# ROAD TO SUCCESS: Planning for Summer Research and Internships

# Family Weekend 2015

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# Why is planning important?

- A BS degree with an excellent GPA but nothing else equals a weak resume and a difficult internship/job search and a less competitive application for graduate school
- A BS degree from a top tier college like HMC +
  - a good GPA
  - research
  - experiential education
  - co-curricular activities
  - perhaps study abroad
  - part-time employment

**equals** the ability to effectively package and market oneself to employers and graduate schools

This requires careful planning to accomplish at HMC

# Why is planning essential at HMC?

- It takes time to amass the education and experiences needed to successfully transition from college to the world of work or graduate school.
- Many of the hard skills desired in candidates take time to acquire.
- Soft skills such as leadership, time management, responsibility and interpersonal communication take time to develop.
- BOTTOM LINE Students need to have some sort of action plan.

# **Services**

- One-on-one appointments made easily online
- Walk-in hours three afternoons a week



### Resources

Job and internship listings



HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE | Office of Career Services

- Two job/internship fairs a year
- Weekly Hot Internships blast
- Weekly MUDDMines e-newsletter
- Career Services Facebook group
- Easy to navigate website

# **Programs**

- Beyond the Bubble: Life after HMC seminar series
- Employer and graduate school information sessions
- Special events, e.g., pre-fair mixer with employers
- Graduate school panel with local alumni



Life After Harvey Mudd College

Programs designed to promote post-graduation success



Office of Career Services 909.621.8091 | career services@hmc.edu hmc.edu/career-services







#### **Bubbling Over**

Landing Your Dream Internship or Job

#### Learn About Energy Internships

Bloom Energy | Arne Ballantine '90, VP system engineering plus engineers and recruiters (co-sponsored by ESW/MOSS) Tuesday, Jan. 27 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Shanahan 1480

#### **Outlook for STEM Careers**

Craig Snow, computer scientist/former recruiter Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Mitchell

#### A Look at Careers in Energy

eSolar | David Gross '08, senior simulation engineer (co-sponsored by ESW/MOSS) Thursday, Feb. 19 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Green Room

#### **Dorm Room to Board Room**

Motiv Power Systems | Benson Tsai '06, co-founder TruTouch Technologies | Ben Ver Steeg '98, co-founder/VP Wednesday, April 8 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Aviation Room



#### **Bubble Up**

Personal Bootstrapping

#### Are You World-Ready?

Vaya Consulting | Nicole Sanchez, CEO-founder (co-sponsored by OID) Wednesday, Jan. 28 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Green Room

#### International Students: Get Ready for the Fair

Laserfiche | Laura Victoria, HR manager International Place | Donald Delgado, director Monday, Feb. 9 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room

#### Personality Styles in the Workplace

Microsoft | Dave Cotter, university recruiter Monday, Feb. 23 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room

#### What's Cooking? Preparing Meals On Your Own

Dining Services | Chef Mike Wednesday, April 22 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room



#### **Bursting the Bubble**

Real Advice for the Mudd-to-World Transition

Apple | Amanda Rainer '06, iPad electrical engineer and Marc Davidson '10, product design engineer Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 7-9 p.m. | Green Room

#### Careers in Science: Stories from Alumni

Bolt Threads | Lindsay Wray '08 and Loren Perelman '02, lead scientists Thursday, Feb. 12 | 12:15-1p.m. | Mitchell

#### Muddworking: Connecting With Alumni Throughout Your Mudd Experience

Jennifer Green, director and Arran McNabb '06, assistant director HMC Office of Alumni and Parent Relations Tuesday, March 10 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room

#### **ABCs of Grad School Apps**

Chance Crompton '13 and Jonie Tsuji, career counselor Monday, April 13 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Shanahan 1480



#### **Economic Bubble**

Adventures in Finance

#### **\$tart \$mart \$alary Negotiation**

Vicki Klopsch, executive director and Rachael Bratlien, assistant director Scripps College Career Planning and Resources Thursday, March 5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Aviation Room

#### Things You Need to Know re: Employment Contracts, Non-Competition Agreements and Other Stuff

Craig Byrnes '88, Esq. | Law Office of Craig T. Byrnes Friday, March 6 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Green Room

#### Personal Finance for Life After HMC

Carl Martellino, executive director | USC Career Center Thursday, March 26 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Aviation Room

#### Set Yourself Up for Financial Success in Graduate School

Emily Roberts '07, PhD in biomedical engineering Thursday, April 16 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Green Room



#### **Thought Bubbles**

Test Your Career IQ

#### **Perfecting Your Pitch**

Microsoft | Dave Cotter, university recruiter Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room

