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## Summer Information Systems Applications Program Creates Solutions for Nonprofits

Eight students nominated from Historically Black Colleges and Universities are spending their summers helping a new Pittsburgh non-profit, the Western Pennsylvania Diversity Initiative (WPDI), gain its technology legs through Carnegie Mellon's Information Systems (IS) in the Community program.

The students are learning how the elements of people, process and technology must be balanced to create solutions to the needs for information and management support in organizations. In addition to enhancing their technical skills, they are learning about the importance of teamwork, decision making, leadership and attention to client needs.

The WPDI is "a consortium of diverse professionals across disciplines [that acts] as a resource to the region's employers... in order to attract and retain other professionals of diverse backgrounds." The students will be developing its Web site, creating its logo and gathering research

information.

Students see first hand how the "right-sized" application of technology to a problem can make a real difference to an organization. The experience provides them with a powerful hands-on learning experience as well as a greater appreciation of how their skills and dedication can make a significant contribution to their communities. The experience will help set the stage for future employment and graduate school opportunities.

The program, taught by IS professors Randy Weinberg and Larry Heimann and visiting Slippery Rock University professor Jennifer Foster, covers the costs of transportation to and from Pittsburgh, housing and food, and each student is provided a stipend. The program is in its fourth year and is funded by the A.W. Mellon Foundation. Since its inception, eight students from the program have come to Carnegie Mellon's for graduate school on full scholarships.



Information Systems in the Community summer program students at work in Porter Hall.



The 2007 Friedman interns on the Capitol steps.

## 2007 Friedman Interns Depart for Washington, D.C.

Eleven Carnegie Mellon University undergraduate students have been named recipients of Milton and Cynthia Friedman fellowships and will spend their summer as interns in Washington, D.C. Grants of up to \$3,000 were awarded to the students to support unpaid and underpaid policy-related internships in the nation's capital.

The Milton and Cynthia Friedman fellowships, available to students in all majors, were endowed in 1999 by Carnegie Mellon Trustee Cynthia Friedman in memory of her husband, Milton (E '47, '49). The fellowships are designed to foster significant work experiences that complement students' academic course work and assist them as they make career and graduate education decisions.

"I think it is important in today's global world and economy that the best and brightest young people, such as Carnegie Mellon students, have the opportunity to develop a solid understanding of the political process," Cynthia Friedman said. "These fellow-

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# Institute for the Management of Creative Enterprises Wins “Work of Art” Award from Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

When Jerry Coltin, director of the Carnegie Mellon’s Master of Arts Management and the Master of Entertainment Industry Management programs, helped eight masters take on the challenge of researching cooperative ceramics studios around the country and creating a credible, well-informed business model for Union Project Potters, the Union Project’s social enterprise venture, two years ago, he never thought he’d be accepting a “Work of Art” award on behalf of the Institute for the Management of Creative Enterprises (IMCE) from the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (GPAC) this past spring.

The Work of Art awards recognizes the contributions individuals, businesses and academic institutions make to the arts community in Pittsburgh. The Union Project provides neighborhood space to connect, create and celebrate. Located in the former Union Baptist Church at the confluence of the East Liberty and Highland Park neighborhoods, the Union Project uses art, specifically clay and stained glass, as a community catalyst. The Institute for the Management of Creative Enterprises is a joint program of the College of Fine Arts and the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management.

The new model the Heinz School students developed for the Union Project, which enables the Union Project to reach at-risk youth in a sustainable way, drew national attention with an article in *Ceramics Monthly*, and exemplifies “best practices” for similar ventures nationwide. Coltin accepted the “Award for Creative Collaboration: Advances in Capacity Building” this past May.

“I had always wanted to research artist co-ops,” Coltin says. “They’re always successful at first, but in the end someone always carries everyone else. Artists have a hard time with governance.”

The Union Project has successfully implemented the plan the Heinz School students created; currently they have six co-op members and are selling ceramics wares both through their gallery space and online through gift registries, allowing the clay program to work toward financial independence.

*For more information about the IMCE, visit [www.artsnet.org](http://www.artsnet.org). For more information about the Union Project, visit [www.union-project.org](http://www.union-project.org)*



Oliver Byrd of Mellon Financial Corp. (far left) and GPAC CEO Mitch Swain (far right) pose with Advances in Capacity Building winners Jerry Coltin and Brad Stephenson of Carnegie Mellon’s Institute for the Management of Creative Enterprises and Justin Rothshank (inside right) of the Union Project. *Photo by Suellen Fitzsimmons, courtesy GPAC.*



Si Brown works in the Union Project’s ceramics studio. *Photo courtesy Union Project.*



An example of the Union Project’s wares. *Photo courtesy Union Project.*



# Meeting of the Minds Celebrates Undergraduate Research

Meeting of the Minds, a celebration of the diverse, creative and exciting undergraduate research that takes place across campus every day and in every discipline, was held in the University Center May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Office (URO), the event hosted more than 400 students who presented their research through posters, oral presentations, DVDs, live performances, demonstrations and art installations.

"Our symposium is unique, compared to other institutions, because it encompasses all of the disciplines," said Stephanie Wallach, director of the URO. "It's one of the few times our campus comes together as a whole to see and celebrate the breadth of intellectual inquiry at Carnegie Mellon."

