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Let’s talk about where your Sweet Briar education will take you.

Sure, an excellent education is its own reward, but we know it is not the only reason to pursue a college education — and it’s never too early to take charge of your future.

Whether you choose to pursue a professional career or further education, Sweet Briar can help you reach that next step. When you leave here, you’ll be ready to do amazing things!
Claire Zak ’18 was accepted into Texas A&M University’s Ph.D. program in nautical archaeology. “I plan to focus on Old World seafaring and shipwrecks, especially of the Classical era,” says the former archaeology and classics double-major with an anthropology minor from Saint Cloud, Fla. Here she is in Ostia, the port city of Rome, during an archaeological conservation field school in Italy in 2017.

Career services staff had nearly 1,000 engagement points with students and alumnae last year.
OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Of course, many students graduate from Sweet Briar and go straight into the workforce. If that’s the path you want to follow, our dedicated staff can help you:

- Discover your passions and strengths and define your aspirations;
- Build an effective résumé that you will add to over the course of your four years;
- Explore career options individually or through organized events;
- Practice interviewing and other important job search skills;
- Find internships and summer employment relevant to your area of study and career goals;
- Connect with alumnae and employers for job shadowing, internships or employment opportunities;
- Get career advice and job opportunities even after graduation — no matter how many years it’s been!
Des’rae Davis ’17

After graduation, Des’rae Davis ’17 began working as a software engineer at In-Depth Engineering. The following spring, she also started grad school at Johns Hopkins University in electrical and computer engineering. “I really like the friends I’ve made and how everyone is so willing to teach me new things,” says the former engineering major and math and biology minor about her job. “I have learned C++ software — and that you are always learning new things.”

INTERNSHIPS

Many Sweet Briar students complete an internship. In fact, eight out of 10 Sweet Briar students complete at least one internship while attending Sweet Briar — that’s 30 percent more than students at other colleges!

An internship lets you apply your classroom learning and be sure that you’re doing what you really want to do. It’s a chance to test-drive that professional goal and make sure it’s the right fit. And if you do enjoy the internship, it could turn into full-time employment after graduation. You can even get academic credit for an internship. And our new 3-12-12-3 calendar, with three-week sessions at the beginning and end of each academic year, gives you unique opportunities each semester to participate in an internship or other special program.

No matter what, you’ll stand out from the crowd — whether pursuing a career or further study — with experience in your chosen field.

Sweet Briar students have completed internships around the world, including in the steppes of Talgar, Kazakhstan; at AREVA Inc. (now Framatome), an international engineering firm in neighboring Lynchburg; three hours away on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.; and many more.
Being able to do some archival work is great because that has always been an interest of mine,” Alexa says. “I’m super happy that I’m getting hands-on experience with that.”

Alexa Dahlin ’18

Thanks to Sweet Briar’s Friends of Art, Alexa Dahlin ’18 didn’t have to look far to find her dream internship. Alexa was the first recipient of the organization’s graduate internship at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, an international artists’ colony adjacent to campus. A $5,000 stipend allowed the former business major with an Arts Management Certificate to spend 10 weeks the summer after graduation working on a number of projects with VCCA staff. One of them: developing a plan and strategy for the VCCA’s upcoming 50th anniversary in 2021. A big chunk of her time was spent compiling the center’s history.
About **80%** of Sweet Briar students complete at least one internship

Emily Dodson ’18

Emily Dodson ’18 is working at M&T Bank in their Management Development Program in Richmond. “I found this program by attending a UVa job fair in September with career services, and I was seriously talking to a total of three companies,” says the former business major and environmental studies minor. Several interviews later, Emily sealed the deal: “My goal was to have a job by Christmas, but instead, I had a job by Thanksgiving!” Her successful job search was no doubt helped along by the fact that she had three internships while a student at Sweet Briar, including jobs with the Virginia Program at Oxford, Allianz Worldwide Partners and Randolph-Macon College.
About 80% of Sweet Briar students have at least one formal leadership role on campus

ON-CAMPUS RECRUITMENT
Sweet Briar welcomes employers to campus to participate in a variety of programs and activities, including on-campus recruitment. Strong partnerships with employers from diverse sectors allow our students and faculty to stay up-to-date on activities and trends in the corporate world.

The Office of Career Services offers an onsite interview room — you can even do Skype and FaceTime interviews there — so you can get a jump on your job search without leaving campus.

CAREER SERVICES EVENTS
The Office of Career Services hosts dozens of events each year to help students with just about anything — from résumé and cover letter writing to interview practice and job searching. In the last year, there have been panels about internship information, an LSAT test preparation workshop, a session on dining etiquette and sessions on preparing for grad school. Of course, there are a host of job fairs including the Federal Careers Expo, the Richmond Career Expo as well as industry-specific fairs for jobs in STEM fields, health care and business. Career services will arrange transportation to off-campus job fairs, employer site visits and events. No matter your chosen field — and whether you’re joining the workforce or pursuing graduate study — there will be ample opportunities to explore your options.

ALUMNAE NETWORK
Our alumnae are known the world over for their support of Sweet Briar. That support extends to helping students — and other alumnae — find internships and jobs. Join our online networking community, Alumnifire, and you’ll be instantly connected with more than 800 alumnae offering advice, résumé reviews and job shadowing. Plus, there are about 5,000 alumnae on LinkedIn, too. Chances are our alumnae can connect you with just the right professional opportunity.
Citlali Molina ’16

Citlali Molina ’16 is working as a manufacturing engineer in California — because of an internship experience she got through an alumna while at Sweet Briar and because of the College’s ABET accredited engineering program. During the hiring process, Citlali impressed the interviewers with her liberal arts background. “Sweet Briar’s engineering science program made me an extremely trainable and malleable asset to my company,” she observes. “It also proved that you can teach me anything and train me in anything. And I know my company saw that about me. Sweet Briar allowed me to peek through many job doors until one eventually swung open for me.”
More than 60% of Sweet Briar students work on research projects with faculty.
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Many Sweet Briar students go on to pursue a graduate or professional degree. You’ll have plenty of opportunity to show graduate schools what you can do through internships and in-depth research. Plus, not only will your research projects prepare you for graduate-level work, they will also give you the chance to get to know your professors. In turn, your professors will get to know you — so they can be excellent references for you and become part of your support system as you tackle grad school. In fact, our students regularly tell us that letters from their Sweet Briar professors have made a real difference in helping them gain admission to graduate school.

Sweet Briar graduates have gone on to law, veterinary and medical schools, as well as prestigious graduate schools, including:

- Princeton University
- University of North Carolina
- University of Virginia
- California Institute of Technology
- Johns Hopkins University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Stanford University
- London School of Economics
- Yale University
- University of California at Berkeley
- William & Mary Law School
- University of Oxford

No matter where you want to go or what you want to study, your Sweet Briar degree can help you get there.

Engaged Learning

At Sweet Briar, we’re so committed to helping you succeed after College that we’ve created Grants for Engaged Learning. Students submit proposals to a committee to get funding — up to $2,000 during a student’s time at Sweet Briar — to support a variety of experiential learning opportunities, including research projects, artistic endeavors, entrepreneurial activities, travel, internships, job shadowing and more. Not only will the projects help you stand out by getting you practical experience in your field, the process itself will teach you how to write research proposals, how to improve them to increase your chances of getting funding and how to report on your results.