ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT SHADOW PROGRAM, 2014-2015

Dear colleagues,

In an effort to offer a unique opportunity for exceptional students to integrate curricular and career experiences, observe and develop workplace skills, and network, the offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs are partnering with alumni for the fifth year in a row. We will repeat a highly-successful Alumni Spotlight Shadow Program first made possible in 2011 by a QEP grant, during which current WCU students will shadow WCU alumni for a whole day on the job. Starting in 2013, we expanded the program to include the Asheville area.

On March 31, 2015, we will bus students to Atlanta while also in April students will travel to Asheville and the surrounding area to shadow alumni.

To apply, students must first be nominated by faculty or staff. Nominees must have earned at least 30 hours of course credit prior to January 2015 and meet exceptionally high standards for excellence and purpose.

We cannot promise to match every student, but your nomination itself will be an honor and an acknowledgement of merit. Nominations should be received by 5PM, February 13.

We are still developing our placement opportunities for this year. In the past, Alumni Hosts were available in the fields of Business Management (both small and Fortune 500), Accounting, Finance, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Construction Management, Broadcasting, Law, Physical Therapy, Social Services, Law Enforcement, Forensics, Private and Public School Administration, Marketing and Sales, Arts and Graphic Design, Nonprofit, Medical Research, Health Care, Government, and Computer Science.

Here is an article describing the inaugural program:
http://magazine.wcu.edu/2011/06/bright-lights-big-opportunity/

Here is a list of alumni and friends of WCU who have hosted students:
http://www.wcu.edu/academics/campus-academic-resources/career-services-and-cooperative-education/alumni-career-services/pastalumnihosts.asp

Here is a list of students (and their nominators) who have participated in the program:
http://www.wcu.edu/academics/campus-academic-resources/career-services-and-cooperative-education/alumni-career-services/paststudentparticipants.asp

You can nominate a student by clicking HERE.

Thank you for supporting this program by nominating a student who stands out in your college, program, or classroom. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Despeaux, Associate Director of Career Services