School of Labor and Employment Relations

Scholarship Reception 2013
Loichle Family Foundation Fellowship
in honor of Professor Martin Wagner

LER alumnus Lee Loichle and his wife Jan chose to honor the former director of LER, Professor Emeritus Martin Wagner, through the Loichle Family Foundation Fellowship. Through this endowment opportunity, Lee demonstrates his gratitude for the educational experiences he had at the School, as well as aiding future students in having similar success. Recipients are selected for outstanding academic achievement and an expressed career interest in all aspects of Human Resources, including labor relations.

Lee is retired from Ford Motor Company, where he had a 27-year career in human resources.
Loichle Family Fellow

- 3M Human Insights Summer Intern
- University of Michigan Recreational Sports Supervisor
- Psychology Peer Advisor, Psychology Student Affairs
- Research Assistant Innovators and Entrepreneurs Lab
- Research Assistant Integration, Power, and Culture Lab
- LS&A Academic Honors Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Fall 2012

Jonathan Ludka
Saginaw, MI
University of Michigan
Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience
May 2013

I choose LER for their outstanding reputation of putting graduates in a position to succeed immediately and often in their human resources careers. The faculty, alumni and students are all exemplary of this reputation, and I look forward to building and sustaining a dependable network for the entirety of my career.
May Family Fellowship

LER alumnus Alan May and his wife Hope established this student fellowship to encourage study in the area of international human resources. The fellowship will be awarded annually to a suitable international applicant, or a domestic applicant with a demonstrated interest in international human resources. Preference is given to students with strong linguistic skills and academic or professional experience in a foreign country.

Alan is the past president of the Alumni Board, an ILIR Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient, and the VP for Strategy, Compensation and Benefits for Boeing.
May Family Fellow

- Tennessee Alliance for Progress, Young Leadership Award, 2011
- Co-chair, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, Juvenile Task Force, 2009-2010
- Nashville Emerging Leaders, training program for community leaders, 2011
- Co-Chair, Advisory Board, Health, Science and Law Academy of McGavock High School, 2012-2013
- Tennessee Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, President of the Board, July, 2012-June, 2013; Member, 2010--present
- Study Abroad in Mendoza, Argentina; National French Honor Society; Frances Walters Scholarship; Maude Jackson Padgett Travel grant

Susanne Bennett
Nashville, TN
Agnes Scott College
International Relations; Spanish minor
May 2005

Through LER, I hope to learn how to form and implement policies that will attract and retain a diverse workforce. I also hope my degree will give me the opportunity to positively impact intercultural communication and understanding within a company.
Susan Handler Fellowship

LER alumnus Susan Handler, A.M. ‘86 with a generous match from her employer the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, provided a large gift to support women and minority students at LER.
The first time I visited LER a student expressed how the school itself was "like a home away from home." During my undergraduate years at UIC I found that I learned more and felt more comfortable in classes where Professors and students knew each other. I also chose LER because it offers so many opportunities that students in other programs are not afforded, including networking with accomplished alumni, internships with top companies and learning from distinguished Professors. LER is one of the best programs at the best University, and I am excited to take advantage of everything the program has to offer.
Susan Handler Fellow

• Executive Recruiter Intern, David Gomez & Associates
• Marketing Intern, Chicago Zoological Society
• Camp Supervisor, Hinsdale Park District
• Vice President of Member Education, Delta Gamma Fraternity
• Lambda Pi Eta, National Communication Honor Society

Ariel Burks
Hinsdale, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Communication; Spanish minor
May 2013

I chose LER because I believe the prestigious reputation of this program will provide me with the best education and opportunities in order to excel within the field of human resources. This program will allow me to gain a competitive edge in today’s intense job market, which will help me achieve my career goals.
Susan Handler Fellow

- Illinois Promise Scholar
- LAS AAP Scholar (Access and Achievement Program)
- Executive Assistant of the Communication Association
- Learning in Community (LINC) Member
- Head Teacher at Happi-Time Daycare Center

I chose LER at UIUC because as a former undergraduate at the university, I have gained a sense of home here and connected as well as networked with many great people. After researching this prestigious and reputable program, I realized this would be a place where I could combine my passion for helping people with a rigorous yet close-knit learning environment to develop my skills as a HR professional. LER provides a challenging program that will prepare me for a competitive career that will be both influential and rewarding.

