

The Parent Periodical

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As a way to help parents connect with one another, especially before Orientation, Educational Enhancement Programs has an online message board where you can post questions and comments. The board is monitored by Orientation staff members and other professionals on a regular basis to answer questions and address concerns. It is also a place where parents of seasoned Case students can share some personal experience with those new to the Case Community. Whether you've got questions or answers, be sure to check out the message board!

<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/Orientation/parent/>

Orientation 2006: Passport to Case

All requirements completed and diplomas in hand, the Class of 2006 achieved the esteemed status of "Case alums," leaving behind a legacy that will be carried on by the newest members of the Case community: The Class of 2010!

Intense planning is already underway for the arrival of this large, diverse class. The Student Executive Board Officers have

been diligently attending meetings, organizing events, and fielding phone calls from students and parents alike. The Orientation team will be working non-stop well into August to provide the first year students with a comprehensive and fun Orientation experience!

The theme for this summer's Orientation, *Passport to Case*, was conceived by several members of the summer staff. The seventy Orientation leaders this year represent the vast diversity of the campus, hailing from different areas of the country, enrolled in all four undergraduate colleges, and involved in countless student groups.

The Orientation sessions for incoming students run from July 9-11, July 12-14, July 23-25, and August 21-23. Welcome Days are open to the entire campus and will be held August 23-26. For more information, visit us at www.case.edu/Orientation or email us at Orientation@case.edu. See you this summer!



The Student Executive Board

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Words of Wisdom: An Interview With a Recent Graduate

It's never too early to start thinking about life after Case. Knowing what to expect and how to prepare for the real world and your time in college is crucial for success, and alumni make great resources for such tips. To get a sense of this, Alex Hamberger sat down with Class of 2006 graduate Brian Latko to get some inside knowledge into what life was like as a Spartan and how it prepared him for his future. So whether your student is settling in at Case

for the first or last time this fall, there is definitely something to be learned from this older but wiser alum.

Tell me a little bit about yourself; where you're from, what you majored in, interests, etc.

I'm from the small town of Hinckley, Ohio, which is about 40 minutes south of the Case campus in neighboring Medina County. I came to Case with interests in both Business and Technology, which led

me to major in Management with a Concentration in Management Information Systems. Aside from my major, my primary interest is music. At Case I became involved in vocal music through Speakeasy, Case's contemporary men's a cappella group; the Case Concert Choir, an auditioned mixed chorus directed by a faculty member; and private voice lessons.

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Interview: Continued from Cover**What initially drew you to Case and ultimately made you decide to attend?**

Case's great reputation in the Cleveland area and at my High School initially got me interested in the school and persuaded me to tour the campus and apply. When I began looking at Case, I got very good vibes from the management program after speaking with various faculty and staff members and checking out the beautiful new facilities. After completing the management program and wrapping up four years here, however, I have no doubt that Case was the right choice for me because of all of the opportunities I've had.

**What role did extra curricular activities play in your time at Case?**

Extracurricular activities played a tremendous role in my time at Case. For better or worse, as I look back there were periods of time where I probably put more effort into my outside activities than I put into my course work. In the job search, however, these activities were just as important, if not more important than my classroom experiences. In addition to the music groups I mentioned above, I also was involved at the Observer as Business Manager and Business Director throughout all four years, the Undergraduate Student Government as Director of I.T. as a junior and senior, the Italian Club, a social fraternity and a professional fraternity.

What are you doing now that you are graduated and going off into the "real world"?

In the fall of my senior year I went through a thorough job search process along with many of my classmates and the support of the Career Center. As a result, I secured a position at the Cleveland office of a leading global management consulting firm. Case did a tremendous job preparing me for the job search process, through not only my experiences in the classroom but also my experiences in various extracurricular activities such as the Undergraduate Student Government and the Observer. In four years, Case broadened my horizons and gave me the skills necessary to eventually land a job that, even at the start of the search process, I thought was way out of reach.

