

Thiel College Magazine for Alumni & Friends

INTERNSHIPS EDITION SUMMER 2019

The Bell

A network diagram background consisting of a complex web of thin grey lines connecting various nodes. The nodes are represented by small grey dots and larger, multi-colored circles (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, grey) with concentric rings, suggesting connectivity and data flow.

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Connecting to the World



TOMMY TOMCAT

Mascot

PROFILE

Through 1923 Thiel athletic teams were known as the "Huskies". But in 1924, greatly impressed by the spirit of the Thiel football team, Carnegie Tech head coach Wally Steffen observed that "they played like wild, wild cats". This prompted Melvin A. Blair of the Greenville Record Argus to report "Thiel played like Tom's cats," in reference to head coach Dr. Thomas Holleran, a Greenville dentist and former all-American at the University of Pittsburgh. From that point thereafter the Thiel "Huskies" became known as the Thiel "Tomcats", a tribute to Dr. Holleran.

*- excerpt from Dr. Roy H. Johnson's
"The History of Thiel College 1866-1974"*

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EDUCATION

THIEL COLLEGE
Expected Graduation Date.....#NeverLeaving
I love all my classes. I have learned a lot about interaction and how to build and become a community member. My time at Thiel taught me how to successfully market myself and things beyond myself.

WORK EXPERIENCE

THIEL COLLEGE *Mascot*
(1924-Present)
I am in charge of keeping school spirit alive and vibrant. I am seen at the Admissions visit days giving out hugs and high-fives. People take a lot of pictures of and with me.

INSTAGRAM *Model*
(October 2012-Present)
Professional influencer. I represent Thiel College on social media and tell our students' stories through images and status updates with #yourThielstory.

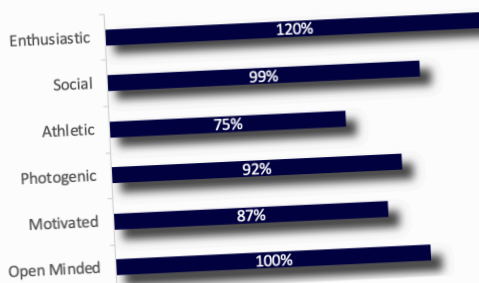
THIEL COLLEGE *Communications & Marketing Intern*
(August 2006-Present)
Most of my work with the Office of Communications and Marketing overlaps with my work as a mascot. I show up at each event and interact with the crowd. I have gained experience in writing for digital media, making advertisements and editing photos.

THIEL COLLEGE *Admissions Student Worker*
(May 2004-Present)
I lead tours of the campus, interact with prospective students and families, and prepare for recruiting events.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Student of the Month.....September-May
Conference Champion.....48 Times
Most recently: AMCC Men's Volleyball Conference Champion.....2019
Most Enthusiastic Awardee.....95 Years Running
Hustle Awardee.....1924

ATTRIBUTES



On the Cover: Students, alumni, faculty and staff at Thiel form connections that last a lifetime. "Connect" is the second part of Thiel College's brand identity "Belong, **Connect**, Become."

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Connecting to the World

Employers today seek candidates who have industry-specific experience and can easily transition from student to full-time employee. Because of the strength and reputation of the Thiel College internship program, they know that behind a Thiel resume is a professional, eager and job-ready graduate who is prepared to help them move their business forward.

Thiel College students know that learning doesn't just take place in the classroom and students who have the chance to intern in a field related to their area of study express a higher level of satisfaction and persist in college.

Paid or unpaid. For credit or not. Summer employment or part-time during the academic year. Local or as part of a study abroad program. Whatever the terms, a Thiel College internship is an enriching education experience that allows students to explore potential career paths while making important connections and strengthening their resumes.

Thiel is appreciative of its vast alumni network, local businesses and organizations, and community supporters. It's through these connections our students gain relevant real-world experience that gives them an upper hand when competing for post-graduation employment. It's also through these connections that a majority of our students are able to complete paid internships and for that we are truly grateful.

