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When asked about the College of ACES, almost every student you talk to will mention one or both of the following statements: 1) the College of ACES is like a family; and 2) it offers countless opportunities. In my three short semesters on campus, I have experienced every day how these things are truly what makes the College of ACES so special.

This semester, I especially experience these things on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays—and sometimes Tuesdays. Why especially on those days? Well, these are the days of the week that I spend a fair portion of my time in Suite 115 of the ACES Library, where I am an intern for the College of ACES Academic Programs. I was fortunate enough to receive an offer to fill the position as intern beginning in January 2014. Since then, I have learned quite a bit about the College of ACES and even more lessons about life.

I’ve had the opportunity to meet many people including the leaders of our college, the ever-so-important administrative assistants, supportive alumni, scholarship donors, and fellow ACES students, who I would have probably never crossed paths with had I not had this opportunity. My tasks vary, but the underlying lesson I have learned is that there is quite a bit that goes on behind the scenes to make our College successful; those recruitment materials don’t design and mail themselves, those scholarships don’t get donated by accident, and there is a good reason why our College is so respected.

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings about being employed with the College is that they value and understand my status as a student first and foremost. I am thankful for this opportunity and have a special kind of appreciation for all that our college does for its students.