

# Education, Internships and Careers By Charlee Beasor

## New Career Hub to Bring Together Employers, College Students

A new, free service from the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) will connect employers and job recruiters with almost 100,000 students, as well as alumni, at the ICI's 31 member institutions around the state.



The ICI Career Hub, launching March 16, will serve as an addition to existing career services at each of the campuses – including DePauw University, Manchester University, the University of Indianapolis and Valparaiso University, to name a few. Employers and job recruiters will now be able to sign up with the ICI Career Hub to post jobs to each campus, schedule interviews at multiple locations and take part in videoconferencing stations for presentations and interviews.

Additionally, interview rooms will be available at the new ICI Center at 30 S. Meridian Street in downtown Indianapolis.

Employers can register with the career hub by visiting the ICI web site.

**RESOURCE:** Independent Colleges of Indiana at [www.icindiana.org](http://www.icindiana.org)

## Study Reveals Missing Piece for Many

It's common advice to college students: Find relevant work experience while you are in school.

But a recent survey by the Gallup-Purdue Index reveals that just one in three college students is actually heeding the guidance.

The Gallup-Purdue Index is a national survey of 30,000 U.S. college graduates and is a joint research effort from Purdue University and the Lumina Foundation to measure the experiences of college students' and college graduates' lives in five areas: purpose, social, physical, financial and community.

One way – and typically the first that springs to mind – to gain pertinent career experience while in school is through an internship.

Internships make a big impact after graduation, according to a separate Gallup study of Purdue graduates. Thirty-six percent of Purdue graduates since 1975 strongly agreed an internship helped them apply their learning (versus 31% for all colleges). Over half of Purdue graduates that reported taking part in an internship were more likely to strongly agree that college adequately prepared them for life.

For Hoosier employers not sure where to start, or for students

seeking internship postings in their region, Indiana INTERNnet is ready to assist. The free, online internship matching program (an affiliate program of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce) has helped more than 60,000 students and 6,000 Hoosier employers find the right employment tools and right job matches since 2001.



**RESOURCES:** Gallup-Purdue Index at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/gallup](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/gallup) | Indiana INTERNnet at [www.indianaintern.net](http://www.indianaintern.net)

## Deepening the Divide: A Global Education Perspective

The results are in, and they're not good, according to a *New York Times* article on the annual education statistics from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): The United States is behind almost every other industrialized nation in terms of educational equality.

The article states that only 30% of Americans have achieved a higher level of education than their parents (only Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic do worse than the U.S.). And just one in 20 Americans ages 25 to 34 with parents that didn't finish high school has a college degree. The average in the OECD results across 20 developed countries was one in four.

Here's a number that helps represent the large educational and income gap: \$30,000. Between 1979 and 2012 (and after inflation), the wage gap between a family of two college graduates and a family of high school graduates grew by \$30,000, according to the *Times*.

The article notes that the U.S. was initially at the forefront of public education, ahead of European nations that were only educating the upper echelon. However, the U.S. experienced little movement as the rest of the industrialized nations caught up. For the American demographic between ages 55 and 64, 42% have college degrees – near the top of the OECD; but among Americans 25 to 34, the college graduation rate of 44% puts the U.S. at 11th place.

The U.S. was ahead of other nations in one regard: Americans with college degrees are paid 74% more than those with a high school degree.

**RESOURCE:** *A Simple Equation: More Education = More Income* at [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)