The following pages demonstrate the tenacity and motivation Thiel students have shown in the pursuit of their careers.

If you are interested in mentoring a Thiel student or offering an internship, please contact our Director of Career Development **Clarissa S. Arbuckle '11** at **724-589-2371** or **carbuckle@thiel.edu**.





Informed Decision-Making

Class of 2019 salutatorian **Terri Eddy '19** did not waste a minute of her time at Thiel. Heavily involved across campus, Terri capitalized on the resources available through David M. Miller '61 Endowed Chair of Accounting Professor **Gary Witosky '79** and other members of the Thiel network to establish a clear career direction. The Grange Hill, Jamaica, native took initiative to make sure that she had experience in all areas of her chosen career path so that her resume would reflect a knowledgeable, hard-working and well-rounded accountant.

NAME

Terri Eddy

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2019	Staff Accountant
COMPANY	Ernst & Young Global Limited
MAJOR	Accounting & Business Administration with a Finance Track
INTERNSHIPS	SECO/Warwick, HBK CPAs, Ernst & Young
QUOTE	"In accounting there are three main avenues. There's corporate accounting, tax accounting and auditing. I had real-world experience in all three before my senior year."

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Student Government President
- Dietrich Honors Institute
- Alpha Chi
- Les Lauriers
- Chi Eta Sigma
- Lambda Sigma

FAVORITE THIEL TRIP

- Nashville, Tenn.

Internships: Three types of accounting

Students can pursue a career working for a specific company in corporate accounting, or they can pursue public accounting, which includes tax accounting and auditing. Terri wanted experience with all three so she could find her best career path. At the end of her sophomore year, Terri was looking for an internship close to home. She contacted SECO/Warwick, an international manufacturing company with a plant in Meadville, Pa., asking them to develop an internship for her. They liked her pitch and developed an internship where she could implement an enterprise resource planning system for a new subsidiary of their company. She also documented the location of capital assets to create records for auditors and worked with access to a simplified bank reconciliation process.

In the next school year, Terri found a position at Hill, Barth & King, LLC—an *Accounting Today* top 100 firm with more than 500 employees in five states—by networking and establishing personal connections. She spent tax season as their intern, preparing individual tax returns.

After her HBK internship, she began looking for an auditing internship so she could gain experience in the last facet of accounting she had yet to try. She achieved an internship with Ernst & Young Global Limited through the accounting consortium that the Thiel Career Development Center facilitates. At Ernst & Young, she assisted in the financial audit of public companies—identifying and addressing risk factors, preparing workpapers, and more.

Employment: Ernst & Young Global Limited

During her last internship, Terri was offered a full-time job as a staff accountant several months before graduation. Having knowledge of all the different paths her career could take, she made an informed decision to accept the job in Pittsburgh at one of the Big Four accounting firms.



A Supportive Environment

Nicholas Romano '18 was an environmental science major with minors in chemistry, environmental chemistry and wildlife biology. An Eagle Scout, Nick's love for the environment motivated him at Thiel. He received all the awards available to environmental science majors, including the Thomas J. Brazelton Memorial Geology Award in 2015 and the Jim Mill Scholarship in 2016. He has also helped lead campus-wide recycling efforts. Through his internships, he made a direct impact on the local environment and became an environmental expert.

NAME

Nicholas Romano

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2018	Environmental Analyst
COMPANY	Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
MAJOR	Environmental Science
INTERNSHIPS	Lake Metroparks and the Greenville Borough
QUOTE	"Apply for internships! Companies love to see relevant work experience."