Brittany Cooper
Chicago, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Arts in Communication
May 2013
Susan Handler Fellow

- Site Coordinator, Regional Office of Education
- Digital Sales Executive, Dex One Corporation
- Branch Manager, Enterprise Holdings
- Diversity Team Area Captain, Enterprise Holdings
- President’s Award Recipient, University of Illinois 2003-2004

Norma Murphy
Glenwood, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
December 2006

I chose LER for its renown academic reputation, and the amazing networking and career opportunities the program provides. I am excited to be a part of such a successful program, and I look forward to building relationships with faculty, staff, and fellow students. Coming from the business world, I am confident that my time at LER will give me the competitive edge to fulfill my professional goals and become a leader in the Human Resource field.
Susan Handler Fellow

- Administrative Assistant, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State
- Veteran’s Education Counselor, Illinois Central College
- Campaign Assistant, State Representative's Campaign
- Human Resources Sergeant, United States Army
- Superior Honor Award, U.S. Department of State
- Army Achievement Medal

Daniel Esquivel
Peoria, IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Political Science
August 2009

I chose LER because of the program’s reputation for producing the finest Human Resources professionals. The world’s top companies consistently seek new talent from the LER program, which speaks volumes to the caliber of the program—and I’m honored to be a part of it. I am extremely excited about the promising opportunities LER will prepare me for.
R. Wayne Anderson Family Fellowship

LER Alumnus R. Wayne Anderson and his wife, Dottie, established the first alumni-endowed fellowship at LER to honor the entire family’s commitment to education. The fellowship was created to enable industrious, promising and appreciative students to achieve their educational and professional goals. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, scholastic ability, and evidence that they worked throughout their undergraduate years.

Wayne Anderson served as the senior vice president of HR for Amoco Corporation.
R. Wayne Anderson Family Fellow

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Senior Research Assistant, Self and Relationships Laboratory
- Research Assistant, ETSU PEAKS Research Grant for Suicidal Prevention

I chose LER due to the school’s esteemed reputation and inimitable placement rate. During my time at LER, I aspire to learn what it takes to become a Human Resources professional and I openly embrace the challenges, research opportunities, and relationships that I will experience.

Cody Dandy
Johnson City, TN
East Tennessee State University
Psychology
May 2013
Walsh Family Scholarship

Michael Walsh, MHRIR 2005, and Christine Gilboe Walsh, MHRIR 2006, have made a commitment to endow an LER student scholarship for future incoming master’s students. The Walsh Family Scholarship has been earmarked to honor incoming LER students with an excellent academic background, focusing on those students with a business or Human Resources undergraduate degree and/or are veterans of the United States military.
Walsh Family Scholar

• Vice President of Operations for Phi Chi Theta (Business Fraternity)
• Client Service Intern at Humanex Ventures (Human Resources Consulting)

Learning more in depth about the field, meeting other students, and networking in the field!

Megan Kloosterman
Kalamazoo, MI
Western Michigan University
Human Resource Management
April 2013
William and Donna McPherson Fellowship

The William and Donna McPherson Fellowship was established by Donna McPherson to help LER students who are pursuing studies in labor and industrial relations. This award honors the late Professor William McPherson’s love of teaching and his distinguished service to the field. Professor McPherson was the first academic faculty member hired for LER in 1946.

