**Messiah Alum Provides Opportunities by Carla Briggs**

Do you ever feel like everyone is talking about how important networking is, but never giving you any concrete suggestions for how to do it? Well, here it is, a perfect opportunity to do some networking and to improve your communication skills in a practical setting.

This opportunity comes in the form of The Communication Gym. The Communication Gym gets its name from the communication “workouts” it provides for its members. Business people from a wide variety of industries have the opportunity to gather together and practice communication skills in practical situations at weekly open gyms. Additional opportunities for networking and practical application exist during quarterly Symposiums.

**Addressing the Paradox of Christians in Hollywood By Kerry Brown**

So, you want to make it in Hollywood as a Christian? A decade ago, your noble aspirations would have been met with two responses – either “Right, so you’ll do nude scenes?” or “Don’t quit your day job.” But, lucky for you, there have been enough people in your shoes to band together and do something about it.

In 1999, Act One, an educational outreach to aspiring Christian screenwriters, was created to address the most serious needs of Christian Hollywood hopefuls: “a sense of artistry, a commitment to professionalism, and a network with other industry professionals.”

The four-week intensive workshop molds students’ work into Hollywood-ready material, leaving their Christian commitments in tact. Basic programs, like “Writing for Hollywood,” include practical training, film study, mentorships with industry professionals, and fellowship with other writers. This mentor strategy offers students a real look at the life of a Hollywood screenwriter - “Faculty writers literally walk off the sets and into [the] classroom, making the notion of a screenwriting career possible...”

**Act One promises a 4-6 page analysis of every submitted piece (TV scripts, screenplays, and treatments), complete with scene notes directly in the margins. Students’ work is given thorough ethical and spiritual consideration along with a realistic assessment of how it stacks up against Hollywood pros’...**

— Content of this image is reversed. The text is not legible due to the reversed orientation. The text appears to be about establishing a free, monthly gym at Messiah for interested students to practice their communication and networking skills together. If you would like this to become a reality, contact Dr. Arke to express your interest.

Apart from the programs that Janelle runs through the Communication Gym, she desires to be a resource for Messiah College students. Because Janelle works with so many communication savvy business people, she is an excellent resource for networking both now and after graduation. If you would like to contact Janelle as a resource you may do so at 717.303.0280 or jcurtis-beaman@thecommunicationgym.com, and if nothing else, check out the gym’s website: thecommunicationgym.com
**FEATURE**

**Career Fair Follow-up**

So you went to the career fair armed with plenty of copies of your resume, a businesslike appearance and a firm handshake. You did all you can do, so now comes the time to leave it up to fate, right?

Wrong. There are still some things you can do to help along your chances of gaining an opportunity from the fair.

- Call the contact person from an organization to express interest in any positions you applied for.
- Send a thank-you card to any employer or graduate school representative that you spoke with.
- Call or email to follow-up on the status of your resume.
- Keep trying. Even if you did not get a job or internship offer immediately, you never know when positions will open up unexpectedly.

Even if you were unable to find an employer that you hope to work with, you never know when a future job opportunity could stem from someone you met at the career fair, so keep networking with the people you met!

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

The following is a list of internship positions available for the coming semester. If you are interested in one or more of them, please contact Mike True of the Internship Center: MTrue@messiah.edu

**Film / Advertising**

- Organization produces commercials for businesses.
- Urban work environment
- Jenkintown, PA

**Communications Assistant**

- Responsibilities include interviewing, writing for newsletter, coordinating newsletter production, web site updates, various written projects
- Harrisburg, PA

**Business / Marketing**

- 15 -37.5 hours per week
- Variety of projects available
- Harrisburg, PA

**Communication Assistant**

- Company works with electronic press; digital video; interactive multimedia; and CD-ROM.
- Mechanicsburg, PA

**Film**

- Tasks include logging footage, working with video files, office work, and assisting with sound design and Foley
- Interested parties should be committed, enthusiastic, punctual and reliable... and love filmmaking!
- Interns must be 18 or older.
- Lancaster, PA

**Immigration / Communication**

- Responsibilities include public relations, research, translating, website updates, writing projects, interviewing
- Position involves working directly with refugees from other countries
- Lancaster, PA

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**RESOURCES:**

It’s time for a big sigh of relief. All of your time and effort has been rewarded with a finished paper. The research is all there, the typing is all done, and you are finally ready to go to sleep. But wait, you can’t sleep yet! First you need to do your bibliography.

This is where RefWorks comes in. Rather than hand type the bibliography with a guide book in hand, import your list of journals, book, and even videos into the RefWorks program, and viola! Your bibliography is done. If your sources are not all online, you can enter the necessary information manually, and RefWorks will put it in MLA or APA style.

Your first encounter with RefWorks may take a bit longer because you need to log in and view a few simple tutorials, but the initial investment is worth it in the long run.

To access RefWorks, simply visit www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary and click on RefWorks at the bottom of the column on the left. Now go ahead and enjoy all of your extra sleep!

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**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following communication students for their selection to Who’s Who:

- Carla Briggs
- Jennifer Shaver
- Charity Kauffman
- Marissa McKeever
- Nathan Taylor
- Akirah Wyatt

Keep up the good work!

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**“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightening and the lightening bug.”**

-Mark Twain