Field Guides

The Field Guide is our signature collaboration, designed to help students connect their academic experience to their future. The “Field Guide for X Majors” brings together alumni, students, and faculty from an academic program to help students think broadly about where their major or area of study might take them, and learn about the many career paths developed by its alumni. Field Guides address the perennial question, “What can I do with my liberal arts major or degree?”

Field Guides are comprised of an alumni panel, dinner or reception, and 1:1 informational advising appointments for students with the visiting alumni. The alumni might also plug into your classes, meet with student organizations, host a career conversation, and more.

This year, we are collaborating with Geography, Theatre, History of Art and Architecture, Dance, Computer Science, International Politics and Economics, and Environmental Studies to offer Field Guides for their students. We have funding for at least one more Field Guide for spring, 2018! Let us know if you are interested.

Career Conversations

As you schedule speakers and events every year, the CCI can add value, and dollars, by scheduling a Career Conversation to follow. Career Conversations are organized around the person visiting and the theme of their presentation. Here, the prevailing question is, “What was the career path that got me here, and what advice do I have for students who might want to do what I do?”

Connecting with Alumni: Departmental Gatherings and Classes

CCI can collaborate with you to bring alumni for your weekly lunches, socials, annual dinners, etc., as well as guests speakers for relevant classes. We are also available to come talk about internships and/or careers that might be of interest to your students.

CCI Student Treks

Student Treks connect students with multiple alumni and organizations during on-site visits. These CCI-led trips, typically hosted over breaks, help students better understand professions concentrated in a large city, including how they operate, what it is like to work there, and what life in that city is like. Student Treks can connect academic content with career exploration and expose students to many potential careers a liberal arts student can expect in a profession and/or location.

For example, last year we collaborated with the Film and Media Culture department to bring students to Los Angeles to shadow and network with alumni in the Media and Entertainment industries. This February, we are planning a Student Trek to the Bay Area to connect students with alumni in Technology. Let us know if you want to explore what a Student Trek for your students might look like.
Here are a few other ways we can collaborate:

- **Internships and Opportunities:** When you receive announcements about various opportunities, please share the information with us. We can encourage the employers to post the positions for students via Handshake, our new platform, and we can add the opportunities to one of our most widely utilized resources, our Career Path Pages. We can work together to mutually collect, share, and promote this information. I invite you and your colleagues to visit my these Career Path Pages, where CCI advisors share opportunities, articles, stories from alumni, and other relevant new, or let us know that you want to receive regular updates about current posts that might be of interest to your students.

- **Outcomes:** We can provide industry destination data on your alumni, lists of internships your majors have completed, and quotes on how they have applied their liberal arts learning.

- **“How We Can Help You: A Faculty Guide to CCI:**” This resource will help when you are faced with a range of questions from students about how they might connect their academic interests to internships, or how they can use their liberal arts knowledge and skills to prepare for life after Middlebury. The Faculty Guide is a directory of CCI resources and how students can access them, covering topics including advising, internship funding, networking with alumni, job postings, and more. We can send you a hard copy or you can review our online version.

- **We welcome your ideas!** Please let us know if you have additional suggestion or any questions.

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