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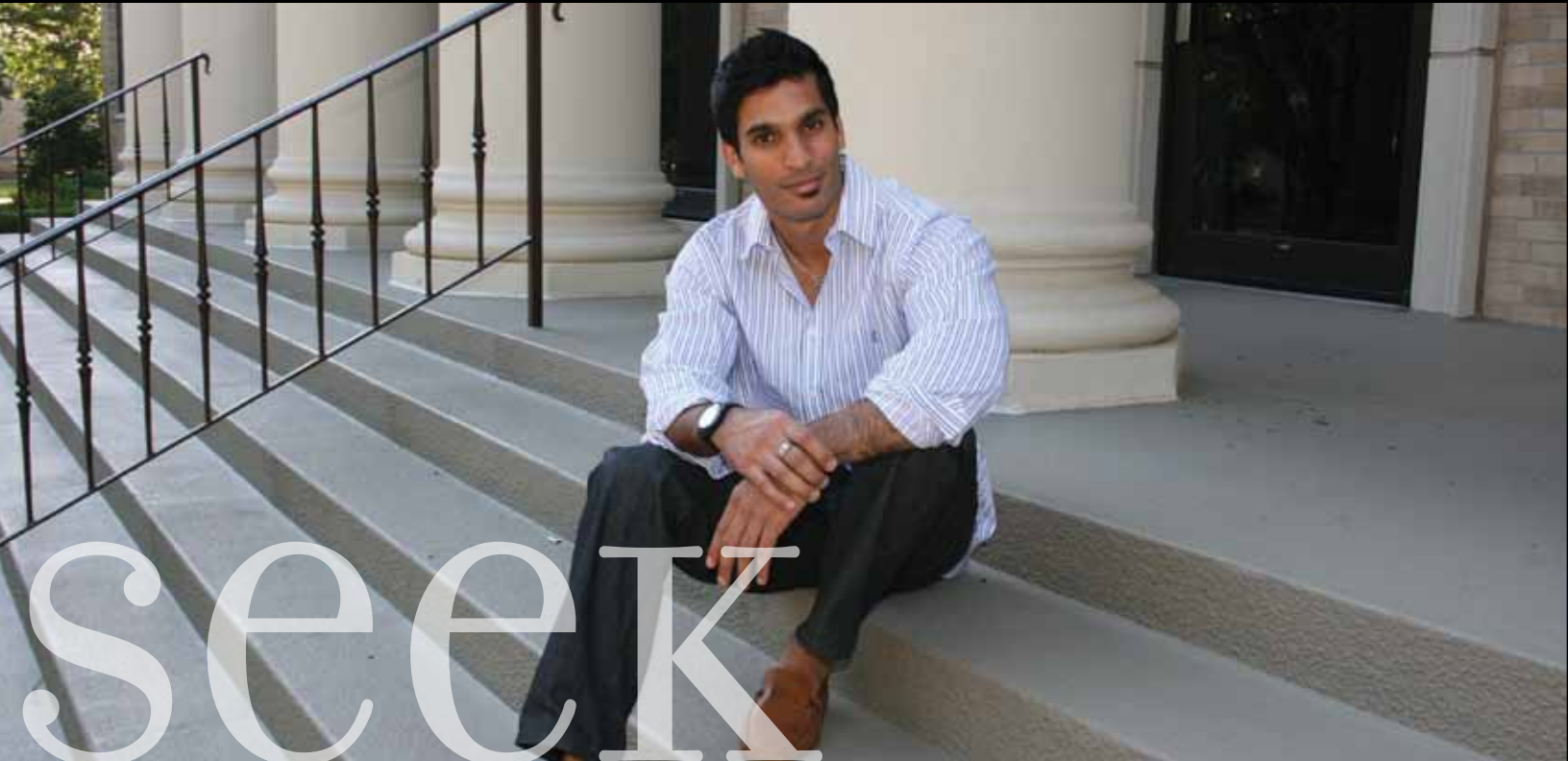
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Austin College alumni can be found in successful careers around the globe—and today's students can be equally successful! Just as college students create an academic plan, they are encouraged to visit Career Services to establish a plan for career success. Staff members can equip students to discover interests and strengths, set goals, establish networking contacts, explore career fields, consider internships, and build skills for the job search or graduate school preparation.

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Career success begins with discovering what you want to do. Our staff can help you assess individual interests and strengths; consider career requirements and expectations; and explore the world of work firsthand through internships, informational interviews, and interaction with Austin College alumni.

Bobby Patel came to Austin College anticipating a career in veterinary medicine. A business class sparked a new interest and staff helped him arrange several internships in the finance world. His future took a new direction. Bobby's final internship, with Goldman Sachs, resulted in a job upon graduation.



After an internship in finance, **Frank Chisholm** decided that was not the career he wanted. “But I wouldn’t have known that without the internship. I later interned with American Airlines and discovered a passion.” After working in management at American Airlines for five years, Frank has enrolled in the MBA program at Harvard Business School.



