Going Beyond
Beyond120 Annual Report

Academic Year 2020-2021
Creating Opportunities During a Challenging Year

The past academic year has been incredibly challenging. From the effects of the pandemic to social unrest to the usual struggles of a college semester, our students have faced substantial hardship. However, inspired by the adaptability, strength, and resilience of our students, we have worked hard to generate opportunities for students to continue their professional development. As we look ahead, I am so proud of the work the Beyond120 faculty have done in a year of adaptation, creation, and innovation.

-Ryan Braun, Director

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Adaptation: Teaching in a Virtual World

Total Enrollment: 687 Students

Like the rest of campus, the Beyond120 faculty adapted to new teaching modalities. Instruction was delivered fully online in the Summer and Fall of 2020, and in Spring 2021 the faculty successfully delivered courses in a HyFlex format.

Student Reflections:

“This class should be a must–take for students. It will help them achieve high heights and give them an edge compared to students who don’t take this class”

“I learned a great deal about creating a personal brand, how to develop my own leadership skills and so many more helpful career tips. I feel much more prepared to enter the world after college.”

Courses Taught:
- Professional Pathways in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Global Pathways: Preparing for International Engagement
- Introduction to the Pre-Health Process
- Introduction to Research in the Liberal Arts and Sciences (NEW)
- The Art of Adulting
- Strategic Self-Marketing in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Industry Insights (NEW)
- Advanced Research Experience in the Liberal Arts and Sciences (NEW)
- Internship Course in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Global Re-Entry Seminar (NEW)
- Human Dimensions in Health

Visit the Coursework Page
To increase access for students interested in experiential learning opportunities, we implemented a platform which allows students to book 1-on-1 virtual appointments with Beyond120 faculty.

Consultation Options:
- Research
- Internships
- Global Engagement
- Pre-Health
- Experiential Scholars
- General Professional Development

Number of Appointments: 400+

Meeting with Students, Making Connections
Brittany Grubbs, Internship and Experiential Learning Coordinator

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, students would come to my office asking questions about internships and to better understand why experiential learning is beneficial for life after graduation. Though we are unable to meet in-person during the pandemic, students have never stopped being curious, nor did they stop looking for opportunities. The most frequently asked questions:

1) How do I find an internship?
2) What kind of internship should I be looking for?
3) How do I plan and prepare for an internship?

Our job in Beyond120 is to connect students with a variety of experiential learning options, ultimately preparing students for life-changing experiences.
In addition to adapting our existing offerings, we created many new resources, programs, and initiatives for our students in the past academic year.

The following list is a selection of the workshops offered during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters:

- Humanities Research and the Health Professions
- Communicating Your Professional Skills to Employers
- Global Engagement during a Pandemic
- Searching and Applying for Internships 101
- **Kimberly Manhard: Networking and Interpersonal Communications**
- Corporate “Speed Dating” - Improving Your Interpersonal Skills
- **Bob Lloyd: Models and Methods of Leadership**
- **Philip Tenenbaum: Workplace Reinvention: Strategies to Succeed in the Changing World of Work**
- **Domonique Worship: The Ability to Influence and Motivate Others**
- Journeys Traveled Pre-Health Speaker Series
- **Getting Over Fear: With Mike Dalewitz**
- Global Health: Africa
- Industry Insights Panel with Bristol Myers Squibb
- **UF Alum in Medicine, Where are They Now?**
- **Translating Language Skills into a Career**
- How to Network in Today’s Evolving World
- **Women in STEM Panel**
- Translating Research Experience into Career Success
- **Alumni guest speaker events**

Number of Students who Attended a Virtual Workshop: 1,073
Creation: Beyond120 Scholarships

The Beyond120 program provides scholarship funding to support students in various academic and experiential endeavors. We are proud to have been able to support students in this way and look forward to increasing our support in the future.

**Experiential Scholarships**

Awarded: 25
Amount Given: $50,000

These awards are given in support of students pursuing internships, study abroad, and research.

**Mignardi Chemistry Research Scholarship**

Awarded: 1
Amount Given: $3,000

This award is given in support of a student pursuing research in chemistry.

**Harfe Scholarship**

Awarded: 2
Amount Given: $800

These awards are given in support of students participating in a UF exchange program.

**CLAS Cares Fund**

Awarded: 24
Amount Given: $22,000

These funds are given in support of students experiencing unexpected hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
The Experiential Scholars Program is a supplemental system that encourages students already engaging with the opportunities offered by the Beyond120 program to maximize their interaction. The program operates on a point-based system that requires students complete 20 points by the time they graduate in order to be recognized as an Experiential Scholar.

