

**Congratulations to December Graduates**

**Political Science**

Sion Alford                                      Kenzie Jennings  
Luke Davis                                      Anai Reyes

**Criminal Justice**

Mariana Benavides                          Fernando Medina  
Missy Corwin                                    Julia Montoya  
Alex Davis                                        Jeremiah Shaeffer  
Travis Estes                                      Chloe Spriggle  
Eddie Hernandez                                Shay Stephens  
Jack Hodge                                        Mariah Welty-Kile

**Student News**

Jenna Salzman was elected to the Students Association, representing Arts and Sciences.

Rachael Shudde, Madelyn Dayton, and Alexander Blanchett attended the 2016 American Enterprise Institute Values and Capitalism Conference in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6-8.

**Attorney and Pre-Law News**

The ACU Alumni Bar Association’s Homecoming reception had 30 attend. The Optimist covered this new group, and you are encouraged to update practice information with Dr. Coates at [coates@pols.acu.edu](mailto:coates@pols.acu.edu).

About 700 alum have gone on to practice law. “ACU Alumni Office Aggregates Attorneys,” <http://acuoptimist.com/2016/10/alumni-office-aggregates-acu-attorneys>

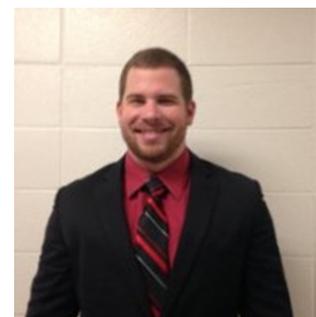
On Nov. 17, Charlie Black and Ashton Anderson, local attorneys, spoke to pre-law students about small firm practice., during Global Entrepreneurship Week, Nov. 14-18, sponsored by the ACU Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy.

**Abilene Police Hire Three CJ Graduates**

Jeremiah Shaeffer and Ed Hernandez, two of our graduating Criminal Justice seniors, and Kelsey Leverett ('15), were accepted into Academy 54 at the APD starting January 2017.

**Trustee’s Award Recipient**

Jeremiah Shaeffer graduated from high school in California and entered the U.S. Army. As an Airborne Ranger, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Jeremiah served four combat tours during 16 months, accomplishing 110 combat missions.



Jeremiah’s transition from combat operations to a CJ student with high character and scholastic achievement has been commendable. He assisted in initiating the REACH program for at-risk children at the North Abilene Apartments and has participated in the Dyess We Care Team. He also served as the “Red Hulk” during a children’s event at the Abilene Zoo. During his time at ACU, Jeremiah was in a small group study of diverse students who examined the tragic events of Ferguson, Missouri. Jeremiah became an avid believer in community policing, leading him to apply to become an Abilene Police Officer. Jeremiah is the type of student we are proud to call a graduate of Abilene Christian University.

### **Job Board**

A local government job board is located at [www.SGRjobs.com](http://www.SGRjobs.com). See [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov) for federal information.

### **Internship Opportunities**

#### Rep. Ted Poe's Office, Washington, D.C.

Representative Ted Poe's Office is looking for an ACU intern for every semester and summer. Rep. Poe is an alumnus of ACU. If you or anyone you know (and of any major) may be interested, please have them contact his office or talk with Dr. Coates.

#### International Rescue Committee, Abilene

The IRC in Abilene regularly accepts applications for the Summer and Fall semesters. An internship with the IRC provides professional experience with a renowned international nonprofit. It simultaneously provides a multicultural experience not just from working with diverse clients but also with the international staff in their office. They accept interns from all majors and backgrounds to work in the case management, economic empowerment, immigration, and development departments. IRC requests a 12 hour per week commitment from each student. Apply several weeks prior to the semester to intern. Training is required.

#### Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The Heritage Foundation is recruiting junior and senior conservatives for each spring semester in Washington, D.C. Paid internships in research, policy promotion, and more are offered. The program runs from January to April, with opportunities to work alongside Heritage staff throughout the building and on a wide variety of policy issues. There are 60 intern positions. Interested students are encouraged to visit [www.heritage.org/internships](http://www.heritage.org/internships). Applicants should apply by October 1 each year by filling out the online application.

#### National Security-Related Internships in Washington, D.C.

[www.cags.indiana.edu/resources/internship\\_list.html](http://www.cags.indiana.edu/resources/internship_list.html)

**Some recommended Study Abroad sites (beyond ACU's Oxford, Leipzig, and Montevideo sites):**

Washington, D.C. CCCU American Studies Program

[www.bestsemester.com/locations-and-programs/washingtondc/asp](http://www.bestsemester.com/locations-and-programs/washingtondc/asp)

Amman, Jordan, CCCU Middle East Studies Program

The Fund for American Studies

Washington, DC

June 3 – July 28, 2017

[www.DCinternships.org](http://www.DCinternships.org)

December 6 – Early Deadline for Summer 2017 (5% tuition discount)

\*\* Internship Placement – Courses for Credit – Furnished Housing\*\*

Outstanding, committed students are invited to apply for TFAS, a summer program for internships and college courses in Washington, D.C. See <https://www.tfas.org>. The Fund for American Studies sponsors six institutes which prepare young people for leadership in the life of their communities and the nation. The institutes are intense, combining lectures, coursework, internships, evening lectures and site briefings at key institutions of national government. Each institute offers courses for academic credit. Of the various institutes, the one most popular with ACU students has been the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES): The oldest TFAS program, ICPES was established in 1970 and is intended for students interested in careers in government, public policy and academia. The program offers students a thorough examination of the American political tradition and market economics through comparative study.

Programs are offered in the following fields: [International Affairs](#), [Public Policy & Economics](#), [Journalism & Communication](#), [Community Leadership & Service](#), [Business & Government Affairs](#), [Leadership & the American Presidency](#)

The program includes:

- An internship placement
- Courses for academic credit from George Mason University
- Furnished housing located close to Metro rail stations, monuments and museums in Washington
- Networking events, exclusive briefings, guest speakers and a mentor program

**THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE** We've been creating academic internship experiences for almost 50 years and provide internship placements for all participants. Your options are endless – we work with over 300 different federal agencies, policy groups, international affairs organizations, media outlets, public affairs firms, government relations offices, and nonprofit organizations. Working in this powerful city will allow you to make professional connections and practice networking skills in a real-world setting. Washington, DC is the perfect place to explore a variety of career paths, and we work with each student's unique goals and aspirations to match them with the most fitting internship site.

**SOME PAST INTERNSHIP SITES** American Institute for Cancer Research, AT&T, Capital Area Food Bank, Congressional Offices on Capitol Hill, Crosby Volmer Public Relations, Ford Motor Company, Foreign Embassies, National Association of Women Legislators, Security Industry Association, Student Conservation Association, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Education, Justice and the Treasury, U.S. News & World Report, U.S. Small Business Administration, World Learning, WJLA TV ABC 7.

**APPLY TODAY – 5% Discount** Applicants can apply for the early deadline in Dec. to receive preference in admissions and scholarship consideration, as well as a 5% tuition discount.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** We strive to make the programs accessible and affordable to the best and brightest students regardless of financial status. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit with over 70% of students receiving full or partial funding.

For more information and to begin an online application, please visit [www.DCinternships.org](http://www.DCinternships.org). Questions may be directed to [admissions@tfas.org](mailto:admissions@tfas.org) or [202.986.0384](tel:202.986.0384).