Internships gave direction to **Clayton Sublett**, now in graduate school and planning a future in entomology research. “Hands-on experience is important to determine whether you can see yourself continuing in a particular line of work. Through internships I was able to gain valuable experience and also to learn about myself, my interests, and my limits.”

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Students can apply the lessons of the classroom to real-world situations and explore career opportunities through Career Study Off-Campus (CSOC) and Vocational Internship Program (VIP) internships. **Jade Rutledge**, at left, completed a summer internship as an environmental educator at the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The position not only expanded her interest in environmental policy but enhanced her qualifications for jobs and graduate program applications.



Austin Trantham completed an internship at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. “This unforgettable experience deepened my knowledge of presidential history and rhetoric—my current Ph.D. research interest at the University of Kentucky. I likely would not be where I am in my academic career without the unique educational opportunity of this internship.”



Casie Luong discovered a passion for combining music and service while interning at The Little Rose Shelter in Vietnam through the Vocational Internship Program. For the reflection portion of the program, Casie organized a campus benefit concert in support of Education Through Music. She’s still writing and singing in support of others.

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Austin College students complete internships that explore daily routines in the world of work, in fields like medicine, criminal law, broadcasting, non-profit management, education, coaching, child psychology, the environment, finance, art, engineering ... the list goes on and on, limited only by interests. Career Services staff members assist students in identifying and developing internship opportunities—near campus, in the Dallas area, in their hometowns, and around the globe.

Global Outreach (GO) Fellowships offer students an out-of-this-world experience. Ten to 15 students each summer receive funding for international service projects. From teaching in impoverished areas to caring for children in orphanages to working for community development, the aim is making a difference in the world. Today's employers value the international involvement, global awareness, and problem-solving skills that develop through these experiences.

Leslie Leonard received a GO Fellowship that took her to Ghana, working with a small-scale microfinance organization that provides savings accounts and loans to small businesses in a village there. "Austin College places a strong emphasis on servant leadership and a global perspective. Those core values will continue to have a deep, positive, and long-term impact on my life. Despite the often drastic differences between people, cultures, passions, and the problems facing them, I've seen firsthand the fundamental similarities that lie beneath the surface—it is these similarities that really matter."



Monica Martinez spent a summer volunteering in Nigeria as an Austin College GO Fellow. After graduation, she continued service, working with AmeriCorps as a service learning coordinator for Michigan Campus Compact. Today, she applies her skills as director for the After School Centers on Education (ACE) Program at the Ann Richards School in Austin, Texas.

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Do you have the tools you will need to find a job? Is your résumé complete? Your interviewing skills sharp and focused? Do you know how to dress for the job you want or the proper etiquette should your job interview be over dinner? The job search includes much more than sending out a résumé and should begin long before graduation. Career Services staff members are available to help you find your way.

Tanishia Choice is one of only 10 residents nationwide to receive the 2010-2012 American Psychiatric Association Public Psychiatry Fellowship. Her Austin College education prepared her for success at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and in her career in child and adolescent psychiatry.



When **Faren Frazier DeRieux** began to look for her first teaching job, Career Services staff helped her prepare a résumé and portfolio for job fairs, offered interview tips, and put her in touch with an Austin College graduate in the district. She teaches at Achziger Elementary School in Mesquite, Texas, with a goal to become an elementary school counselor.



David "Scooter" Means took advantage of etiquette dinners, résumé preparation sessions, mock interviews, and alumni connection lunches. "I gained experience, contacts, and career insight, but most of all, I gained confidence." He secured a position with AXA Advisors and has a clear goal: to build the top financial planning and wealth management firm in Texas.

