The Student Associates Experience

I owe a great deal of my personal and professional success to my participation in the Martindale program. As a student, I was exposed to new ideas and concepts that extended beyond the normal academic curriculum and broadened my thinking. In the process, I also developed deeper relationships with my professors, other students, and alumni that have continued to flourish to this day. Looking back, my involvement as a Student Associate was the highlight of my Lehigh experience.

— Sarat Sethi ’92, CFA
Student Associate, Czech Republic Trip
President, The Martindale Society
Lehigh University Young Alumni Trustee
Harvard University Business School, MBA, ’97
Partner/Portfolio Manager,
Douglas C. Lane & Associates

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 Student Associates Program, one of Lehigh’s premiere undergraduate research programs, is a superb recruiting tool for attracting an increasingly talented group of students. My only regret is that Lehigh didn’t have this program when I was a student.

— James R. Tanenbaum ’70, ’71 BA
Chairman, Lehigh University Board of Trustees

Martindale Student Associates Research Trips

Panamá 2006
Hungary 2005
Spain 2004
Sweden 2003
Italy 2002
Hong Kong 2001
Ireland 2000
Switzerland/Austria 1999
Chile 1998
Germany 1997
France 1996
Germany 1995
Argentina 1994
Canada 1993
Mexico 1992
Czech Republic 1991
Washington, DC 1990
MI, IL, NJ 1989
WI, MI, KY 1988
London, NYC 1987
Canada 1986
Martindale Student Associates Program

Program Overview

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, Spain, and Hungary.

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 from 2001 to 2005 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.
MEGAN BROWN is an Economics major. She is an Eckardt Scholar and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Eta Sigma. She was a STAR tutor, serves as Programming Coordinator for her residence hall House Council, and works at the Humanities Center. Megan is interested in conducting public policy research and formulating plans to address issues such as inequality, sustainable development, and environmental protection.

Topic: Ecotourism  
Mentor: Richard N. Weisman

REBECCA GUZMAN is a Political Science major. She is a member of the Phi Beta Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, as well as the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. A member of the Lehigh Varsity Crew Team, she is involved in C.O.A.C.H, the athletic department’s volunteer program. She participates in Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity, and is currently working toward reestablishing a Lehigh Amnesty International Chapter. Following graduation, she anticipates teaching English abroad and attending law school.

Topic: Transparency and Democracy  
Mentor: Stephen H. Cutcliffe

SABRINA HARRIS is an International Relations and French double major. In addition to her Dean’s List status, she is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She was a language tutor and a peer educator with Career Services and is a Gryphon (residence counselor) in Taylor College. An active member of the Leadership Lehigh program, Sabrina has completed various leadership, teambuilding, and communication workshops as well as off-campus retreats. She participates in and helps organize numerous community service projects. Sabrina was on the Committee for the Lamberton Diner and is the French Club’s liaison to the Global Union. She will remain at Lehigh for an additional year as a President’s Scholar to complete her Master’s degree in Political Science. Upon graduation, Sabrina envisions either pursuing further education or research in the nonprofit sector.

Topic: Reforming the Educational System  
Mentor: David W. Pankenier

JONATHAN KAMENEAR is an Economics and Music double major. A Dean’s List student, he also is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. A brother of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, he held the positions of Scribe and Vice President/Communications, and Publicity Chair. He is a first violinist in the University Philharmonic Orchestra and appeared in Theatre Department productions. Jonathan plans for the future are open to possibility, but currently include working in the arts management industry or economic research.

Topic: External Debt and Investment  
Mentor: Todd A. Watkins

RAJAN KHATIWADA is a Computer Science and Business major. A native of Nepal, he is the first D.W. Botstiber Scholar at Lehigh and a member of Phi Eta Sigma. A Dean’s List student, he stays very involved in various aspects of college life. He was a member of the Gryphon Society and served as an Active Senator for three years in the University Student Senate. He is President of his residence hall House Council and Treasurer of the University’s Cricket Club. As a member of Leadership Lehigh, a four-year program, he has been involved in many volunteer activities in the community. He plans to enter the professional services industry upon graduation and intends to travel around the world to gain new perspectives.

Topic: Women’s Issues  
Mentor: Karen M. Hicks
GIANCARLO RIVERO-PELLEGRINI is an International Relations major with a double-minor in Political Science and Art History. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Beta Delta honor societies. A recipient of Lehigh’s Asa Packer Scholarship, he also is an active member of Lehigh’s World Affairs Club. After two years on the Men’s Varsity Soccer team, Giancarlo now participates in both the Men’s Rugby and Soccer Clubs. He currently plans to attend law school and pursue a career in foreign affairs and/or government service.

**Topic:** City of Knowledge

**Mentor:** Todd A. Watkins

ANTONIO ROTHENBACH is an Industrial Engineering major. His studies focus on manufacturing systems and production management. He has attained Dean’s List status every semester, and is a member of the South American and Latin Student Association (SALSA), the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and the Association of International Students. Additionally, he is an International Admissions Ambassador, hosts the Spanish Language Exchange program, and represents Lehigh on the Club Soccer team. He hopes to receive a President’s Scholarship to pursue a Master of Management Science degree during a fifth year at Lehigh. Antonio plans a career in international business, with the goal of starting his own manufacturing companies in his home country, Ecuador.

**Topic:** Canal Expansion

**Mentor:** Stephen H. Cutcliffe

JENNIFER SCHAPPERT is an International Relations and History double major. A Dean’s List student, she also is a member of the World Affairs Club, Student Athlete Council, and Reformed University Fellowship. Jennifer also is a Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field captain. She is Lehigh’s first ever National Cross Country Academic All-American and NCAA Cross Country National Qualifier. After studying abroad this summer in Germany, she will return to Lehigh as a President’s Scholar. Jennifer plans to pursue a doctorate in International Relations and hopes to become a professor.

**Topic:** Drug Trafficking

**Mentor:** David W. Pankenier

JEFFREY LYLE SUCH is an International Relations major. A Dean’s scholar, he also is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He represents the off-campus constituency on the Lehigh Student Senate, and also is a member of the World Affairs Club, Outing Club, and the Wind Energy Coalition. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and skiing. In the spring of 2005, Jeffrey participated in the Washington Semester Program on Foreign Policy and interned at the State Department. Following graduation, he plans to go to law school and eventually pursue a career in some aspect of international law.

**Topic:** Panamá’s Role in Global Oil Trade

**Mentor:** Henri J. Barkey

ALLISON A. WARSHAW is an Accounting major with a minor in Theatre. She is a Dean’s Scholar and also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is a member of the Gryphon Society and Break the Silence (the University’s sexual violence crisis hotline). Very active in the University’s Theatre Department, she has stage managed and assistant choreographed many main stage productions, serves as Treasurer for the Mustard and Cheese Drama Society, and also earned a William’s Prize Award for her work on The Birds. Allison hopes to stay at Lehigh for a fifth year as a President’s Scholar to earn a Master’s degree in Accounting and Information Analysis. Although she aspires to become a CPA, Allison has every intention of continuing her involvement in the theatre.

**Topic:** Expatriates Retiring in Panamá

**Mentor:** Richard N. Weisman

Student Associates: Panamá 2006 (kneeling, l. to r.): Giancarlo Rivero-Pellegrini, Allison A. Warshaw, Nayla Raad, Jennifer Schappert. (standing, l. to r.): Jeffrey Such, Rajan Khatiwada, Sabrina Harris, Antonio Rothenbach, Rebecca Guzmán, Eugene Kiselev, Jonathan Kamenea.