What is one class that had a particularly strong impact on you, either personally or professionally?

It's incredibly difficult to pick just one class over four years, as almost every course I took at Case had an impact on me in some way. One course that will always stand out in my mind was the first course I took within my concentration in the second semester of my sophomore year, a course called "Web Systems Integration." While this may sound incredibly boring to many of you, the dynamic and personable professor and the very carefully constructed curriculum for the course made it anything but boring. In the end, this course inspired me to become involved in technology with the Undergraduate Student Government and helped me to establish a vision in that role that truly took the organization to the next level.

Can you describe a particularly memorable event during your time at Case?

My involvement through my fraternity in the annual Greek Week events always led to great memo-

ries. My sophomore year, I worked with one of my fraternity brothers and very good friends to lead a team of about ten brothers to compete in the Greek Sing competition in the first year it would actually be judged for points. When we finished our performance, I'll never forget the roaring response we got from the crowd, just as I'll never forget the moment they read our name for "First Place."

If you could give one piece of advice to the incoming class, what would it be?

Get involved early, and get involved wisely. Make sure you attend the Activities Fair during Welcome Days, and try to get involved in things that are not only interesting to you, but also relevant to your major or career aspirations and a good fit for your personality. By my second day on campus during Orientation I was already involved at the Observer, and that ended up lasting through all four years I spent here. After graduating, most of the people I will be keeping in touch with will be friends I made through my extracurricular activities such as my fraternity, my a cappella group and the student government, not necessarily the people I sat in class with every day.

If you could have done one thing differently during your time here, what would it have been and why?

I can't say I have any regrets about my time and experiences here at Case, but one thing I wish I would have done is taken a more serious look at Study Abroad. My primary reasons for not doing so were that I was afraid of missing out on things back on campus as I spent a semester abroad, and afraid of potentially not graduating in eight semesters as a result. However, having taken two different foreign languages in high school and college, I'm sure that the right study abroad program could have been an absolutely invaluable experience.

This Summer is Anything but Lazy!

While most students pack up and head home for the summer months, many remain on campus to take part in various opportunities. Whether synthesizing polymers in a chemistry lab, working full-time in a campus office, or cramming a year's worth of organic chemistry into nine weeks,

these students are doing anything but kicking back and relaxing for the summer!

But every Case student knows you can't have all work and no play, so somewhere in between these hectic schedules students find time to explore and enjoy Cleveland for all it has

to offer. In addition to the usual happenings, several events occur around the city that generally aren't available during the school year. Here is just a sampling of some of the fantastic happenings in Northeast Ohio during the Summer of 2006!

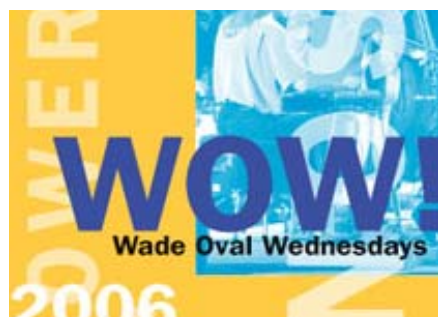


The Huntington Cleveland Harborfest returns to Cleveland July 12-16, 2006. The majestic vessels will be on display at North Coast Harbor offering ship tours, family entertainment, and the opportunity to sail on a tall ship. This five-day festival offers educational programming and a chance to step back into America maritime history. This spectacular event will feature concerts, food, entertainment, a wide variety of exhibits and displays, a vendor marketplace, strolling musicians, hands-on educational activities for the kids and much more! www.clevelandharborfest.com



The 2006 Festival Village will be located on the front plaza of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and will be free of charge. It will feature up-and-coming talent and some of the hottest unsigned bands playing on two separate stages. Over 84 bands will be playing all around Cleveland! This event definitely proves that Cleveland Rocks!