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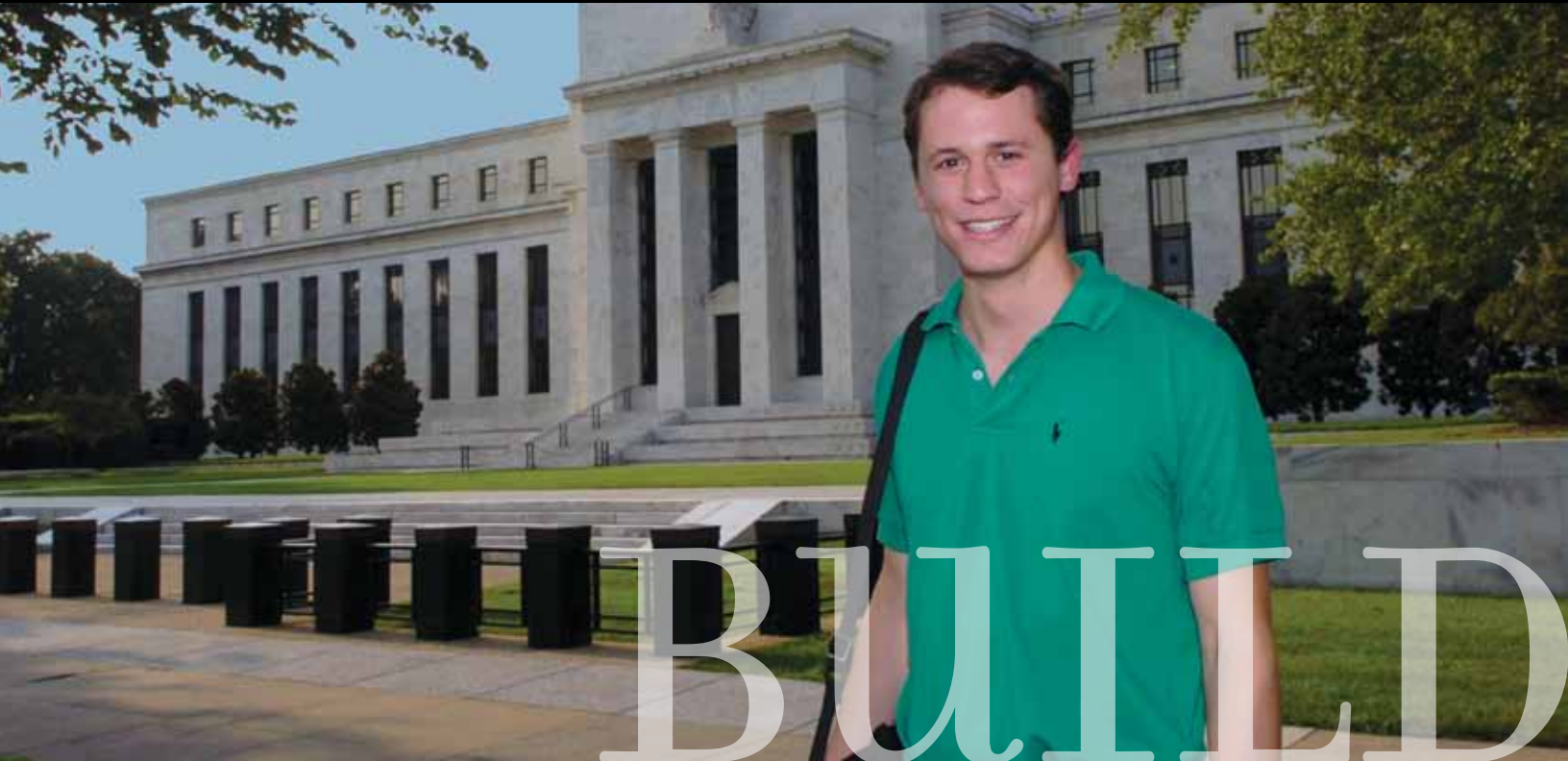
any Austin College students continue study at graduate and professional schools in pursuit of their careers. From hosting graduate and professional school representatives on campus to offering information about requirements, deadlines, interviews, and test preparation, Career Services staff members also support these students. When it comes to law, health sciences, engineering, or ministry, Austin College pre-professional advisors can help students prepare for and navigate the application and interview process. The results are good. More than 80 percent of Austin College applicants to health sciences schools are accepted annually and law graduates have similar success. Within five years, 63 percent of Austin College alumni pursue advanced degrees.

Kristen Saboe planned to be a physician. At Austin College, new insight into her strengths and interests led to three internships that refashioned her plans. She soon will complete a Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology and begin a research career focused on workplace issues of leadership, health, international business, and public policy. “I was a distinctive applicant, with interdisciplinary real-world, substantive experiences. Internships provided a necessary foundation to pursue a competitive career as a scholar and consultant in an international and highly intellectual arena.”



Jason Campbell completed interview skill training and résumé preparation workshops through Career Services before he decided to attend graduate school rather than enter the workforce immediately. He turned again to Career Services for help with the graduate program application process and was accepted to a Ph.D. program in economics at Vanderbilt University.

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Austin College alumni can be found in prestigious and meaningful careers around the globe. From business professionals, doctors, lawyers, and government policy makers to educators, musicians, ministers, authors, and performers, alumni have blazed a trail of success for today's students to follow.

The career achievement of recent alumni can be found in **Michael Carlson**, at left, a researcher at the Federal Reserve Bank in Washington, D.C., **Ariel Ketcherside**, a technician in the McClung Psychiatric Lab at UT Southwestern in Dallas, and **Sarah Demarest Allen**, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Austin, Texas, as examples. In May 2011, six graduates were awarded Fulbright grants.



Will Radke, employed by Goldman Sachs Realty Japan, took full advantage of Career Services opportunities from workshops to internships and networking. "I draw an analogy to bowling with bumpers. As bumpers direct the ball to the pins, Career Services events guided me in my career. After a while, you don't need the bumpers. In my career, after much guidance, I play with confidence."



Catherine Moran was active in the Austin College Pre-Law Society and worked closely with the pre-law advisor in preparation for continuing her education at the University of Texas School of Law where she was president of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society. Today, she is an attorney with Mosser Law Firm in Dallas, Texas.

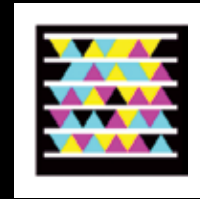
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