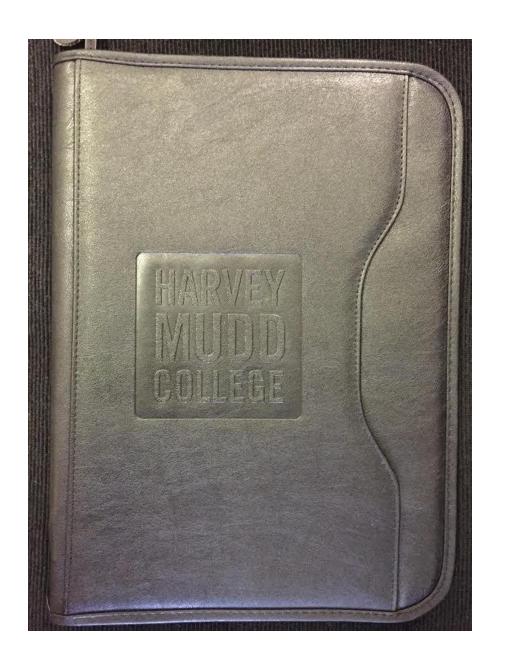
#### Help From Yelp: Career Fair Tips

Yelp | Jimmy Retzlaff '91 and Jessica Stringham '13 Thursday, Feb. 12 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Shanahan 1480

#### Job Search Advice: A Senior Panel

Monday, Feb. 16 | 12:15-1 p.m. | Aviation Room

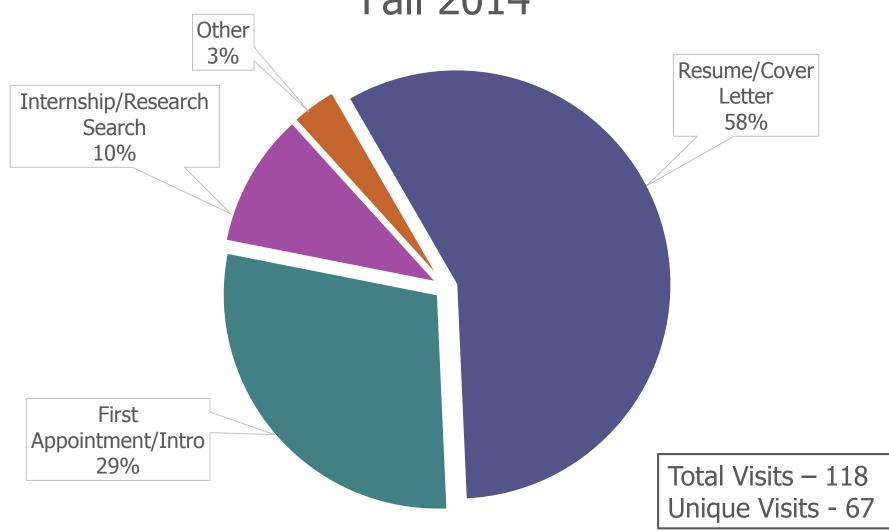




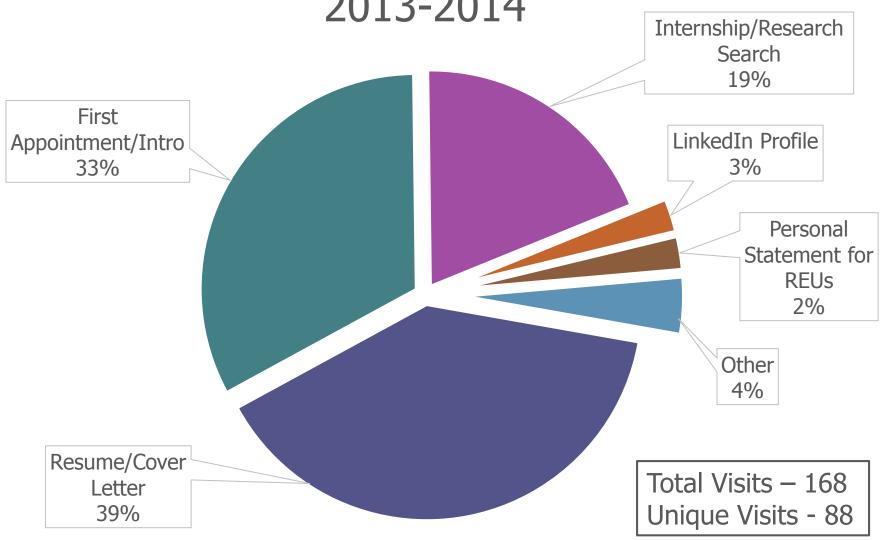
# Class of 2018

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# Usage Stats for First Year Students Fall 2014

