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Welcome to the June 2026 Issue of Make It Happen!

As summer begins on campus, the Milone Center team is already hard at work preparing for another exciting year of student success, experiential learning, and career development. This summer, we are especially focused on designing programs that are not only impactful but also collaborative, bringing together academic support, career development, experiential education, entrepreneurship, alumni engagement, and community partnerships in meaningful ways.

In this issue, we celebrate many of the experiences and people that continue to make our work possible: outstanding internships and experiential education opportunities, new mentors joining our network, student achievements, inspiring alumni journeys, and the generous sponsors and supporters who help create meaningful opportunities for Marietta College students. We are also proud to recognize this year's Experiential Education Award recipients. In addition, we extend our sincere gratitude to the many organizations and individuals who supported the Milone Center and PioBiz initiatives throughout the 2025-26 academic year.

One of the highlights of this issue is hearing directly from alumna Brittany Metcalf Dein '13, whose journey reminds students that career paths are not always linear — and that internships, mentors, experiences, and meaningful conversations can help shape a fulfilling future.



We would also love to invite you to the official Grand Opening of the Milone Center for Academic and Career Success on Friday, September 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate this exciting new chapter and the collaborative vision behind the Center.

Thank you for continuing to support our students and our mission. We hope you enjoy this issue of *Make It Happen!*

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Khorassani, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Milone Center for Academic and Career Success

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan', is shown on a light blue background.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

When I arrived at Marietta College, I was 17 years old and far from home. Born and raised in Houston, TX, I made my way to Southeastern Ohio, and like many students, I had no idea what I wanted to be or study. I thought I wanted to be a high school teacher, and I quickly learned that wasn't my destiny. I then thought I wanted to be a prosecutor

and study law, but I slowly realized that wasn't in my future either. I embraced classes outside of my required coursework, specifically business courses, because I felt they were beneficial no matter what my career turned out to be. If you looked at my college transcript, you would have scratched your head wondering what I was trying to achieve. Truthfully, I was trying to figure that out myself.



Brittany Metcalf Dein '13
Advisory Solution Consultant,
ServiceNow Core Business
Workflow, Tech & Media

I graduated as an English major with a Spanish minor and a certificate in Energy Systems Studies, but it was my internships where I started to figure out my career. Through experiences with Ernst & Young, Newfield Exploration, and Copano Energy, I carved out an area of interest in Human Resources. I learned about the domain, the function, and HR technology, gaining skills and knowledge I didn't fully appreciate until I graduated and landed my first job at Oracle as a Human Capital Management (HCM) Solution Consultant selling HR software.

How I landed my first job is part luck and simply tapping into my network. My parents and mentors always told me to lean on the people around me, and I'm glad I listened.

I was home for Christmas talking to a family friend at a Christmas party. He mentioned that his niece had a similar background and had just started at Oracle. He connected us, and the rest is history.

Don't underestimate your network, and don't be afraid to ask. Some of the biggest doors in your career will open because of a conversation you almost didn't have.

Since then, I've remained in the Solution Consulting/Solution Engineering space at Oracle, Workday, Salesforce, and now ServiceNow, predominantly focused on HR and Employee Experiences. Despite not graduating with a technical degree, Marietta College gave me something more valuable: the ability to learn. My well-rounded education built the fundamental skills that have made every career chapter possible.

Along the way, I also learned that your coursework and your grades matter, but don't forget about your experiences outside the classroom. Whether it's an internship, volunteer work, or extracurriculars, those things shape you in ways a transcript can't capture. I served as captain on the Women's Basketball team, and to this day it comes up in every interview. Teamwork, discipline, time management, and competing under pressure are all valued in the "real world". Employers notice that. Be proud of everything you bring to the table.

Dr. Livengood, thanks for being my advisor and for teaching incredibly interesting classes. I learned more than you will ever know.

Welcome our new mentors!

Meet the new Mentors who will serve students at the Milone Center

These Mentors generously share their time and expertise with the Marietta College community. They engage in a variety of enriching activities, including guest lecturing in classes, leading workshops and events, serving as competition judges, and providing personalized one-on-one support to help students prepare for competitions and advance their careers.



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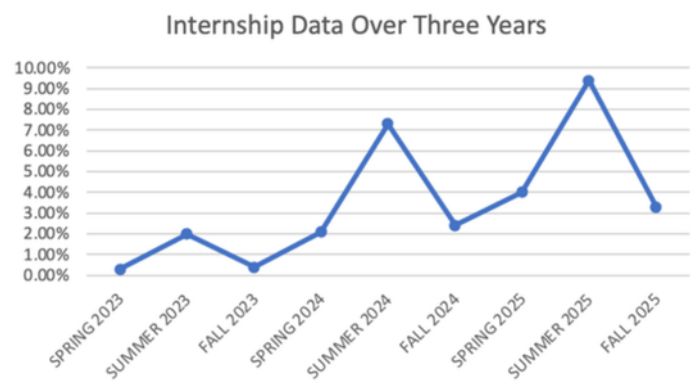


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INTERNSHIPS!



Each year, Marietta College students have the chance to get into the real world and gain experience with internships. Ranging in placement from right here in Marietta, OH, all the way down south to Texas, and even internationally in South America, there are a million different opportunities with internships at Marietta College.

There has been a total of 328 internships from 2023 to 2025, with an outstanding majority taking place during the summer months.

