

## FROM STUDENTS TO ENTREPRENEURS

Thanks to our generous Fund-An-Item donors, Norfolk Collegiate will be hosting 3 Day Startup (3DS) during the 2018-19 school year. The educational incentive? Foster the next generation of entrepreneurs!

This cutting edge, innovative experience will immerse our students in the world of inventors.

How will they help us cultivate an entrepreneurial culture at Collegiate? 3DS will deliver an intensive, hands-on educational experience across all three divisions, geared toward growing our school's entrepreneurial culture by tapping into a network of mentors and innovators over 12,000 strong. The idea is to light the match that will ignite students' entrepreneurial spirit and encourage them to think critically.

Coordinator for Technology Integration and Experiential Learning Ashley King is looking forward to hosting 3DS on campus.

"As a community, we've identified real-world learning as a priority for continued innovation. Bringing 3DS to campus allows us to expand on what we've accomplished in this area already. The ability to think like an entrepreneur—to be creative, problem solve, try, fail and try again—these are integral skills our students need, no matter where their futures take them."

Collegiate will kick off the experience with a full day of training for our faculty and staff with 3DS experts and a parent program in the fall. It will conclude with a 3DS event for up to 50 students in the summer of 2019.

"This is for any student who wants to learn to think flexibly and critically to solve problems in the community and beyond," said King. "It's less about getting students to start a business and more about the mindset of getting students to solve a problem."

Students have the creative potential to make a difference; it just needs to be unlocked. Thank you for helping to make it possible.

Left: Hayden Verostic '19 works with a decoy as part of his summer internship with alumnus Spencer Tinkham '11 of Tinkham Decoys & Folk Art.

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# STUDENTS EXPERIENCE REAL-WORLD CAREERS

### Internship program partners students with area businesses

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

This age-old question is still asked often enough by adults of soon-to-be graduates. Though a relatively simple question, it's often one that the respondents muddle through answering. But why? Maybe a student has so many passions, he or she cannot imagine picking just one. Or maybe he or she is still narrowing it down. Typically, it's because students have little to no professional work experience to know what they want to do for the rest of their lives.

With the launch of the Norfolk Collegiate Summer Internship Program, we are actively changing that dynamic.

#### PROGRAM GOALS

The program originated from Collegiate's efforts to bring more robust real-world experiences to students by partnering with many businesses and organizations in Hampton Roads.

The mission is to provide students with hands on, real-world experience at a unique point in their lives. Some are entering their senior year of high school while others are starting their college careers. With an internship under their belts, they will have experience that sets them apart from

many of their peers. More importantly, they will be one step closer to understanding what kind of work environment they do or do not want to be in or what field they might want to pursue as they enter the workforce. This self-awareness so early on in their lives is invaluable.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The program is open to current junior and seniors. The inagural year boasted 21 juniors and seniors who landed four-week internships with one of 16 community partners in the Hampton Roads area. Before their internships began, students received a crash course in writing resumes, submitting applications and interviewing.

Internship opportunities ranged from early education and law to public health and oyster restoration.

Hayden Verostic '19 worked for alumnus Spencer Tinkham '11 at Tinkham Decoys and Folk Art and had an amazing time. "I liked getting hands-on work experience when [I] was asked to move certain sculptures, decoys and other pieces of wood and paints. I also loved working as an intern because it helped me







gain more real-life work experience and showed me all the hard work and dedication it takes to run your own business."

Milan Brooks '18 had the chance to observe surgeries during her time at Sentara Cardiovascular Specialists. She really appreciated the doctors and nurse practitioners explaining the nuances of each procedure.

"Though I may not have understood miniscule elements of every procedure, I knew enough to follow the surgery and understand how it helped the patient," said Milan. "This is an intimidating field of work, and yet I never felt overwhelmed when they explained things to me."

A handful of students stuck around as volunteers when their internships ended, a testament to how well thought out each placement was for students.

#### WANT TO HOST AN INTERN?

Please contact internship coordinators Cayte Brown '08 at 757.480.2348 or cbrown@norfolkcollegiate.org or Ashley King at aking@norfolkcollegiate.org.

#### **INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**

The inaugural class of Norfolk Collegiate's Summer Internship Program participants included internship opportunities throughout Hampton Roads in a variety of fields. Below were the participating community partners and the interns that they hosted through the program. They included:

CHANDLER REALTY INC. | PK Dawson '18

**CITY OF NORFOLK | Taylor Dews '18** 

HARVEY LINDSAY | Jordan Laster '19

MEYER FITNESS | Jackson Burke '18 & Allison Casper '19

MIDNIGHT STATUS | Phoenix Camacho '18

NORFOLK COLLEGIATE | Anna Winn '19

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SENTARA HEALTHCARE: CARDIOLOGY SPECIALISTS |

Milan Brooks '18

SENTARA HEALTHCARE: VASCULAR SPECIALISTS |

Reagan Alsop '19 & Courts Breeden '19

SPACE DESIGN GROUP | Megan Silverman '19

TINKHAM DECOYS & FOLK ART | Hayden Verostic '19

WHRO | Meg Lockhart '19 & Calie Quinn '19

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