*McPherson Fellowship will be awarded to an incoming spring student in January 2014!*
Thomas Dyer
Arlington Heights, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Psychology, Business Minor
May, 2012

BP Scholar

- Human Resources Intern, Pepsi Beverages Company
- Summer Camp Counselor, Arlington Heights Park District
- Coordinator, Best Buddies
- Research Assistant, Social Action Lab
- Dean’s List
- James Scholar Graduate
- Phi Beta Kappa Society

I am confident in the competitive advantage I will gain from attending LER through learning from distinguished faculty, networking with Fortune 500 companies, gaining valuable work experience in a challenging internship program, and exposure to a diverse network of HR professionals.
Jacqueline Yonover
Golf, IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Spanish and Global Studies
May 2013

I am very passionate about working with people and problem solving. One of my career goals is to have a positive impact on the lives of people. Pursuing a degree in Human Resources and Industrial Relations will provide me with the possibility of beginning a career path in which I will have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of people and contribute to the overall success of any company.
BP & LER Scholar

• 4 years as a Fry Cook at Dairy Queen
• 3 months as a HR Intern at Vienna Correctional Center
• 3 months as a HR Intern at Shedd Aquarium
• 2012-13 Focus (Student Led Worship) Executive Board Member
• 2011-12, 2012-13 Undergraduate Research on Organizational Justice
• Student Member on Presidential Search Committee to select new President at NCC
• Graduated summa cum laude
• Four-Year Academic All-American: Cross Country/ Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field
• Three-Time Division III All-American: Athletic All-American in Outdoor Track and Field and Cross Country
• Capital One Academic All-District Men’s Cross Country and Track and Field Team
• Psi Chi Honor Society – International Honor Society in Psychology

Daniel Kerley
Vienna, IL
North Central College
B.A. in Psychology
June, 2013

I look forward to completing a comprehensive internship to get the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to be a great Human Resources Manager.
BP & LER Scholar

- Employee Services Manager, Illini Media Company
- Income Development Intern, American Diabetes Association
- LAS 101 Instructor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Consultant, Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations
- President, Communication Leaders
- Otto A. L. Dieter Award Recipient, Department of Communication
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

I chose the LER Program at the University of Illinois because it offers a comprehensive understanding of all aspects in human resources management, and it will provide valuable knowledge to help me achieve my career goals.
Boeing Scholar

Stephanie Tham
Palatine, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Integrative Biology; Chemistry minor
May 2011

I am looking forward to sharing my new knowledge in the field with the incoming Fall class, and anticipate that I will always look back to LER in my career and continue to support their valuable mission in educating future HR professionals. I know that I have an exciting career ahead of me, and I wouldn't be where I am today without LER.

- Boeing Defense, Space, and Security Intern, Oklahoma City, Summer 2013
- VP of External Relations for SSHRM, 2013
Allison Oviatt
Pullman, WA
Washington State University
Psychology
May 2012

Boeing Scholar

• President's Honor Roll
• Passed the Junior Writing Portfolio with Distinction (Top 10% of WSU Junior Class)
• Undergraduate Research Assistant for the Department of Psychology

I chose LER because of the resources and support that it provides for its students. I knew that the Alumni Mentoring Program and Career Services Center would be crucial in preparing me for future employment. The accelerated nature of the program combined with the flexibility in choosing classes were also huge factors in my decision to attend UIUC/LER. I wanted the ability to tailor my class schedule to broaden my knowledge on subjects and skillsets I feel less comfortable with.
Caterpillar Scholar

- Student Government
- New Student Orientation
- Chancellor's Student Advisory Council
- Hispanic Outreach

Michael Martinez
Clarksville, TX
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Clinical Psychology
August, 2012

I chose LER because it is one of the best programs for HR and because I liked the idea of challenging myself to move to a new and unfamiliar place.
Caterpillar Scholar

- Resident Advisor, University of Illinois
- Human Resources Intern, University of Illinois-Campus Recreation
- Human Resources Intern, Federal Mogul Corporation
- Human Resources Intern, Integrys Energy Group
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- General Assembly Scholarship
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship
- Fred S. Bailey Scholarship

Angela Addison
Chicago, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
May 2013

I chose LER because it is one of the top Human Resource programs with a challenging curriculum and outstanding faculty/staff. LER will challenge me in order to further develop my skills and knowledge in Human Resources and provide great networking opportunities with companies and alumni while building a strong relationship with my fellow classmates.
Eaton Scholar

• 3-year internship experience with The Executive Edge
• HR intern for the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
• Active SHRM member for 3 years

I'm most looking forward to taking specialized classes that will dramatically deepen my HR knowledge and skills, as well as meeting classmates who will be lifelong friends, connections and colleagues.