Internships: Lake Metroparks and The Borough of Greenville

Through Nick's network base, he secured internships with Lake Metroparks (Ohio) and the Borough of Greenville. At Lake Metroparks, which hosts 3.3 million visitors annually and includes more than 50 miles of trails along the shores of Lake Erie, he studied natural resources and worked with invasive species control. At the Borough, he worked on geographic information system mapping and organizing current storm sewer data to be used for stormwater repair. His experience with this local real-world data made him a prime candidate for his current position with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Employment: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

At Kimley-Horn, Nick uses his expertise in system mapping and sewer data to prepare assessments and delineations for large- and small-scale properties and uses National Environmental Policy Act documents to prepare for field work. He performs environmental site assessments and subsurface investigations for both commercial and residential properties, and samples stormwater during rain for testing against industrial stormwater permit requirements. Kimley-Horn is an environmental consulting company with more than 3,000 employees in 80-plus offices around the country. Nick works out of the company's office in Virginia Beach, Va. The training he received in his internships is put to use every day.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Kappa Sigma
- Environmental Club
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Chess Club

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Eagle Scout
- Adult committee member of Boy Scout Troop 62





Connecting Through Leadership

Annika Schul '19 was an involved member of Sigma Kappa sorority. The State College, Pa., native found that many opportunities arise from participation in Greek life on campus. During her senior year, Annika was chapter president and also earned the \$10,000 Elizabeth Hunt Curfman scholarship from Sigma Kappa's national organization for demonstrating outstanding leadership. Her leadership on campus and her Thiel experience afforded her a competitive job opportunity uniquely available to her.

NAME

Annika Schul

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2019	Leadership Consultant
COMPANY	Sigma Kappa
MAJOR	Early Childhood Education and Special Education
INTERNSHIPS	Thiel College Dept. of Education & Student Teacher
QUOTE	"My internships gave me leadership experience that taught me to not give up, push myself out of my comfort zone and continue to grow."
HONORS SOCIETIES	STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kappa Delta Phi• Les Lauriers• Order of Omega• National Society for Leadership and Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheerleader• Peer Tutor• Thiel Team• Loving Hands Respite Service

Internships: Department of Education and Student Teaching

As a student intern for the College's Department of Education, Annika took a leadership role, planning an educational carnival for K-6th grade students. She also had a semester-long student-teaching experience in a local fourth-grade classroom, where she developed organization, management, personal discipline and planning skills. In college, she was given opportunities to prove herself on an internship level, making her an excellent candidate for a competitive full-time position.

Employment: Sigma Kappa Sorority

Annika planned to pursue a master's degree, but also wanted to work full time. She sought a position for the Sigma Kappa sorority national headquarters based in Carmel, Ind., and her leadership in Greek life and on campus set her apart in the interview process. She now travels around the country to visit chapter organizations as a consultant and mentor. While she is traveling the country and meeting new people through this exciting job, Annika is also taking online classes to pursue her master's degree.





1 Connection, 3 Great Outcomes

For **Laura Betz '09**, **Robert Hritz '14** and **Kale Postlewait '16**, a meaningful career was only a few miles down the road from Thiel. Member of the Board of Trustees **John Frangakis H'19** was the connection these students needed to get plugged into the workforce, all through his parent company Reynolds' Services Inc. and its subsidiary Cross IT Services and Solutions, LLC.

Upon graduation, Laura worked with the Career Development Center at Thiel to find an internship, and after a call to Frangakis, they found her a spot at Cross IT. She spent the internship doing tech work and learning IT processes, but the staff there quickly figured out that her skillset could be a big help working on database management. From that internship, she was hired as a full-time data systems analyst.

Robert developed leadership skills as a member of the football and track teams at Thiel. He also gained teamwork and collaborative skills as social chair and alumni relations head for Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. In the spring of 2014, he sought out Cross IT, did an interview, and began to intern as a technician, doing trouble-shooting and basic IT work. He was also hired full-time from the internship and transitioned to his current position in custom software development.

Kale was also connected to a Cross IT internship through the Career Development Center, He stayed at Cross IT for a period of time after graduation, learning transferrable skills by managing logistics ordering and purchasing, and working as an IT technician. He has since moved on to Cross' parent company, Reynolds' Services Inc., where he has taken on the role of engineer and electrician.

