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By Otis Carter

Otis Carter is an economics and business administration double major from Gurnee, IL. His senior project looked at the effects of macroeconomic indicators on foreign direct investment flows. After graduation he will enroll in Vanderbilt University's joint JD/PhD program in economics. His dream job would be an attorney specializing in corporate or international law or an associate for a major consulting firm. His most memorable moment was "handing in the final draft of my senior project."

Dieter Haager is an economics major and accounting minor from Springfield, IL. His senior project analyzed the causes of the wage gap between men and women after several years in the labor force. After graduation he will work in the audit division for Arthur Andersen in Chicago. His ideal job would be working for a major consulting firm while owning his own restaurant. His most memorable moment was "printing out the final copy of my senior project."

Sunil Jagwani is an economics and computer science double major with a math and business administration double minor from Jodhpur, India. His senior project studied the impact of various macroeconomic factors on the supply and demand of venture capital in the United States. After graduation he will be an Investment Banking Analyst at Prudential Securities.

Kris Kaneta is an economics and business administration double major born in Honolulu, Hawaii, while also having resided in Southeast Asia. His senior project looked at how various macroeconomic conditions and shocks altered international stock returns in comparison to other nation's stock returns. After graduation he will work for Norwest Financial as a Credit Manager in Northern Chicago. His ideal job would be to travel

the world and teach the law of one price, the Big Mac theory taught by Dr. Stumph. His most memorable moment was "the late nights revising with Nate and the rest of the Park Place staff, who like me, were just in it for the free pizza."

Peter Karlis is an economics and risk management double major from Naperville, IL. His senior project offered an explanation of IPO underpricing. After graduation he plans to get his law and MBA degree from Loyola University. His ideal job is real estate development. His most memorable moment was bridging the gap between the Economics and Business departments at his advanced research proposal defense. "It made me feel like I really had a good understanding of what each major had taught me."

Tom Kirkwood is an economics and risk management double major from Bloomington, IL. His senior project dealt with the importance of human capital in escaping poverty. His ideal job would be to become an investment analyst. His most memorable moment was "Pat Holly (last year's technical editor for the Park Place Economist) trying to fight off apathy and teach me PageMaker at the same time."

Alex Kons is an economics major with a history minor from Crystal Lake, IL. His senior project tried to find a plausible economic reason for why such drastic airfare differences exist. His dream job entails being an international airline captain on the Boeing 777. His two most memorable days were when Dr. Seeborg agreed that he had found an effective way to model his hypothesis and when he handed in his senior project.

Elizabeth Kowalski is an economics and business administration double major from Chicago, IL. Her senior project looked at the determinants of

economic growth in East Asia. Specifically, she examined how outward orientation, government intervention, and macroeconomic stability could explain this growth. "Ultimately, I found out that it was a combination of all three of these factors that led to such success in the region," says Kowalski. If she doesn't find a job she likes after graduation she will attend graduate school next fall to get her MBA. Her dream job would be one that would allow her to travel the world and have time to enjoy it. As an economics major she has really enjoyed working on the UAUJE because she has had the opportunity to read undergraduate research from all over the world.

Jason Lewis is an economics and political science double major from Algonquin, IL. His senior project measured the factors that influence foreign direct investment in lesser-developed countries. After graduation he plans to work at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. His dream job is to become a rock musician. His most memorable moment as an economics major is "coming in half an hour late to my international finance final and rocking the test."

Robin Meers is a physics and economics double major from Moline, IL. Her senior project focused on the Environmental Kuznets Curve which is the relationship between economic development and pollution of a country. After graduation Meers plans to attend dental school in Illinois.

Nate Taulbee is an economics and business administration double major from Taylorville, IL. His senior project assessed the impact of economic factors (such as interest rates, inflation expectations, real GDP, and unemployment) on the stock market. After graduation he will work as a Financial Business Analyst for State Farm. His dream job would be to become a part of the Dallas Cowboys management. He also enjoys the stock market and would like to become an Investment Analyst. His most memorable moment was watching Dr. Leekley and Dr. Seeborg crazy bowl during a cosmic bowling event hosted by the Economics' Society.

Alva Winfrey is an economics and sociology double major from Chicago, IL. Her senior project examined the effects of high-rise housing projects in Chicago on residents in surrounding neighborhoods. After graduation she plans to attend graduate school in Chicago and work in the social service industry. Her most memorable moment was when she took the Economics of Race and Gender May term course which opened her mind to the problems that women, the poor, and minorities face.