Krysta Ramsey
Carol Stream, IL
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Communication
May, 2013
The School of Labor and Employment Relations offers exactly what I am looking for—an in-depth education in human resources and networking opportunities with people from diverse backgrounds and work experiences. I am looking forward to learning from the LER faculty and students, and believe that this education will prepare me well for the complex decision-making required of today’s HR professionals.
ExxonMobil Scholar

- Human Resources Intern, The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, May-August 2013
- Assistant Director, KinderCare, March 2009 - August 2012
- Water Resort Manager, CoCo Key Water Resort, October 2006 - August 2008
- Forté Fellow, University of Illinois MBA Program, July 2013
- National Society of Hispanic MBA Scholar, 2012
- Vice President/Treasurer, Diversity Association, University of Illinois, December 2012 – Present
- China Consultant, Global Consulting Program, University of Illinois, Spring 2013
- Member, Women In Business, University of Illinois, September 2012 – Present
- Member, MBA Association, University of Illinois, August 2012 – Present
- Member, Sports, Tourism And Recreation Association, University of Illinois, September 2012-Present

Rosa Pasillas Labak
Rockford, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Recreation, Sport and Tourism
May 2006

I chose LER because my intentions upon returning for my master's degree were to transition into the HR field. This is very difficult to do without the right experiences and education. I found that I was learning how to run a business and strategy in my MBA classes, but in order to differentiate myself I not only needed the business and strategy knowledge, but also the specific knowledge pertaining to the HR profession.
General Mills Scholar

- Branch Manager, Sedona Staffing
- Recruiter, Sedona Staffing
- University of Illinois James Scholar Graduate
- Advanced Studies in England Study Abroad Participant
- Alpha Phi, Lady Chaplain and Formal Recruitment Computer Chair
- Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club, Learning in the Community Volunteer and Program Developer

Ann Tracey
Moline, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Science in Media Studies, specializations in Spanish & Political Science
December, 2011

At LER, I look forward to participating in a challenging academic program to better develop myself into a human resources professional. Additionally, I hope to form long-lasting personal and professional relationships with my LER classmates, professors and alumni. I am excited to put the skills I learn from the knowledgeable LER faculty and staff to good use when I re-enter the workforce.
LER Scholar

• Business Career Services, UIUC – Graduate Assistant
• China Executive Leadership Programs, UIUC – Interpreter
• Department of Management, U of T – Teaching Assistant
• Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan – Junior Financial Analyst
• Grant Thornton International – Global Industry Project Assistant
• Hydro One Networks Inc. – Program and Workforce Management Intern

I am looking forward to contributing to global expansion of international companies as HR Business Partner. Together with my business acumen and finance knowledge, the MHRIR program at UIUC will enable me to further my understanding in human resources and its role in sustainable business growth. My education and work experience in China, Canada and US provides me with a global mindset and the ability to work with an international workforce.

Jiayun Judith Tu
Shanghai, China
University of Toronto (U of T) Management and Finance
August, 2012
LER Scholar

- Reward and Recognition Intern, Rolls-Royce
- Project Manager, Illinois Action for Children
- Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society
- Mock Interviewer, The Career Center

I chose LER for the stellar placement statistics and its solid reputation among top companies. I knew the curriculum and faculty would help me bridge my non-profit experience with the knowledge needed to become a successful human resource professional in a corporate setting.
LER Scholar

- HRLP Intern at United Technologies Corporation
- 2.5 years of public accounting experience
- Phi Chi Theta, Professional Business Fraternity
- IRS: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Tax Return Preparer
- Volunteer Mock Interviewer, The Career Center
- Naomi Satterfield Memorial Scholarship
- School of Labor and Employment Relations Scholarship
- Business International Program Scholarship
- Jewel-Osco Scholarship
- Dean’s List

