Visit DSW Distribution Center – February 25, 2019

The scholars visited the DSW shoe Distribution Center and received a tour lead by Steve Reade (Sr. Director of Logistics and a Fisher alum). The tour covered all aspects of the DC that supplies DSW's 525 stores. On average the DC ships about 200,000 pairs of shoes per day. In addition, DSW operates another DC that focuses on online orders in which shoes are picked and packed, and sent directly to individual customers rather than stores. DSW had revenue of $2.8 Billion in 2018 and announced on March 19 that it will be changing its name to Designer Brands.

The students also learned of current DSW initiatives, including the opening of W Nail Bars in a hometown Columbus store with 5 more to open later this year in Austin, TX, Washington DC and nearby Dublin, OH. Another major strategic initiative is the recent purchase of the Camuto Group that designs and produces shoes, thus moving upstream to further integrate in the shoe supply chain.

Also speaking with the students were Jeff Girard (Senior VP, Distribution & Logistics) and Jim Clowes (Director of Procurement, Store Planning & Construction). In a world of many connections, the students may have a chance to have a class with Jim Clowes who has taught a senior level course on purchasing for Fisher for many years.
Pathways Summer Plans
As we enter spring and look to finish the 2018-19 academic year on a high note, it is hard to believe this program is almost 3 years old! We thought we would update you with an update on what some of our alums will be doing this summer:

Pathways alums from c/o 2017 – rising Seniors:

Charlotte Fore will be a Category Leader with Smuckers in Orrville, OH.
Morgan Martinez will be a Purchasing and Supply Chain Intern for Boeing Denver working in drones and technology sector
Amy Zucker will be a Supply Chain/Operations Intern with Cardinal Health working in one of the DC's - location TBD.

Claire Thompson will be with Greif, a global industrial manufacturing company as a Total Rewards Intern.
Megan Myers will be traveling to Italy as part of the Fisher Industry Immersion Global Lab and then interning at L Brands and Mast Global as a production and planning intern.

Pathways alums from c/o 2018 – rising Juniors:
Alexa Fillingham will be interning at PNC in the Institutional Asset Management division in Cleveland.
Grace Figliomeni will be traveling to Nepal for two weeks this summer through the Fisher Office of Global Business for a consulting project with a non-profit named Seven Women.
Jessica Kavinsky will be traveling to Rwanda as part of an OSU class to research and study the genocide and its aftermath. During the 2nd half of the summer she will be interning at the Franklin County Municipal Courthouse in the Alternative Disputes and Mediation Court.

Celeste Lueers will be doing a Purchasing co-op with Honda Research of America in Marysville, OH.

Kalyn Hawkins will be doing an Operations Internship with Sherwin Williams in Cleveland.

Future Events

- March 25, 2019 Networking lunch – current and past Pathways students
- April 15, 2019 – Lunch with OSU Wexner Medical Center supply chain experts.

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