At 2:30 p.m., President Cohon and Provost Mark Kamlet addressed the audience and a drawing was held for symposium students to win prizes. An awards

ceremony took place at 5:00 p.m., recognizing a number of students and their achievements in a variety of categories.

Carnegie Mellon students and alumni are known for the many contributions they make to society, whether it is in the laboratory, on film or in the studio. "Meeting of the Minds" is an opportunity for all members of our campus community to see firsthand the many ways students at Carnegie Mellon are changing our world.

In the words of Jen Weidenhof, assistant to the director of URO, "It makes you proud to be at Carnegie Mellon."

For more information about Meeting of the Minds, visit [www.cmu.edu/uro](http://www.cmu.edu/uro).



Carnegie Mellon Provost Mark Kamlet addresses students, staff and faculty in the University Center during Meeting of the Minds. Photo by Will Babin (Image Point Pittsburgh)

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ships give them a chance to see Washington from the inside and cultivate the skills and connections they will need to have a real impact when they go out into the world.

Carnegie Mellon's Office of Government Relations in Washington, D.C., plans events for the students to enhance their summer experience. "Washington, D.C., is the pulse point of our nation, and the opportunities afforded to the Friedman Fellows through their internships this summer will not only be an invaluable experience to take back to their individual course of study, but also something they can use as a touchstone for their future careers," said Maureen McFalls Young, Carnegie Mellon's Director of Government Relations. Last year the fellows participated in a tour of the State Department and got a behind-the-scenes look at National Public Radio. They also attended briefings at various D.C.-based think tanks and various social activities.

The program started June 1 and will run for 10 weeks. Students secured housing either on George Washington University's campus or in private apartments. Upon their return to campus in the

fall, students will complete an evaluation of their internship and the program, and make a presentation of their summer experience to the fellowship committee.

## Meet the Friedman Interns

**Alan Wesley Eaton**, a senior ethics, history and public policy major from Tampa, Fla., is interning with the Democratic National Committee.

**Robert Kaminski**, a senior policy and management major from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is interning with the National Association of Manufacturers.

**Louisa Kinoshi**, a senior professional writing and international relations major from Baltimore, Md., is interning with the Democratic National Committee Women's Leadership Forum.

**Daniel Liptz**, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Owings Mills, Md., is interning with the National Jewish Democratic Committee.

**Diana Miller**, a fourth-year architecture major from Columbia, Md., is interning with the National Building Museum.

**Daniel Oisher**, a graduate language technologies and international relations major from Los Alamos, N.M., is interning with the International Rescue Committee.

**Andrew Peters**, a junior ethics, history and public policy major from Broadview Heights, Ohio, is interning with the Office of Senator John Kerry.

**Vivake Prasad**, a junior policy and management and political science major from Old Bridge N.J., is interning with the International Leadership Foundation.

**Victoria See**, a junior bachelor of humanities and arts major from Dallas, Texas, is interning with the National Abortion Rights Action League.

**Ian James Tendick**, a junior computer science and business administration major from Arlington, Va., is interning with the United States Department of Justice Cybercrime Lab.

**Andrea Zonneveld**, a senior biology major from Fayetteville, Ga., is interning with FasterCures: The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions.

# Oakland Community Events Calendar

## **Kids Days at Schenley Plaza**

July 22, August 26, and September 16, 2007

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Face-painting, balloons, caricatures and free rides on the PNC Carousel.

Call 412-682-7275 or visit [www.schenleyplaza.org](http://www.schenleyplaza.org)

## **Garden Groove**

July 26, August 23, 2007

Phipps Conservatory

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

*Musical entertainment, drinks and hors d'oeuvres in Phipps' lush Outdoor Garden featuring two Dale Chihuly glass sculptures.*

Call 412-622-6914 x6803 or visit

[www.phipps.conservatory.org](http://www.phipps.conservatory.org)

## **Oakland Farmers Market**

Fridays, June 29 - November 16, 2007

Sennot Street, between Meyran Avenue and

Atwood Street

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

*This year's Oakland Farmers Market will feature nine vendors, as all vendors from 2006 have decided again to participate in our market. A range of products will be made available produced locally in Western Pennsylvania: from fresh produce such as tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, squash, ber-*

*ries, to beautiful cut flowers, baked goods, fresh salsa, hummus and more! Organic produce and organic meats will be made available as well.*

*Free parking available in the adjacent parking lot.*

Visit [www.onlyinoakland.org](http://www.onlyinoakland.org)

## **Oakland Dumpster Project**

August 13 through August 20, 2007

*Dumpsters will be placed on various street corners in Central and South Oakland to help to mitigate trash and debris issues associated with off-campus move-in.*

Call 412-621-7863, x12, or visit [www.opdc.org](http://www.opdc.org)

## **Oakland Furniture Sale**

Friday, August 24th, 4 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 25th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 26th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Oakland Planning and Development Corporation is preparing for the 2nd Annual Furniture Recycling Program and Sale. The Furniture Program and Sale keeps salvageable, unwanted furniture out of the landfills, while providing a venue for students and community residents to purchase affordable furniture. OPDC is accepting furniture donations throughout the summer and will gladly arrange for pick-up of your unwanted items.*

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15213, telephone 412-268-6684 or the vice president for enrollment, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, telephone 412-268-2056.

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