My experience as a Martindale Student Associate not only changed what I did, but also had a significant impact on my goals and how I viewed the world. After studying engineering, I obtained a Master’s degree in Economics, worked for the Federal Reserve and the World Bank, and later in West Africa on AIDS programs, ultimately pursuing an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania. I have no doubt that the Martindale Program precipitated all of this and opened my eyes to a path that I could never have foreseen when I first applied to the Program.

— Bernadette Ryan ’95
Student Associate, Argentina Trip

The Martindale Student Associates Program provides an opportunity for a select group of Lehigh University students to explore global business, economic, and political policy issues outside the scope of classroom study. The Martindale Center takes each year’s class of Student Associates on a 10- to 12-day research trip for in-depth study and fact gathering. In the past, they have visited Germany, France, Argentina, Mexico, the Czech Republic, Canada, Chile, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Italy, Sweden, and Spain.

During the following academic year, Student Associates complete their research, work one-on-one with a faculty mentor, and write up their findings in the form of professional quality journal articles. These articles are published annually in the Martindale Center’s undergraduate research journal, Perspectives on Business and Economics, published since 2001 in cooperation with the NASDAQ Educational Foundation, Inc. In addition to their research activities, Student Associates are full-fledged members of the Martindale Center, taking part in conferences, as well as meeting and talking with leading figures in government, business, finance, and academia who come to the Center as visiting scholars.

Applying for the Program
An extremely competitive selection process begins in January of each year, when students from Lehigh’s three undergraduate colleges—with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher—receive notification of their eligibility. The final selection is made by a panel of faculty members and based on academic record, a written application, and performance in an interview. Student Associates pay no fees for participation in the Program and all expenses for travel and journal publication are paid by the Center.
JACQUELYN M. AMATO is an Economics and Psychology double major. She is a member of various honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma, Omega Eta Delta in Economics, Psi Chi in Psychology, and Phi Delta Sigma for International Achievement. Along with her Dean’s List status, Jacqueline remains involved in the community and other school organizations. In addition to managing Lehigh’s Ice Hockey team, she is an active member of the Alpha Chi Omega sisterhood, and as such, she helps the Bethlehem community by participating in fundraisers, telethons, and visits to the local Boys and Girls Club. As a President’s Scholar, Jacqueline will remain at Lehigh for a fifth year to further her education by earning a Master’s degree in Economics, ultimately beginning a career in a related field.

Topic: Foreign Direct Investment
Advisor: Todd A. Watkins

MEGHAN BERKENSTOCK is a Behavioral Neuroscience and History double major. She is a Roy Eckardt College Scholar and member of Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies. She was an organizing member and is Secretary of the Lehigh Student Medical Society. She was a campus tour guide, and is presently a peer tutor, History Club member, and a theater stage makeup-designer at Zoetrope Arts Center. Meghan works as an office assistant for the Dean of Students and as a part-time counter clerk at American Drycleaners. As Miss Pennsylvania Slovak Heritage Queen 2004, she has traveled throughout the U.S. promoting Slovakian culture and history. Meghan is considering representing Pennsylvania at the Miss Czech-Slovak USA pageant. After graduation, she plans to apply to medical school and specialize in the field of oncology.

Topic: Environmental Regulation
Advisor: Richard N. Weisman

CHRISTOPHER COOPER is an Economics and International Relations double major. A Dean’s Scholar, he is also a recipient of the Forestell Memorial Scholarship, as well as a member of the Phi Beta Delta, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. Chris is an intern at Lehigh’s Office of International Students and Scholars and serves as President of Sigma Chi fraternity. After graduation, he hopes to obtain a Master’s degree in International Relations and attend law school.

Topic: Regional/Rural Development
Advisor: James E. Lennertz

YEVGENY GOLANT is an Accounting and Finance double major. In addition to his Dean’s List status, he is a member of Phi Sigma Pi Honor Society. He is President of the Russian Club, Vice President of the Accounting Club, and Treasurer of the Philosophy Club. He will be an intern at PricewaterhouseCoopers this summer following the trip to Hungary. In the long term, he hopes for international employment, ideally in Eastern Europe.

Topic: Pensions and Retirement Issues
Advisor: J. Richard Arness

REID GRONOSTAJSKI is a Behavioral Neuroscience and Religion Studies double major. He is a Roy Eckardt College Scholar, sexual health peer educator, peer tutor, and a member of Team 60 (helping class officers to plan events). Founder of the Lehigh Student Medical Society, he is a Physician Assistant Intern at St. Luke’s Hospital and serves on Lehigh University EMS. He hopes to attend Physician Assistant school and earn a Master’s degree in that field. After several years of work, he hopes to be instrumental in changing the way people view and access healthcare, ushering in a shift from invasive surgery to preventive medicine. Other career goals include possible appointment to the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Topic: Hungarian’s Biopharma Industry
Advisor: Todd A. Watkins

ANDREW JOHN is an Economics and International Relations double major. He is a Dean’s Scholar and a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and the Economics Society. He hopes to stay at Lehigh for a fifth year as a President’s Scholar to earn a Master’s degree in Economics. Andrew plans to pursue a career in government with the goal of working for an international organization such as the International Monetary Fund.

Topic: Foreign Policy
Advisor: Henry J. Barkey

ADAM KORNFIELD is in the Integrated Business and Engineering Honors program with a concentration in Computer Engineering. He is a Dean’s Scholar, a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Chi Eta Phi honor societies, a student at the St. Luke’s School of Medicine, and a business plan competition winner. Adam’s interests include renewable energy, economics, and majoring in Political Science.

Topic: Impact of Tourism on Hungary’s Economy
Advisor: Richard N. Weisman

SOO HOOI OH is a Music Composition, Electrical Engineering, and Integrated Business and Engineering major. She is currently working on an honors thesis on musical composition. Son also is a member of the Society of Collegiate Scholars and a recipient of the Eugene Mercy Jr. Scholarship. She plans to attend Physician Assistant school.

Topic: Impact of Tourism on Hungarian’s Living Abroad
Advisor: Anne-Marie Anderson

AMY RIKOON is a Psychology major with a background in multiple Arts and Sciences departments. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and Psi Chi (Psychology) honor societies. She is currently working on an honors thesis exploring the connection between personal meaning and well-being characteristics. Amy is a sexual health peer educator, participating in group presentations to spread awareness about sexual health issues to various campus audiences. Her plans following graduation are not solidified, but she is sure to be exciting and interesting.

Topic: Roma and Minority Issues
Advisor: James L. Ennett