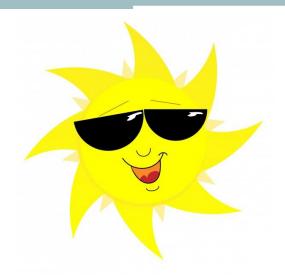


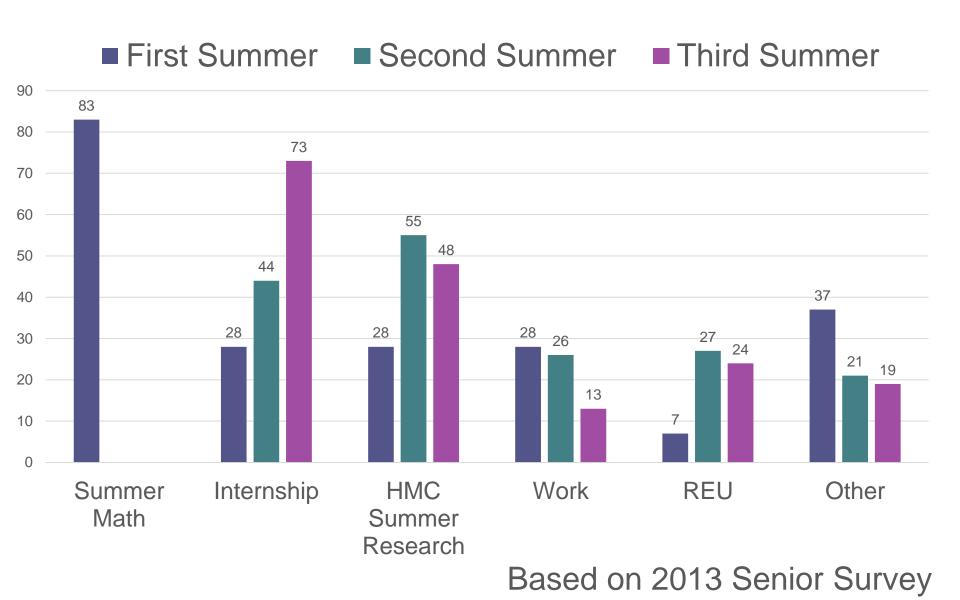
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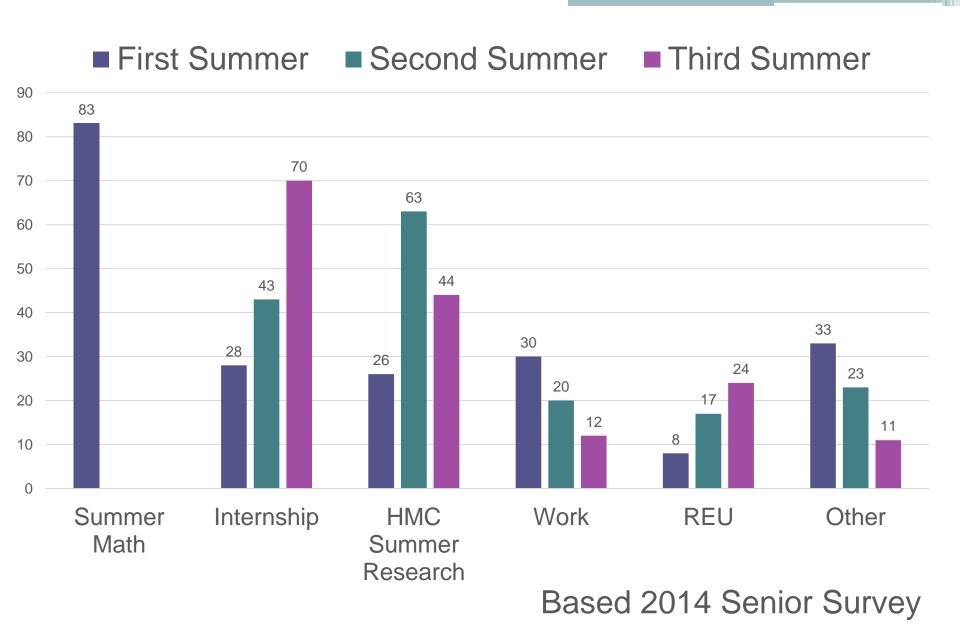


# How Students Find Summer Opportunities

- ClaremontConnect
- Hot Internships blast
- MUDDMines
- Fall & Spring career fairs
- Clinic
- Faculty and Staff
- LinkedIn
- Various internship boards







### Where Mudders have done Internships and Research

- Aerovironment
- Amazon
- Amgen
- Apple
- Boeing
- Broadcom
- Carnegie Observatories
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Clemson University
- Counsyl
- Department of Defense
- DIRECTV
- Dreamhost
- Google
- Green Hills Software
- Hewlett-Packard
- Honeywell Aerospace

- Intel
- JPL
- Kent State
- Laserfiche
- LinkedIn
- Medtronic
- Microsoft NASA Robotics Academy
- MIT Lincoln Lab
- NASA Ames Research
- National Institute for Materials Science
- National Renewal Energy Laboratory
- Northrop Grumman
- Penn State
- Praxis BioSciences
- Qualcomm

- Quantcast
- Raytheon
- Sandia National Labs
- Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
- Southern CA Edison
- SpaceX
- Stanford University
- Teledyne Scientific
- Tesla Motors
- The Aerospace Corp
- UCLA ATS Lab
- University of Maine
- University of Michigan
- University of Washington
- Viasat
- Yelp
- zulily

# How to help your student succeed

- Talk openly with your student about his/her plans
- Discuss decisions, but allow your student to make the decision
- Emphasize the importance of internships and summer research
- Encourage extracurricular involvement
- Be patient & supportive
- Have realistic expectations
- Gently suggest that they visit us



# Questions

## Thank You!

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