My goal... to design buildings that improve people's lives

At Christner, I designed the surgery waiting room for Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

Be proactive about seeking internships and start early!

Study abroad to Florence was incredible, it confirmed that I want to be an architect.

“Becoming a united force helps over 200 organizations in St. Louis.”

Michael Offerman, who will graduate in May 2012 with a major in architecture and minor in urban design, spent his summer interning at Christner Inc., an architecture firm in Clayton, Missouri.

Getting to know myself... At Washington University I have had the chance to be exposed to many opportunities and experiences. My Des Lee Fellowship allowed me to work as a summer intern at Christner Inc., and on the allocation panel for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

I didn’t understand all the different possibilities one has with an architecture degree until I did this internship. I learned I was more interested in working on the client side of architecture, perhaps as a project manager.

Bringing my story to life... I prepared my application and resume in November with Erika Fitzgibbon in the Architecture Career Center. She helped me formulate all my materials and my resume early in the year so I could apply on time. She had good interview tips, as well.

Up next... I am applying to the 3-2 program, so I can pursue an MBA and go on to architecture grad school. Eventually I want to manage my own firm and design a building that improves people’s lives.

FROM PASSION SPRINGS PURPOSE

“Ask questions and do informational interviews when you are on the job. People are happy to talk to you and teach you what they do.”

Michael’s career tip

4x Students who visited the Career Center 4x times were more likely to receive a job offer than those who visited just once. (according to NIGC)

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES

MEMC
Google
WY Design
Cornerstone Research
WUSTL: Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Anthropologie
AT&T
Caterpillar
Epic Systems Corporation
WUSTL: Alumni & Development
City Year
Abengoa Bioenergy

EVENTS

Winter Break Road Shows
New York City: Architecture, Art Direction & Publishing
Washington, D.C.: Social Leadership & Advocacy
San Jose: Technology
Career & Internship Connections
Career Fairs (CIC)
Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Washington, D.C.
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