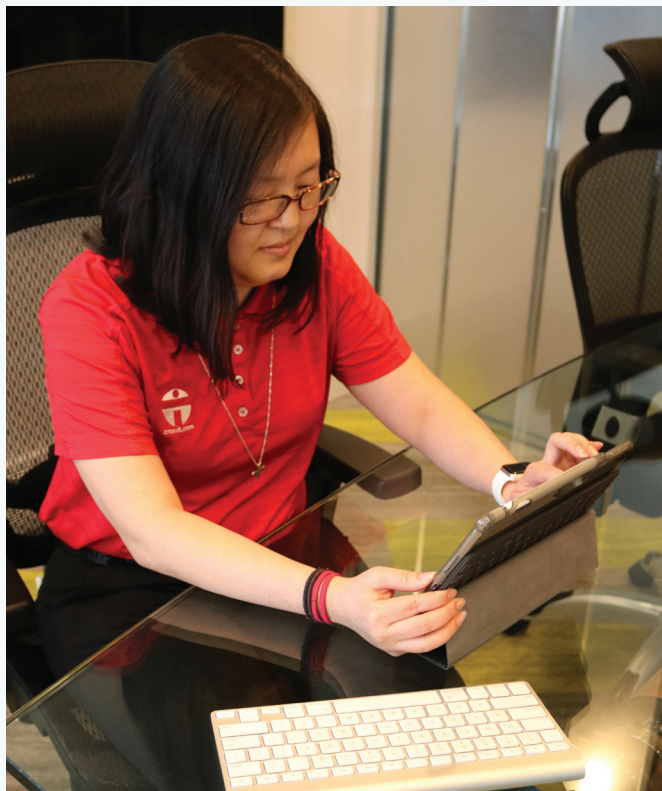
NAME

Laura Betz



GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2009	Data Systems Analyst
COMPANY	Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC
MAJOR	Computer Science
INTERNSHIP	Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC
QUOTE	"When I was looking for an internship, the Career Development office helped me set up an interview on the spot."

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT	FAVORITE GREENVILLE RESTAURANT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographer for <i>The Thielensian</i> • Thiel Players • Circle K • Golf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padrone's Pizza & Pub





NAME

< Robert “Bobby” Hritz

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE	
2014	Business Process Improvement Manager	
COMPANY	Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC	
MAJOR	Mathematics and Computer Science	
INTERNSHIP	Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC	
QUOTE	“The most important experience of an internship is getting out into that real work scenario. It’s helpful getting out of the college bubble and seeing what a real job is like.”	
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT	FAVORITE GREENVILLE RESTAURANT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta Sigma Phi • Football • Track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bent Fork 	

NAME

Kale Postlewait >

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE	
2016	Operations Engineer	
COMPANY	Reynolds’ Services Inc.	
MAJOR	Management of Information Systems, Accounting and Business Administration	
INTERNSHIP	Cross IT Services & Solutions, LLC	
QUOTE	“Based on my experience, an intern is able to do work in many different areas.”	
HONORS SOCIETIES	FAVORITE GREENVILLE RESTAURANT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha Chi • Chi Eta Sigma • Kappa Mu Epsilon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compadres Mexican Restaurant 	





Pathways through Pitt

Michael Long '19 has taken a unique path at Thiel. He elected to participate in the 3-2 dual engineering degree program in cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh, earning dual degrees from Thiel and Pitt. Through the program's structure, Michael secured a co-op position during his last year of studies, placing him directly in an automotive testing lab and offering him direct access to specialized equipment giving him the opportunity to do technical work as an engineer before graduation.

NAME

Michael Long

GRAD YEAR	INTERN POSITION
2019	Lab Technician Specialist
COMPANY	Dana Incorporated
MAJOR	Physics and mechanical engineering dual degree
QUOTE	"[Internships] are very helpful because they help you get work experience for after graduation. [My internship] is a very hands-on job and very helpful if you want to get to understand the automotive industry."

