100% of MBAs secure professional experience this summer

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For the second year in a row, 100% of first-year students in the Freeman School’s full-time MBA program have secured meaningful professional experience for the summer.

MBA students will blanket the country, working in cities from Oregon to Washington D.C. in industries ranging from healthcare to sports to banking.

The exceptional outcome is a testament to the quality of the program and the dedication of its students, says Carla Coury, executive director of the Freeman School's Career Management Center.

“Having every student actively engaged in a professional role this summer speaks to the relevance of their academic preparation, the strength of our employer relationships, and the support we offer through the Career Management Center,” Coury said.

Erin Revere, assistant director of the Career Management Center, noted that the current political and economic climate has made summer roles harder to secure.

“This year has not been easy for American or International students across the country pursuing internships or summer work,” she said. “The fact that every student found a way to build experience speaks volumes about their initiative, what employers think of our brand and our ability to prepare students for the job market.”

This summer, first-year MBA students will complete internships at companies including:

- BlueCross BlueShield
- CLECO
- Jacobs
- Eisner-Amper
- Huntington Ingliss
- JP Morgan Private Wealth
- LEARFIELD
- Nashville Predators
- Plexos Group
- Republic Services
- Weyerhaueser Company
- Whetstone Holdings

While each student follows a unique path to landing their internship, Revere said many adhere to a set of proven career-advancement strategies.

“The most successful students treat the job search like a course, allocating time each week for applications, networking, and interview prep, and following up professionally after every interaction,” she said. “They’re also proactive in building relationships through alumni outreach, informational interviews and networking events.”

MBA students begin working with the Career Management Center before their program even starts, developing a customized plan for career advancement. This tailored approach helps set Freeman apart.

“One of our strengths is we don’t take a one-size-fits-all approach,” Coury said. “Whether a student is aiming for a Fortune 500 company, a local startup, or launching their own venture, we give them the tools and mentorship to get there.

“We’re truly proud of every student for building relevant experience, confidence and clarity towards their long-term career goal," she added.