Frank Olivo
Chicago, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, May 2009
Master of Accounting Science; Information Technology & Control minor, May 2010

My satisfaction derives from assisting in the betterment of others within the context and framework of a business environment. The degree from LER will allow me to learn about all aspects of human resources, as well as labor relations, and equip me with the necessary tools to become a successful human resource professional. LER will put me in a position to help attain as well as retain quality employees for an organization. LER will put me in a position to be an essential part of the development of policies that will attract and retain quality employees for an organization.
PepsiCo Scholar

- Pepsico Frito Lay HR Intern, Topeka KS 5/13-8/13
- Brust Enterprises, LLC Human Resources Specialist, St. Paul- Minneapolis, MN 6/12-1/13
- TCU: Neeley Fellows, Student Government, Frog Aides Co-Director
- Alpha Chi Omega Sorority: VP of Recruitment 2010
- Visa Corps Study Abroad Member
- SHRM Member: Student sponsorship recipient for the Southwest HR Conference
- TCU Honors Program
- Chancellor's Leadership Program Member & Medallion Recipient

I choose LER because of it’s strong alumni network, dedication to its students, and drive for success. LER has the ideal combination of cultivated professors, encouraging staff members, and active alumni. That combination was a perfect match for me to immerse myself into learning the ins and outs of Human Resources both in the classroom and in the field. I am so appreciative of the opportunity LER has provided me and I look forward to continuing my studies here over this year and returning as an active alumni upon graduation.
PepsiCo Scholar

- Member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, served as President in '12-13 year
- Mortar Board Senior Honorary, served as Membership Selections Chair
- Outstanding Senior '12-13, University of Wyoming College of Business
- Global Business Study Abroad in Germany, Summer 2012
- Elected to sit on Dean's Review Board '12-13

I chose to attend LER because it will help fulfill my professional goals better than any other institutions. I was very excited to be accepted to the program, greeted by some of the most welcoming school representatives I have ever met, and offered extra support and assistance. Because of this I quickly made up my mind that LER would be the best option for professional success and that involvement will lead to new connections from around the world. I am honored to be able to take part in this highly regarded, well-known program.
During my education at the LER School, I most look forward to building relationships with top present and future human resources professionals. I am certain that these relationships will enable me to make a great impact on the future of labor and employment relations.
Phillips 66 Scholar

- Intern, Daniel Biss for State Representative
- Data Fellow, Atlas Project
- Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha)
- Member of Underwater Hockey Team at University of Illinois

Jacob McCartney
Wilmette, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Science in Political Science, December 2012

I am looking forward to learning how to motivate employees and structure their environment so that they reach their highest potential, in ways that will leave them proud and fulfilled in their jobs.
My educational and professional experiences thus far have ignited my passion for working in human resources while also opening my eyes to how much more I have to learn. My undergraduate years are a good starting point for me, but I need more education and experience in order to fulfill my goals. The field of human resources is often changing with new legislation and technological advances, and a master’s degree in Labor and Employment Relations from the University of Illinois will prepare me for this exciting career.
Bianca Roby
Rockford, Illinois
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Political Science
May 2013

Getting a master’s degree from the University of Illinois opens doors. It gives students a great opportunity to make valuable connections to enhance their career. This degree will also give me the preparation and guidance I need to be successful in my career in the future.
Corporate Partners

LER would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring financial aid to incoming students in the 2013-2014 school year:

Fall 2013: BP
Boeing
Caterpillar
Eaton
Emerson
ExxonMobil
General Mills
PepsiCo
Phillips 66
Shell

Spring 2014: BP
Herff Jones
Maxim Integrated
Norfolk Southern
Endowed and Family Fellowship Donors

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Fall 2013: Anderson Family  
            Loichle Family  
            May Family  
            Susan Handler  
            Walsh Family  

Spring 2014: McPherson Family  
             John Delany and Susan Schwochau