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Pi Nu Epsilon
- Thiel Players
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Global Club
- Organization of Black Collegians
- Thiel Choir
- Habitat for Humanity

INTERESTING FACT

- Michael is a first-generation college student

Internship: Dana Incorporated

Since the beginning of the spring 2019 semester, Michael worked full-time as a lab technician specialist for Dana Incorporated, testing vehicle axles in a variety of high-stress situations and doing tear-downs of failed axles to specify where products need to be improved. He documents all the components of tested parts and helps to compile reports on failed gears, bearings and other elements of the products. He has worked with 3D computer modeling programs as well. Dana Incorporated is an international automotive manufacturing company with more than 135 facilities and more than 30,000 employees in 33 countries. Michael was based in their Toledo, Ohio driveline center.

Future Plans:

Michael will return to the University of Pittsburgh in August to complete his final semester of college, graduating with an applied physics degree from Thiel and mechanical engineering degree from Pitt. He now has specific, technical work experience to pad his top-tier resume as he begins to search for post-graduation employment.



Instant Chemistry

Allison Hamilton '20 enters her senior year in full stride. Thanks to a connection a professor helped her make, she already has a year of internship under her belt applying her chemistry studies to creating organic, non-toxic skincare and bath products for Good Nature Essentials. And because she excelled there, she will be back in the fall!

NAME

Allison Hamilton

GRAD YEAR	INTERN POSITION
2020	Intern Chemist
COMPANY	Good Nature Essentials, LLC
MAJOR	Chemistry and Pre-Pharmacy with minor in Spanish
QUOTE	“Thiel is a great place when you are looking for an internship. Everybody knows everybody, and it's almost like having one big family.”
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT	THIEL SPORTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stray Haven• Animal Shelter• Thiel Team• Spanish Club• Thiel Athletics student worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer• Rugby

Internship: Good Nature Essentials, LLC

Good Nature Essentials is a Greenville, Pa.-based company that produces and sells handmade soaps, candles, essential oils and other natural products. Looking for a student who could help them develop some new products, they reached out to Thiel. Professor of Chemistry **Kathryn Frantz, Ph.D.**, recommended Allison because she had the chemistry knowledge to contribute to their business.

Allison developed a new line of bath bombs for the company. She was involved with the whole process, starting from the chemistry of recipes and working on production and packaging. She has explored new formulas, expanded on existing recipes and found ways to enhance all of their products. She has to monitor the chemistry and ingredients in all of the recipes to ensure everything is environmentally-friendly and non-toxic.

Future Plans:

After Commencement, Allison plans to pursue a doctoral degree in pharmacy.





Master of Media

Thiel football wide receiver **Jaime Sommers '19** took initiative to become an expert in digital marketing and social media strategy while he was a student. As a communication student who wanted to work in media, he went to the place on campus where he knew he could learn about content creation, social media strategy and targeted digital marketing: The Office of Communications and Marketing.

NAME

Jaime Sommers

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2019	Integrated Digital Specialist
COMPANY	Nextstar Media Group, Inc.
MAJOR	Public Relations, Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communication
INTERNSHIP	Thiel College Office of Communications & Marketing
QUOTE	"Thiel prepared me so well that I end up helping others in my office who are less familiar with new digital advertising technology."
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT	INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track• Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,469

Internship: Thiel College Office of Communications and Marketing

When Jaime approached the Office of Communications and Marketing for an internship, he indicated that he was interested in multi-media storytelling and social media management. He worked with Assistant Director of Digital Engagement **Michael McElroy** to develop several digital storytelling campaigns. He continued a strategy for the institution's Snapchat account, managing an "MTV-Cribs-style" dorm room showcase series. He wrote content for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr and Thiel's website. He also added to the ongoing "#yourThielstory" photo profile series, photographing and interviewing students for a regularly-updating page on the website:

www.thiel.edu/admissions/thiel-stories

Employment: Nextstar Media Group, Inc.

Through his network, Jamie found an open position in digital media marketing, and his experience and references at Thiel made him the right fit. He now works for Nextstar Media Group, Inc., which owns 170 TV stations across the country. He specifically works for WJET 24 and Fox 66 stations in Erie, Pa. Jamie sells digital advertising to local businesses and also oversees advertising campaigns due to his knowledge of digital marketing.





