BUILDING NETWORKS AND PATHWAYS FOR HIGH IMPACT CAREERS

OVER 90 STUDENTS have had paid employment with participants in the Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement. These placements not only build important skills and abilities, but they provide invaluable pathways into high-impact positions. Placements with participants in our Centre can open doors by making the right connections with important networks, and help mentor students in their next steps—whether academically, professionally, or as an entrepreneur.

OUR PARTICIPANTS HAVE OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT IN THE AREAS OF:
- Peace Education
- Peace and Human Security
- Deepening Communities
- Digital Marketing

THE CENTRE FOR PEACE ADVANCEMENT REGULARLY EMPLOYS STUDENTS IN THE ROLES OF:
- Communications Assistant
- Incubator Fellow
- Peace-Tech Living Learning Community Peer Leader

CATALyzING INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS TO SPARK INNOVATION

WITH STUDENTS IN A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, Conrad Grebel University College is a natural incubator for interdisciplinary teams that are able to collaboratively tackle problems from several perspectives. The Centre for Peace Advancement has played a key role in forming, mentoring, or supporting these teams as they prepare to pitch.

IN 2018–2019 ALONE, 22 GREBEL STUDENTS ENTERED 10 DIFFERENT PITCH COMPETITIONS.

KATIE GINGERICH is the founder and Executive Director of The Ripple Effect Education and alumnus of our Epp Peace Incubator. Katie’s passion for innovation was shaped through her experience leading programs that help youth transform conflict and seek justice. Through the support of the Centre for Peace Advancement, and individuals that call the Centre home, Katie transformed her passion into a thriving start-up that equips youth with the tools and skills to build healthy relationships.

““The Centre for Peace Advancement has given me a community of supporters including creative peers, mentors, and new partnership. In this community, I have found encouragement and opportunities for growth, such that I have built a team that embodies similar values.”

ANGELA KRONE studied Nanotechnology Engineering during her time at Conrad Grebel, but was frequently engaged in interdisciplinary teams competing at local or regional challenges. Throughout her degree, Angela won the MEDAx competition, participated in Oxford’s Map the System Challenge, won the CBC Radio Canada Hackathon and led an interdisciplinary team to create a tailored communication tool at Grebel.

Angela is currently working as a Software Developer at North Inc. in Kitchener, Ontario.

““Living at Grebel has taught me how important it is to have peers in a variety of fields. Even though I could build a robot to help people plant rice, I couldn’t tell you about the socioeconomic impacts it might have. But I have friends who could, and that’s awesome.”

Oxford University’s Map the System Challenges students to use a systems-thinking approach to practice changemaking by demonstrating a deep understanding of a pressing social or environmental challenge.

MEDAx is a competition to foster innovation for emerging social entrepreneurs organized by Mennonite Economic Development Associates in conjunction with their annual convention.

World’s Challenge Challenge Hosted by Western University, World’s Challenge Challenge is an international competition where students pitch their ideas to address a global issue.

CBC/Radio Canada Hackathon Spotlighted innovation and leading-edge technology in relation to digital personalization.
The Centre for Peace Advancement acts as a bridge between theory and practice, allowing students to apply what they are learning in the classroom. The Centre is always a buzz with peace practitioners, researchers, and entrepreneurs. Whether formal connections through curricular offerings, or informal connections that naturally come with shared space, students are primed to engage with participants in the Centre and translate their knowledge into impact.

**PACS 315: Engineering and Peace**
Learn why the kinds of problems engineers seek to address, and the ways they seek to address them, should matter for anyone interested in advancing peace in the world.

**PACS 302: Peacebuilding and Social Innovation**
Explore contributions that tools and resources from the emerging field of social innovation can make to complex peace-building challenges.

**PACS 620: Thinking and Working Politically**
Cultivate the knowledge, skills, and sensibility to engage governmental policies and programs in order to bring about systemic change.

Jared Baribeau connected with the Centre for Peace Advancement after taking Paul Heidebrecht’s Engineering and Peace class, to see whether he could contribute to a peace-building project for his fourth year Capstone Design Project. Paul introduced Jared to Richard Yim, the co-founder of Demine Robotics, and this relationship is now leading to much more than an academic credit. Jared has joined the Demine team full-time and has moved to Cambodia to help test their technology on active land-mines.

“During my time at university I was searching for how to best connect my technical education with my desire to enable more people to chase their dreams. Working with Demine Robotics towards improving the rate of land-mine removal in developing countries has proven a unique opportunity to do just that.”

**Inspiring and Equipping Changemakers**

The Centre for Peace Advancement is a dynamic space on the University of Waterloo campus, home to peace-oriented innovators and established organizations from the region’s vibrant peace-building field. The common goal of advancing peace collaboratively and creatively is the lifeblood of the centre’s unique working community. The Centre stands as a bridge between campus and community, academics and practice, and faith and justice.

**PACSTech Living-Learning Community**
A community of students from diverse disciplines that explore the interaction of peace-building and technology—critically reflecting on the social impact of technology and fostering the creation of “tech for good.”

**Grebel Gallery**
- Experience artistic expressions of peacemaking.
- Curate exhibits with a dedicated team.
- Create art to be displayed.

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