand, she wouldn’t be where she is today. Professionalism helps Lexi stand out among other interns. She said on multiple occasions her co-workers and supervisors have been surprised to learn that she is only a junior in the undergraduate program and not much older. Lexi says “How you present yourself has a big impact on how your internship grows. It is especially important to present yourself professionally in front of clients.” One of the other attributes that sets Lexi apart as Intern of the Year is her work ethic. She told a story about working late on a Friday when one of the partners, surprised to see an intern working until 7 p.m. on a Friday, told her she didn’t have to work that late and to go enjoy her Friday night.

Lexi’s advice to other interns is to be proactive and take advantage of opportunities. Make sure to ask your supervisor if you have questions. It is better to ask questions rather than risk doing something wrong. This helps improve your internship experience as a whole. During her internship at Tronconi Segarra & Associates, Lexi said interns are not chained to their desks and are constantly going to managers offices to ask questions and touch base. Email is used a lot, but managers often come and find interns if they have questions. This open communication has helped encourage Lexi to take advantage of opportunities and go above and beyond, which is why she was chosen as this year’s Undergraduate Intern of the Year.

From left, Dean Paul Tesluk, Lexi Weber and Joe Falbo, partner at Tronconi Segarra & Associates, at the CRC/IEL award reception. (Photo: Joe Eberle)
Summer Internship Do’s and Don’ts

DO: Dress to impress on the first day. If you are unsure of the dress code at your internship, dress professionally. You can adjust your wardrobe after the first week when you have a better understanding of company culture.

DON’T: Be afraid to ask questions! Ask your supervisor for advice before completing a project rather than spending time fixing your mistakes. By asking questions, you will learn more and grow faster as a professional.

DO: Introduce yourself to as many people as you can. Be open and friendly with your co-workers. The more people you interact with, the more you can learn during your internship. You can learn a lot about the culture and how different areas of the company interact just by talking to others at lunch.

Check out our IEL Facebook page for do’s and don’ts and much more!

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Annual Awards Ceremony

Each year, the Career Resource Center and Office of Internships and Experiential Learning host an awards ceremony to honor the exceptional work of our students, employers and community partners. This year, we held our event at the prestigious Buffalo Club. The award recipients are pictured below. Thank you to all who attended and made this event one of our best yet!

Supervisors of the Year:
Bill Reese
CIO, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County

Daniel Greene
Director of Operations, 43North

Jeremy Blecha, BS ’08
Manager, Tronconi, Segarra & Associates

Interns of the Year:
Michael Stuber
United Way
Rishabh Mathur
43North
Alexis Nicole Weber
Tronconi, Segarra & Associates

Nonprofit Organization of the Year
The Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation

New Internship Partner
CoachMePlus

Outstanding Internship Organization
First Niagara Financial Group

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Each issue of Intern Insider provides perspectives of employers, School of Management student interns and staff regarding internships and other experiential learning opportunities. Our staff assists undergraduate and graduate students throughout the entire process.

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