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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— At her internship this summer at the American Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (AICC) in New York City, economics major Brigitta Jakob '17 has presented research on the currency exchange between the United States and Indonesia, met the Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and shaken hands with the popular mayor of Bandung Ridwan Kamil.

That was all in the first week.

With a strong interest in international economics and trade, Jakob (Palembang, Indonesia) sought the paid internship at AICC for its networking opportunities. AICC is a private membership organization for global giants as well as small U.S. companies interested in investing or trading with Indonesia.

Jakob said the opportunity to meet major figures in the field of international trade has been “the most amazing experience” thus far at her internship. From the former prime minister of Australia Kevin Rudd to former Indonesian ambassador to the United Nations Marty Natalegawa, world figures speaking at AICC events have provided insights on capital projects, international security, market opportunities and other factors affecting global economics.

Other projects Jakob has completed include data analysis on imports/exports between the U.S. and Indonesia, and research on the current investment climate, capturing market opportunities and challenges for U.S. businesses planning to expand in Indonesia.

At Illinois Wesleyan Jakob is vice president of the Investment Club, vice president of the International Society, article editor for the *Park Place Economist* undergraduate journal of economics, and associate editor for the *Undergraduate Economic Review*, a peer-reviewed journal of undergraduate research.



Brigitta Jakob '17 poses with Charging Bull, the iconic bronze sculpture in New York's Financial District.