**Beyond120 Engagement Menu**

**TIER ONE (Choose at least one)**

- 5 Full-Semester Internship
- 5 Full-Semester Research
- 5 Full-Semester Study Abroad/Exchange
- 5 Full-Semester B120 Independent Study

**TIER TWO (Choose at least two)**

- 3 Beyond120 Project Leader
- 3 Break Week Shadow/Excursion
- 3 Short Study Abroad/Exchange
- 3 Beyond120 Coursework

**TIER THREE (Choose at least three)**

- 1 Beyond120 Workshop
- 1 Beyond120 Skills Curriculum
- 1 Beyond120 Blog Post Entry
- 1 Beyond120 Guest Speaker Event
- 1 Informational Interview
- 1 Beyond120 Single Day Excursion

The activities listed above must be completed through the Beyond120 program. You must complete activities from each of the three tiers above. The remaining 6 points may be completed from any tier.

**Graduating Experiential Scholars in 2021:**

7

**Total Number of Experiential Scholars in the Program:**

56
Launching a Mentorship Platform

The Gator Nation is everywhere. With a CLAS alumni base of over 100,000, we recognize the incredible opportunity to connect undergraduate students with UF alumni in various industries. The CLAS MentorConnect program was launched in Fall 2020 to connect students with CLAS alumni via a virtual audio/video platform.

Number of Consultations: 120+
Number of Alumni Mentors: 50+
Number of Students: 110+
**Innovation: Industry Insights**

**What is Industry Insights?**

Industry Insights is a rotating topics course that was developed in response to the lack of available experiential learning opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The course aims to fill the gap by connecting students with UF alumni currently working in various industries. The alumni co-teach the course with a Beyond120 faculty member to give students in-depth knowledge and understanding of their particular industry.

**Spring 2021 Pilot Semester:**

COURSE TITLE: Deconstructing the Fundamentals of Sales

ALUMNI INSTRUCTOR: Dan O’Sullivan, VP of TransPerfect

CO-TAUGHT WITH: Brittany Grubbs, Beyond120 faculty

**Students in Pilot Course:**

18

**Internship or Job Offers Made by TransPerfect:**

3

**Number of UF Alumni Assisting in the Course:**

12

**Target Number of Course Sections for Spring ’22:**

3

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**Alumni Reaction**

“As someone who was a Liberal Arts undergrad (History) and grad student (Latin American Studies), I am keenly aware of the challenge in taking the skills I developed from that study (telling a story, critical thinking, excellent written and verbal communication skills) and adapting them successfully to the business world. As the leader of a 60-person sales team I am also keenly aware of the challenges in finding talent that has the skills to contribute to a business straight out of school. I was attracted to the Beyond120 program as it looked to both better prepare CLAS students with the skills they would need in the business world, while allowing businesses to build a long-term recruitment pipeline of graduates with those skills. I believe this program has a chance to be transformative not just at UF but to be a model for business and academic collaboration throughout US academia.”

-Dan O’Sullivan, Vice President of TransPerfect
The Pre-Health offerings in the *Beyond120* program have grown substantially over the past year. These opportunities were designed to provide students with a holistic and well-rounded experience in addition to professional development efforts.

**Guest Speaking Events:**

5

Current professional students, instructors and UF alumni shared their personal journeys to serving others through healthcare.

**Pre-Health Chat:**

417

This year we offered a weekly virtual Pre-Health chat and Q&A session, where pre-health students could drop in to receive guidance and support for their pre-health careers. Over 400 students attended these sessions.

**Pre-Health Scholars:**

59

Provides pre-health students opportunities to engage with humanities and social sciences to cultivate a holistic understanding of healthcare. Students also engaged in a series of service activities in the Gainesville community.

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30-6:30pm

Join Dr. Naz Erenguc for a discussion on

Social Determinants, Impacts and Equity in Healthcare

This event is part of the

Journey Traveled Pre-Health Speaker Series
Presented by Beyond 120 and the UF Honors Program

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Beyond120 faculty member Dr. Jacob Watson taught a 3-credit course titled “Advanced Research Experience in the Liberal Arts and Sciences” in which students investigated print media during the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and collaborated to produce a final research product.

To recognize excellence in faculty mentorship, the Beyond120 program awarded the first Humanities Research Mentor Award to Dr. Manoucheka Celeste.
Looking Ahead: Beyond120 Expansion

We’re proud of the work we’ve done this year, but excited to continue growing the program. Here are some of our goals for the next year.

Expand CLAS MentorConnect
Our goal for the upcoming year is to expand the CLAS MentorConnect program, both in the number of participants and the diversity of industries represented by alumni.

Resume Beyond120 Excursions
We are excited to relaunch career excursions, both domestic and international, over the next year. During excursions, students can visit with hiring managers and UF alumni to learn about professionalism in the workplace.

Return of study abroad!
As international travel resumes, we will continue supporting students in the area of global engagement by helping them understand the career applications of their global experiences and creating new international programs.

The Morse Scholars Program
We are thrilled to launch the Morse Scholars program in Summer 2021, which will support students from underrepresented groups who plan to work in the healthcare field through scholarship funding, practical experiences, and individual advising.
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