Welcome back!

Welcome back, RTTR students. I am sure you had a refreshing break and I hope that some of it was spent recreating. The RTTR Faculty and staff have been busy throughout the summer.

- **Marijo Reinhard** supervised a business student’s internship, Katie, one of RTTR’s student workers, and went to Finland for her son’s wedding. BTW, she is going on a trip to Cuba later this semester.
- **Dr. Reidy** took several trips out west to various locations working on changing the world.
- **Dr. Olson** fixed her leaky house and supervised interns.
- **Dr. Riley** attended a family reunion in New Zealand and led a rugby team to Ireland, Wales, and England.
- **Dr. Wright** was in Oregon for the summer.

We are very happy to see Dr. Aybar-Damali return to us after two years on Vancouver Island, and we are thankful that Mary Ellen was able to cover that position so well.

Welcome back, study hard, and do not forget to play.

- Dr. Riley

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**Important Change to an RTTR Class**

Last year, *Special Events and Festivals* was taught in the spring semester, but this year that is not the case. *Special Events and Festivals* will only be offered during May Term. There will be a bus field trip to the Festival of Nations and will probably occur prior to the end of spring semester.
Advice from Linsy Hooiser, RTTR Alum

Congrats to Linsy Hooiser, recent RTTR graduate, on being hired at her internship site, Rochester Amateur Sports Commission. She was hired as an Operations Assistant. Below, Linsy answers some questions about her internship experience.

**How did you select your internship site?**
From looking into internships all over the world, I finally took a more practical approach at finding an internship in my hometown. Although it would have been an incredible experience to move somewhere new for my internship, interning for free and trying to afford rent, food, etc. was not logical. Once I started searching for internships in my hometown, I looked into companies that fit the industry I wanted to go into. From searching for positions that had an emphasis in event planning, I came across the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission. Since they did not have any internship opportunities listed on their website, I emailed the director asking if they have worked with interns in the past. From there we set up an interview and the rest is history.

**When completing an internship, what is one thing that surprised you?**
Going into my internship, I was skeptical how much I would really be doing. From my practicum the year before I came to realize that a lot of the times organizations aren’t willing to give the interns that much responsibility, you usually get left doing all the work no one else wants to do. Thankfully, for me, this year at the internship I was given so many responsibilities, which lead me to learning a lot. The main thing I realized is that if you want to assume a role of responsibilities you have to first prove to them that you are reliable and willing to get the work done. After doing basically anything they wanted me to do and proving to them I was hard working and knowledgeable, I was given the opportunity to run my own ASA National Opening Ceremony, I ran all the youth sports registration programs and I was even allowed access to QuickBooks and started assisting with the company’s financials. Basically, what I learned that’s that if you show up excited and ready to work every day, they will have more faith in you.

**What is a lesson through RTTR that you have learned that changed who you are?**
Simply put, everything about being an RTTR major changed who I am today.

To read a story about Linsy in Rochester Post Bulletin, click here [http://www.postbulletin.com/sports/localsports/amateur-update-the-on-interning-for-rasc/article_9975b417-9ad7-5add-91f1-3f31e9b5b0d9.html](http://www.postbulletin.com/sports/localsports/amateur-update-the-on-interning-for-rasc/article_9975b417-9ad7-5add-91f1-3f31e9b5b0d9.html)

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RTTR Club

“RTTR Club is all about networking and getting to know others in your same major. It’s also about learning all the job opportunities related to RTTR. In the past, we have had speakers come in and talk about their jobs, this year we want to get out there and check out some of these places hopefully and maybe try and teach you things that you will be able to use in your career! And you can meet some really cool people!” – Lindsey Orre, President

Meeting dates:

- September 8
- September 22
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1

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Volunteer and Job Opportunities

- There are two jobs open at Iowa Veterans Home. Here is the link for the job posting https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGWebHost/home.aspx?partnerid=25026&siteid=5018
- There are part time jobs available at Lake Lodge. The positions typically work 14 hours per week or less. Contact Chad Ubl if interested CUbl@ci.winona.mn.us
- Attached is a document outlining RTTR related volunteer opportunities in Winona. This includes places like St. Anne’s, HCO, and the Children’s Center among many others. There is virtually no better way to build your resume and network all while helping the Winona community than volunteering!

Become an Intern in New Zealand!
Internships with New Zealand’s Department of Conservation are available again this year (December 15 to March 16). We accept two Winona interns per year and we are looking for recreation/sustainability students with excellent public speaking skills, strong GPA, an adventurous spirit, experience working in outdoor settings, self-motivated and a passion for the environment and conservation! Winona State students have interned here before. Contact Shelly Sidley at ssidley@doc.govt.nz if interested.

Marijo’s take on cultural differences

Just for Kicks!
“How a group of grannies got their first holiday”
Visit the following link to read about how a group of elderly women raised money to take their very first vacation.

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