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WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING GOODWIL



PORLWI BY LIGHT

The month of December 2015 was an exciting one for CTI Students. Over 120 students were given the chance to participate in "Porlwi by Light", a three-day festival showcasing a series of artistic performances, light installations, and video projections in the capital city.

This initiative empowered students in different ways: self-reliance, interpersonal skills, team work, flexibility, and problem solving to name a few. "It was a unique and enriching experience for the students. It was an opportunity for them to work with the public, develop skills, collaborate in team and meet with industry," says Isabelle Domijan, lecturer at CTI. From personal development to good networking, the "Porlwi by Light" festival has provided students with experience to confidently enter the job market.



CTI Mass-Communication students in action.



"While a degree is important for job-seekers, they need much more to compete in a tough job market. Real-world experience, job readiness skills and knowledge, professional networking and internship opportunities can make a big difference."

At CTI, we are committed to providing a world-class education that prepares our students for a global workplace. We make tomorrow better.

In this issue, you will read about some of our Work Integrated Learning success stories:

- Porlwi by Light
- Senior Citizens Solidarity logo creation
- Meeting with the Design and Communication Industry
- WIL embedded in the curriculum
- CFA Research Challenge
- Industry meeting
- Work-placement in Childcare

Newsletter designed by Sanish Moher, third year student of Graphic Design.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Logo Creation: CTI Design students in action

Ten students from the Graphic Design Faculty were invited by the Senior Citizens Solidarity (SCS) to create a logo for the organization. The first step was to provide ten different logos designed by each of the students. Second, one logo was selected and presented at the Auditorium Octave Wiehe. It was a successful endeavor as CTI won the competition. More importantly, students used their creativity and knowledge to serve others and start a relationship with industry.



The winning logo created by Steven Vaithi

"It was an enriching experience and it has been an opportunity for us to engage with industry, to manage our resources so as to satisfy the client's demand", says one of the participants.

"The students worked in team spirit and it was an opportunity for them to be on the field and put what they have learned into practice," says David Delapeyre, Design Lecturer at CTI.

MEETING WITH INDUSTRY

In April 2016, CTI held a meeting with the design, communication and advertising industry. Capgraph, Circus, Cread, Redhouse, PnP Link, Xworx, Mobimove, and later, Maurice Publicité and Ogilvy discussed how to empower students and enable them to be career ready graduates.

Further, students will be encouraged to participate in competitions, national as well as international, to acquire additional experience. One example is IGNITE: students with the best portfolios after a three-month internship have the possibility to gain permanent employment.

Maurice Publicité and Ogilvy are reviewing IGNITE to further align it to the mission of finding success in the workplace.

"It was an enriching experience and we believe that it is not the last one", says Jean Francois Col, Design lecturer and WIL Champion.

Increasing collaboration between academics and industry was highlighted as a solution in providing students with graduate skills and the possibility to apply them in real-life settings.



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SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT and SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Work Integrated Learning embedded in the curriculum

Certificate III Business and Diploma Business students are currently studying *Work Integrated Learning*. In this course unit, students are exposed to a learning environment that brings together the classroom and workplace. Over the past nine weeks, students have been discussing employability skills and the importance of developing these skills to prepare for the workforce.

Guest lecturers from industry have discussed various topics from 'How to prepare for an interview' to 'Effective interpersonal communication skills'. During the final weeks of the semester, students are required to take a week-long internship. For some, this will be their very first work experience, which they are very excited and also a little nervous about. We wish them all the best!

CFA Research Challenge

Students participated in the Research Challenge programme organized by the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute for university students. In this global annual competition in equity research, CTI students interacted with top finance professionals and gain an understanding of what is expected from graduates in the field.

The team won the local competition and went on to represent CTI, and indirectly Mauritius, in the international competition in Chicago! Although they did not win the finals, students realized that their performance was on par with competitors from around the world, meeting the standards for international expertise. It was a huge confidence boost and incredible learning experience. A trip to the USA was another perk!



WIL Management Champions – Anusha Ramgoolam (left) anusha.ramgoolam@telfair.ac.mu and Vikramsing Gungah (right) vikramsing.gungah@telfair.ac.mu
"It is our role to ensure that the WIL projects are well coordinated to achieve shared objectives"

Internship At CTI

In December 2015, BCom Accounting & Finance students were offered internships at CTI. They assisted with debtors account, invoicing, and to engage fully in developing a fixed asset register for the institution.

Students were enthusiastic about the opportunity to develop skills such as the application of technical knowledge in a real world situation, and to understand the complexity faced by an organization in identifying, classifying, and valuing physical assets. They became familiar with project management and dealing with a diverse group of internal stakeholders. Students loved the fact that CTI is not only a great place to study but also provides work training!



The iPortfolio

All students enrolled in Curtin courses know about the 'iPortfolio': an online platform enabling them to upload their bio data, CV, and other assignments. But how many students actually use it? In order to increase use, the Fundamentals of Management classes were asked to work on a group assignment, and to upload their final product on their own iPortfolio.

Students responded positively, using it as a backup for all their personal academic work, but also to showcase their talents and competency as future employees. It became a ready-made marketing tool for students to show potential employers what they had worked on throughout their time as a student.

This initiative was so successful that it was picked up by the Curtin Australian Campus!

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SCHOOL OF IT

Accenture at CTI

Accenture was at CTI in April 2016 for a two-hour session with final year BCom IT/IS students. The representatives of the company kick-started their presentation with an overview of the work environment and the latest technologies used in applications' development.

Success stories of CTI alumni working at Accenture were shared. Soon, students in the audience were dreaming about experimenting with advanced technology such as 'Raspberry Pi' and working on innovative projects based on the 'Internet of Things' just like their seniors!

The second half of the session was dedicated to student aptitude tests. Successful students were given an opportunity to meet the Human Resources department and interview for a three months' internship at Accenture, leading eventually to full time employment. Irrespective of the aptitude test results, students were also encouraged to send their CVs. Not only did students project themselves into the IT industry but they were also highly energised and motivated after listening to CTI graduates' achievements.

Mobimove Ltd

Jerome To, Head of Business Development at Mobimove Ltd, showcased his company, its innovative technologies and internship opportunities to IT students in May 2016. This digital agency provides consultancy services, and designs and develops websites and mobile applications. It also focuses on research and development of new technologies.



WIL IT Champion Shafiq Gopee shafiq.gopee@telfair.ac.mu

In 2013, it was awarded the most Innovative Company award and Technopreneur award (Ministry of ICT). This was an excellent opportunity for our students to be exposed to latest mobile and website technology. Students enjoyed the presentation and will soon be sending their CVs. The company will be providing an internship program which is ideal for IT students who are passionate about new technologies, have proactive personalities, and have a creative mind.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Work placement: Precious learning

CTI provides to students enrolled in the 'Early Childhood Care and Education' course a one-month work placement to prepare them for the job market. Twenty students are currently working in the CTI childcare and are exposed to real life scenarios. It is an opportunity for them to manage a real class, deal with children's issues, collaborate with parents, and to be coached by a mentor. "It is a precious time for the trainee to apply all the concepts and theories learnt," says Tina, Pre-school Manager.

Quotes from trainees.

"It is a real-life assignment and it is an opportunity to receive on-the-spot feedback from the tutors." (Anna)
"There is a good interaction with children and parents. Through real observation, I am able to cater for different needs." (Nathalie)
"It is fun to work with children and challenging as well. This particular experience is a preparation for my future." (Melanie)



Melanie interacting with the children.

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