www.cmj.com/musicfest



University Circle's signature event, WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays, returns this summer for an extended run of warm nights and cool music set in the stunning surroundings of Wade Oval. This popular series of 12 evening and 4 lunchtime concerts will feature music ranging from Jazz to Rock to Reggae. Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band, Roberto Ocasico and The Latin Jazz Project, and Revolution Pie are just a sampling of the top Cleveland bands you'll hear on the Kulas Community Stage!

www.universitycircle.org

THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

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Looking for a musical treat? Every Case student knows the splendor of Severance Hall, but why not join the Cleveland Orchestra at their summer home, the Blossom Music Center located just south of Cleveland? Grab your blanket and enjoy a summer evening on the lawn looking up at the stars while listening to world class musicians.

www.clevelandorchestra.com



Universally called "The Jake," Jacobs Field is a source of pride for Clevelanders and home to their beloved Indians. If you get the chance, make plans to attend a ball game. This fan-friendly structure is a fantastic place to catch one. Bleacher seats are a great cost-effective way to enjoy Major League Baseball on a college student's budget. Go Tribe!



Fun For the Whole Family!

Save the Date! November 10-12

Case is proud of the community, of our students, faculty, staff, and YOU...our families! Join us in the classroom, in mini-college sessions, in the Cleveland community, and at our social events during

Family Weekend 2006!



This weekend proves to be full of fun and exciting events that give parents and families the opportunity to explore and become a part of the Case Community! The connections you will make with your student and the campus will make for a weekend you won't soon forget!

Make sure you mark your calendars now for November 10 - 12. Many events will be included in addition to those listed above, not the least of which is Case's last football game of the season! For a more detailed schedule be sure to visit our website. Additionally, registration will be online and available in the fall. We can't wait to see you on campus this November!

<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/parents/>

A Sneak Peak at Fall 2006

Residence Hall Move-In	Wed., August 23, 2006 at 9 a.m.
Classes Begin	Mon., August 28, 2006
Last Day to Withdraw without Financial Penalty.....	Fri., September 1, 2006
Labor Day Holiday	Mon., September 4, 2006
Room Changes Begin (anticipated)	Wed., September 13, 2006
Fall Break (Residence halls remain open; no meal plan)	Mon., October 23 and Tues., October 24, 2006
Midterm Grades Available	Wed., October 25, 2006
Last Day to Withdraw from a Class (upper-class students).....	Fri., November 10, 2006
Deadline for Removal of Previous Term "I" Grades	Fri., November 10, 2006
Family Weekend	November 10-12, 2006
Registration for Spring Semester Begins	Mon., November 13, 2006
Room Changes End for Fall Semester.....	Wed., November 22, 2006
Thanksgiving Holiday (Residence halls remain open; no meal plan)	November 23-24, 2006
Last Day to Withdraw from a Class (first-year students)	Fri., December 8, 2006
Last Day of Class	Fri., December 8, 2006
Reading Days.....	Mon., December 11, 2005 and Fri., December 15, 2006
Final Exams Begin	Tues., December 12, 2006
Final Exams End	Wed., December 20, 2006
Dining Halls Close.....	Wed., December 20, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.
Residence Halls Close.....	Thurs., December 21, 2006 at 3 p.m.

It's Not Too Late...

...to think about taking summer classes! Summer Session at Case begins each year in early June. We offer a wide range of courses that help Case undergraduates catch up on pre-requisites and introductory courses or get ahead to ease the pressures on their academic year schedules. While there is no financial aid in the summer, undergraduate tuition is half-price, helping to ease the tuition burden. Case summer session offers popular sequences in chemistry, organic chemistry, physics that enable students to complete a full year in a single summer. There are four sessions. The five-week and eight-week sessions begin this year on June 5, 2006; the six-week session begins June 19, 2006. There is a four-week session beginning July 10 that houses the second half of sequential courses. For complete information, please visit the summer website at <http://www.case.edu/academics/summer>. Please address inquiries to summer@case.edu.

