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### **Sports Management Students Pursue Internships Opportunities**

Summary: These internships will provide valuable experiences for students as they prepare for graduation.

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 15, 2015)—Last month eight sports management majors from the University of Minnesota, Morris visited the Twin Cities for an internship fair. For these students, receiving an internship position would enhance their preparation for future careers.

The internship fair included representatives from various institutions, who shared entry-level information to college-students. The summer internships they offer will provide students with valuable opportunities, allowing them to apply their college educations to real-world business scenarios and to explore career fields within their interests.

By providing access to opportunities like this internship fair trip, Morris is preparing students for life beyond graduation. Other opportunities include internship positions on campus, networking days with visiting alumni, personalized meetings with the office of career services, and research positions under university faculty. The value of these experiences is felt by faculty and students alike.

"As we [sport management faculty and instructors] continue to teach our students and prepare them for the future, we are encouraging them to grow their network and, if possible, gain practical experience within the industry as they work towards graduation," says Michael Bryant, assistant professor of sports management.

"Heading into this internship fair, I was interested in positions in the marketing or operations department of a sports team," says Nate Olson '16, Minneapolis, sports management major and current intern for Morris athletics. "I benefitted from this trip through the opportunity to put my face in front of some industry professionals, and learning more about the positions and the qualifications and skills they require."

Students are currently networking with these institutions and submitting applications to them. Students could potentially be accepted into department positions such as facility management, marketing, media, and community relations.

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