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We are pleased to be sending you information about this year's *Friends Select School Urban Internship Program*. The internship is an optional opportunity for members of the junior class. As currently conceived, students may pursue placements during Spring Break of this year, during the summer 2010 break, or after school during their senior year. Students will spend time in Philadelphia workplaces or in other cities, supervised by on-site adults (mentors) and an internship advisor from Friends Select School. The internship experience provides a useful complement to the core academic curriculum.

One goal of the program is to familiarize students with the management of a business, the application of a service, or the manufacture of a product. Internships also afford students the opportunity to gain practical experience that will assist them with their future career decisions. During the internships, students begin to demonstrate an understanding of appropriate workplace behaviors and acquire a greater appreciation for the useful and meaningful work available in the city and beyond. FSS students have gone on to use this experiential learning to help them make decisions about college selection and to establish contacts for future employment. Juniors who elect to take an internship are required to design and fulfill a program requiring a minimum of eighty hours. We encourage students to seek internships in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. However, this location is not mandatory. A student's completion of this optional internship appears as part of her or his school record.

Past internships have involved a broad range of activities in cultural institutions, non-profit organizations, and local businesses. Examples include:

- Shadowing a marketing representative for an advertising agency
- Writing with a journalist for an independent newspaper
- Working with visitors at the Franklin Institute
- Building a wooden boat at the Seaport Museum
- Volunteering with local and state political campaigns
- Serving the community through construction work with the 18th Street Development Corporation
- Performing social service work with a local hospital

Juniors who complete internships during the school year should deliver on June 11 a ten-minute oral presentation to an audience of faculty and classmates, parents and site mentors.

Students: We encourage you to decide whether you will choose to create an internship program in your junior year. Conversations with the coordinator of internships and senior projects, Carolyn Shank, may help you in reaching this decision. When you decide to pursue an internship, Carolyn will prepare a project timeline, including forms to be completed for this project.

We are looking forward to working with the Class of 2011 to help them design hands-on learning experiences for themselves. If you have any questions about the program, please contact either one of us and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,



Jesse Dougherty
Director of Upper School



Carolyn Shank
Coordinator of Senior Projects and Junior Internships