The year 2025 had the most summer internships at 86, 34 spring, and 29 fall. 2024 had the second greatest number of internships, totaling 137 internships for that year, with 74 summer, 38 spring, and 25 fall internships. Lastly, 2023 had the lowest total number of internships, with only 26, and 19 of the internships took place during the summer.

The majority of the internships were local near Marietta College with Ohio coming in first place with 201 total internships, followed by West Virginia at 37 internships, and then Pennsylvania with 28 internships. There were locations farther away, including but not limited to Texas, South and North Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, DC, and one international internship in Brazil.

Sports management was the department with the highest number of interns at just under 60, followed by communications at 36 and petroleum at 25 internships. The two runners up departments were political science with 21 internships and mass media with 19 internships.

To conclude this section, the organization with the most internships was Marietta College with a total of 42 internships. The athletic department has the highest number of internal internships at 5, followed by both the English and theater department tying at 4 each. Marietta Memorial Health System was the second organization with the most internships at 14, followed by Fifth Street Consulting at 8 total internships.



-Past Events: Spring 2026-



END OF THE YEAR:

May 2nd, 2026, was the Milone Center's end of the year ceremony and networking event in Andrews Hall, Great Room.

PioBiz Winners were awarded at the event.

PioBiz is a three-round business start-up competition that challenges students to identify problems worth solving, design creative solutions, validate their ideas, and ultimately develop a full business plan.

The top five projects of round 1 were:

1. Cupakin' Around Inclusion
2. SmartSort
3. TerraSole
4. Rx Express
5. Campus Crew

The top three projects of Round 2 were:

1. TerraSole
2. HairFlow
3. GreenHouse Guys



Two projects tied for the Audience Choice Award. The first was the **HairFlow** project by Frame. The second was the **Cupcakin' Around Inclusion** project.

PioSolve winners were also awarded. PioSolve Hackathon is a one-day, multidisciplinary that challenges students to examine the root causes of a real-world problem and develop creative, actionable solutions they can begin to implement.

The challenge was:

"What are potential uses for wood byproducts in Appalachian Ohio given the decline of paper mills?"



The top three ideas were:

1. Appalachian RiverRoot Memorials
2. Pyrolysis
3. Puddle Crusher

Lacey Frame was the winner of this year's Douglas C. Greene Scholarship.

The Douglas C. Greene Scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship and a commitment to applying innovative thinking in both their academic and professional pursuits.

Finally, the experiential education awards were presented to winning students.

Experiential Education Awards

The Experiential Education Summer Awards are designed to facilitate Marietta College students in pursuing professional development opportunities, including internships, research projects, studying abroad, and conference presentations, during the summer months.

HOWSMON-KEYES AWARD

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AND GRAPHIC DESIGN
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CONGRATULATIONS

Ava Flaby

MAJORS: MATHEMATICS
AND PSYCHOLOGY

MINOR: LEADERSHIP STUDIES
SOPHOMORE

Job Talk!



Non-Linear Career Journeys



April 2nd, The Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development held an event on the ups and downs of a career journey with real stories, real pivots, and real inspirations. The event was held in Thomas Hall 327 and was created to show students that their career journey won't always be linear, but not to give up if things don't go as planned.

Career Development Connects with Regional Peers at Handshake Meetup

On May 28, Ricci Bailey, Assistant Director of Career Development, participated in an in-person Handshake Meetup hosted by Case Western Reserve University and Handshake. The event brought together career services professionals from colleges and universities across the region to share best practices, explore new platform features, and discuss innovative approaches to student engagement, career readiness, and employer partnerships.

The meetup provided valuable opportunities to network with colleagues, learn from peer institutions, and gain insight into the latest Handshake enhancements. The ideas and strategies shared during the event will help inform future initiatives at the Milone Center and support our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional career development services to Marietta College students and alumni.



The Academic Resource Center Team Engages in Professional Development at HCLCA Conference

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) team was well represented at the annual Heartland College Learning Center Association (HCLCA) Conference held May 18–19 in Dayton, Ohio. Attending on behalf of Marietta College were Holly Menzel, Tutoring Coordinator; Bridget Manges, Assistant Director; and Amanda Haney-Cech, Associate Dean of Student Success and Senior Director of the Academic Resource Center.



The conference brought together more than 75 learning center professionals from 42 institutions across six states to share ideas, explore best practices, and engage in professional development focused on student success. As the current president of HCLCA, Amanda played a key leadership role in planning and delivering the conference and also presented a session highlighting the success of Marietta College’s innovative Finals Study Summit, piloted during the 2025–26 academic year.

Reflecting on the experience, Bridget shared, “It was a wonderful opportunity to attend HCLCA. The conference was filled with thoughtful conversations, sessions that sparked new ideas, and opportunities to network with other professionals in higher education who also care deeply about student success.”

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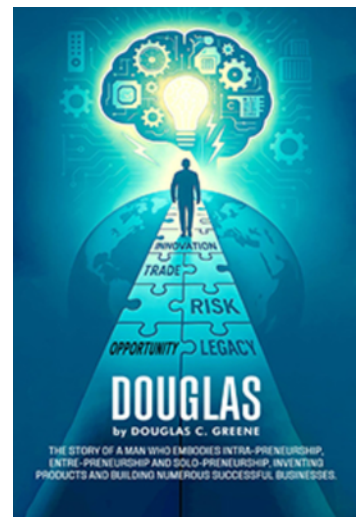
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Douglas C. Greene '62

