Below you can catch up with Alumni and see where they are now!
Emalee Kohos
The Civilian Personnel Management Service (CPMS), a Department of Defense (DOD) agency is tasked with providing most of the Human Resources functions within the federal government. As part of CPMS, Wage and Salary – NAF Pay Systems, is responsible for maintaining competitive compensation for DOD civilians working on military installations. We conduct Federal Wage System (FWS) surveys throughout the United States, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

The entry-level position is called Human Resources Specialist (Compensation). HR Specialists travel to assigned wage survey areas each month and collect survey data for approximately two weeks at a time. The surveys are conducted with private sector employers to determine prevailing rates of pay for comparable NAF civilian jobs. When on travel the specialists work out of offices located at the host military installation and a local wage survey committee lays out the pre-survey groundwork such as setting up appointments. When not out on survey, the HR Specialists research future survey areas, compile reports, and perform data analysis, plan and schedule federal wage surveys, review and analyze wage survey data, establish wage schedules for designated wage areas, recommend compensation pay policy.

More information about CPMS is available at: www.cpms.osd.mil
**Derek Glass**  
**Position:** Production Control Planner/Buyer  
**Company:** Northrop Grumman  
**Overview:** While unable to go into great detail, I am responsible for managing/coordinating/planning 50+ projects, primarily for the Navy, associated with the procurement of specific parts for various naval vessels.

**Sarah Keck, Organizational Communication Major, Human Resources Minor**  
**Associate Account Manager at Royall & Co.**  

A marketing firm that focuses on marketing for colleges and universities. I am in charge of managing the relationship between Royall and six schools all over the country.  
**Internship:** American Cancer Society

**Kaitlin Inman Organizational and Health Communication, Spanish minor**  
**Media Delivery Coordinator, Yahoo**  

I work with sales reps and their clients to ensure successful advertising campaigns; process advertising contracts, obtain creative materials, and coordinate the schedule and launch of premiere advertising campaigns.

**Mackenzie Shimon Organizational and Health Communication and Political Science**  
**Associate Trainer – OptiLink a division of The Advisory Board Company**  

I am responsible for training hospital staff throughout the U.S. on how to use the OptiLink Staffing, Patient Acuity, and Patient Assignment Software (i.e: technical training).  
**Internship at Office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton**

**Mary Kate Barry, Organizational Communication**  
**Staff Assistant for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi**
I sit at the front reception desk in the Speaker's Office and welcome and direct all guests coming into the office (anyone who is coming into the office goes through me first). Additionally, I reserve rooms within the Speaker's office, receive and process the Speaker's personal mail from members, set up for meetings and conferences in the Speaker's suite, grant access to the Speaker's Balcony, and make sure that only people with official business in the Speaker's office are the people that are coming in. I absolutely LOVE my job! It's so exciting because I really am right in all the action. Since I started here, I have welcomed President George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice, Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Michael Chertoff, and Dave Chappelle (the comedian). On a daily basis, I work closely with Speaker Pelosi, the Democratic Leadership, and Congressional members. Working for someone as professional and gracious as Speaker Pelosi has been the opportunity of a lifetime, especially for someone who just graduated college!

Carolyn Mitchell, Organizational Communication
Legal Recruiter, Hunton & Williams in Richmond

Jessica Gilchrist, Organizational Communication
Recruiting Coordinator, BAE SYSTEMS
My job entails administrative duties, specifically with a team of recruiters, needed in the process of hiring for Government Contracts. One of my key tasks is College Recruiting, which includes working with both schools and the company to coordinate attendance at all desired college fairs to recruit college age students for interviews and potential internships and jobs (including JMU).

Olivia Change, Health Communication and Biology Major
Public Affairs Coordinator, American Health Association

My time is split between the Government Relations department, assisting with the organization's public health policy development process and the Communications department, writing and designing the monthly e-newsletter, writing news releases for the American Journal of Public Health and developing materials for various health campaigns and projects.

Internship at Rockingham County Health Department

Carrie Tagye Urso, Organizational Communication
James Madison University
Career and Academic Planning

Grant Patterson, Health Communication and Organizational Communication
Attending graduate school at University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy and Management

Internship: Rockingham Memorial Hospital

Keri Gaines, Health and Organizational Communication
Pharmaceutical Sales Eli Lily
Internship: Rockingham County Health Department

Nicole Heiner, Organizational Communication
JRC Logistics, Inc  Director of Employee Training and Hiring
Chantilly, VA Brokerage firm

I have been writing the training program because one was not set in place before, they basically just had a mentorship/observation program. I am in charge of training over 60 employees.

Another big aspect of the position is hiring, I basically am going to be doing recruiting through several mediums including things like Monster, but in addition will be traveling to colleges to do Career Fairs.

Ashley Barnett
I am the Marketing & Public Affairs Coordinator for nTelos in both the Richmond (10 stores) and the Hampton Roads (17 stores) markets. I don't have a "typical" day at my job, which I love! Part of my job requires me to make visits to all of the stores in my markets, checking that their marketing materials (signs/posters/flyers/brochures/employee dress/etc.) is correct, in the right place, and that the store is representing the brand well. I do these store visits and score each store, coaching the managers and employees on what they did well and items they missed on the audits. I am also the point of contact for all the stores if they need supplies for their stores or have general marketing or merchandising questions.
David Moore

I am currently employed at Computer Sciences Corporation in Columbia, SC. My official title is Business Analyst Professional, and my responsibilities could range from meeting with the client (Insurance company) to gather software requirements, meeting with the programmers to discuss how the usability of the software should be designed, developing test case scenarios and plans for certain phases of the software life cycle when getting ready to deliver the product to the client, and it might consist of researching different problems the software is experiencing from a known issue reported by the client.