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@ park.edu**

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Anna Luo: Park University's Own IT Guru

By Megan Woods



Cong (Anna) Luo aka, Anna, a transfer student from Beijing, China is in her last year at Park. Anna originally studied at Capital University of Economics and Business (Beijing), and her major was Information Management and Information System. Now she's at Park and she is double majoring in Software Engineering and Data Management. Anna chose Computer Science as her major because she loves problem solving. Some examples of problem solving found in the Computer Science field are cloud computing, robotics, 3D animation, etc. Anna loves Computer Science, because it keeps her up to date on the latest technology and pushes her to learn new things as the field is constantly changing.

An important step on the way to developing a solid resume in the Computer Science field is to participate in an internship or two. Anna says that she first began looking for an internship a year ago at the Career Development's Internship Pizza Party. She applied to various companies in search of the right internship for her. She was first awarded a position at Out of Bounds Communication Company as an Online Marketing Specialist. While at that position, she attended a conference at Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA) and gave a presentation titled, "The Future of Software Systems in Healthcare and Medicine." This topic sparked an interest in technology and the medical field.

From there she applied for another internship, this time at Cerner Corporation, a famous healthcare software organization. She was awarded the summer internship as a Software Engineer Intern. This internship combined the medical field with her major interests in Computer Science. During this internship, Anna was exposed to many new technologies that had never been covered in the classroom. She also got the opportunity to see what Information Technology looked like in the business world. Anna has begun to consider where she wants to go in her future career and encourages fellow students to begin asking the necessary questions about their own futures now.

For now, Anna is working to complete her degree at Park. She is the President for the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Club at Park University. As president she would like to begin organizing new events that provide information about the newest technologies and internship opportunities and she would like to bring in new opportunities for her club members. She is a little nervous about taking on these new responsibilities, but looks forward to trying her best. She also participates in the ACM and CCSC competitions held every year. In addition to her work in the Computer Science field she was awarded 2nd place in the Dr. Carl Dallinger Memorial Public Speaking Showcase Competition and even had poems published in the Park Scribe the last two years.

Anna has shown herself to be a motivated & ambitious student that is willing to seek out and grasp important opportunities and experiences. She has also contributed to activities outside her major and is an appreciated member of the Park University student body.

Cerner Corporation

By Megan Woods

Cerner is transforming health care by eliminating error, variance, and waste for health care providers and consumers around the world. Cerner's solutions optimize processes for health care organizations ranging from single-doctor practices to entire countries for the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, and for the field of health care as a whole. Cerner's solutions are licensed by more than 9,000 facilities worldwide.

Cerner invites you to join their quest to make health care become all it should be. Since the company began, they've been committed to transformational change in the vital task of keeping people well. Now more than ever, their focus is on developing innovations that will help improve the entire health care system. Ultimately, as CEO Neal Patterson has said, "health care is personal." Because in the end, nothing matters more than our health and our families.

Source: www.cerner.com

Curious About Computer Science: An Interview with John Dean

By LaKeisha Brashier



Professor John Dean, Chair of the Computer Science, Information Systems, and Mathematics Department, recently shared valuable information about the Computer Science program and major here at Park.

Having received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from KU, Professor Dean ultimately chose to pursue a Masters in Computer Science (also from KU). “Computer Science made sense like engineering, but was more fun,” he says. While fun, the major can be intense and challenging. “A lot of students enjoy video games, which leads them to think that they want

major in this, but the skill set is different. The ability to “make sense” or use logic is extremely important, along with solid math skills, and a willingness to work hard,” Dean shared.

Those that successfully complete the program can expect to have lucrative and rewarding careers, choosing from positions in IT, Programming, Data Management, and Networking. Professor Dean doesn’t hesitate to make it known that he would like to see more women and minorities choose Computer Science as their major, and encourages them to learn more about organizations like NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology) that are championing this cause.

Professor Dean’s current vision for the Park Computer Science program first and foremost is to continue to prepare students to get jobs and go on to graduate school. Beyond that, he would like to see continued growth of the Networking and Programming divisions including the Cisco Certification Course, and is looking forward to a successful Math Olympics on November 5th.

The department is also offering an online course (IS 310) that will feature advanced instruction in Microsoft Office applications. Professor Dean recommends this course to students of any major looking to satisfy a little “curiosity about computer science”.

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Student Stressor: Starting Your Job & Internship Search

By LaKeisha Brashier

Fall Semester is well underway, and though it may seem early to start thinking about spring & summer jobs and internships, now is actually the best time to consider a plan of action, and then of course act on it! For example, students of all majors should be aware that many companies start their recruiting early in the fall, with many of their hiring decisions being made during mid-semester and no later than December. With this said, the Career Development Center has two upcoming events to assist students on finding the right job or internship for them. The first event is the Internship Pizza Party on October 19th starting at 2:30pm. Traci Klasing, the Career Development Center’s Assistant Director, will be presenting tips for a successful internship search. Students can also bring their resume and/or cover letter for onsite critique. This is a free event, and along with pizza there will be beverages served. The second event is Park’s 8th Annual Career Fair being held on October 28th from 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be over 50 employers in attendance, and a resume is not required but encouraged. This is a great opportunity for students to take their future into their own hands and network with local employers. For more information on both events, contact a Career Specialist at 816-584-6578 or careerspecialist@park.edu.

Save The Date! November 16th, 2011 @ 7pm in the David Theater (Alumni Hall)

Dare to Succeed & Look Your Best, Park University’s Dress For Success “Fashion Show”