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A Family Connection

An international student from Malaysia, **Xin Ning Tan '19** (who goes by Eunice) participated in the host family program offered through Student Life. She was connected with the Clemente family, who provided her with valuable connections in the Greenville community. Through St. Paul's Senior Living Community Vice President of Community Relations **Rita Clemente**—her host mom—Eunice gained an introduction to the staff at St. Paul's, where she spent a semester interning in their accounting department. Within the Thiel family, Eunice participated in an alumni-student networking event, which led her to the **Haers** and future employment.

NAME

(Eunice) Xin Ning Tan

GRAD YEAR	JOB TITLE
2019	Staff Accountant
COMPANY	FHC Inc.
MAJOR	Accounting & Business Administration with a Finance Track
INTERNSHIP	St. Paul's Senior Living Community
QUOTE	"In my internship I got to work with pretty much every single staff member, so I learned a lot."

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Pedas Fellows
- Chi Eta Sigma
- Les Lauriers
- Writing lab tutor
- National Society of Leadership & Success

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

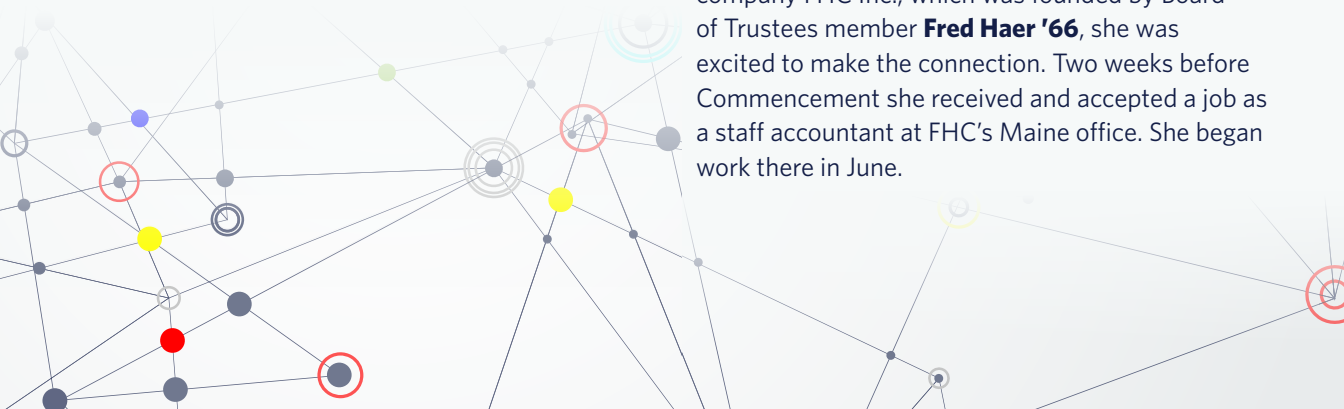
- English
- Mandarin
- Malay
- Cantonese

Internship: St. Paul's Senior Living Community

At St. Paul's, Eunice spent time with all aspects of their accounting operation. She worked directly with the chief financial officer, the controller, a billing specialist, accounts payable and others. Among her many responsibilities, she assisted in financial analysis (creating comparative metrics for financial performance and profit analysis), processed accounts payables and cash receipts, and participated in budget meetings.

Employment: FHC Inc.

During her senior year, Eunice was interested in going into private sector accounting. During a networking event on campus, she met **Jill (Shackett) Haer '66**. Who could have known that just a few months later, Eunice would be an accountant for the Haers' company? When Vice President for College Advancement **Roberta Leonard** approached Eunice with a job opportunity at the neuroscience and neurosurgery technology company FHC Inc., which was founded by Board of Trustees member **Fred Haer '66**, she was excited to make the connection. Two weeks before Commencement she received and accepted a job as a staff accountant at FHC's Maine office. She began work there in June.





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