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TigerLIFE Spring 2018 Semester

Congratulations to our students who received their Completion Award Certificates in December 2017. It was a proud moment for all. Dr. Ralph Calhoun gave the keynote address and provided inspiration to our students to help them transition into the next chapter of their lives.

Our largest class ever will complete in May 2018....32 students! Damarius Everett and her team have hit the pavement hard creating new partnerships with on-campus departments and community- based organizations and businesses for our seniors to have more job experience options.



New community-based externships for this semester include the Memphis Botanic Gardens, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Commercial Kitchen at Crosstown Concourse. These are in addition to Marshall's, Church Health and the Highlands of Memphis. On-campus internships include the University Bookstore, Physical Plant, Recreational Center and the Kemmons Wilson Business School office. And there are more exciting senior job experiences in the works!



TigerLIFE now offers the Community Exploration Class to our 3rd semester students to help them prepare for their senior internships. Dr. Annette Teepe and Megann Fickle have created quite a line-up of job sites to visit and learn about including Aramark, Lichterman Nature Center, University Bookstore, Kroger and Southern Reins Equine Therapy.

Students met with Ms. Fallon Murray at Tiger Den to learn about job opportunities with Aramark. They toured the stations and learned about the different responsibilities of each worker. They also met Chef Brian, who answered questions about cooking.



Mr. Hayman invited <u>Best Buddies</u> to visit his class to get our students excited about social inclusion activities. Big events coming up include the Best Buddies Prom on February 24, 2018 and Friendship Walk on April 22, 2018. Check out the TigerLIFE calendar for more details: http://www.memphis.edu/tigerlife/calendar.php

Thanks to Torie Sanford-Finch for helping take great photos for our newsletter!

Dates to Note

Spring Break— Monday, March 5, 2018— Sunday, March 11, 2018
Shelby County Pre-employment Transition Week—Wednesday, April 18, 2018—Friday, April 20, 2018 (go to http://www.memphis.edu/umid/events/index.php for more information)
Completion Award Ceremony Rehearsal—Thursday, May 10, 2018, 10:00 am to Noon in the Harris Concert Hall
Completion Award Ceremony—Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10:00 am in the Harris Concert Hall

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The mission of TigerLIFE is to use a systematic approach to assess each student's academic, career, technical, independent living, and social skills in order to help them devise the best plan that optimally matches their goals and aspirations for transition into gainful employment and living a more independent and meaningful life.