



Zirin and Burnstein Career Academy

The Zirin & Burnstein Academy is a multifaceted approach to student-athlete development. This academy is designed to foster professional engagement and cultural awareness that incorporates career-focused education, industry exposure, and professional networking.

The academy will focus on 4 professional experiences: Industry Career Ventures, a Professional Speaker Series, a Graham Family Athletic Career Center (GFACC) Operations Internship, and a Professional Intern Grant for selected upperclassmen student-athletes.

I. The Zirin Family Career Ventures:

The Zirin Family Career Ventures are experiential learning opportunities for students in desired areas of study that will broaden their career focus. Companies are selected by the GFACC office and recommendations accepted by Zirin & Burnstein if required, that meet student interest and will offer greater insight into the corporate workforce.

II. Professional Industry Speaker Series:

Industry professionals will be invited to speak to student-athletes who are invested in their studies or considering a career within a particular industry. The speakers will share their personal and professional experiences and expectations for success.

III. Graham Family Athletic Career Center (GFACC) Operations Intern:

This position is a part-time assignment for the individual to work and learn directly alongside the GFACC staff to manage alumni engagement, office management, student engagement, and office services. The goal of this internship is to broaden their administrative skills, organizational and time-management skills, and sharpen their proficiency in tools such as MS Office and Google Suites. The duration of the internship is approximately 1 year.

IV. Career Preparation Internship Grant:

The goal of this grant is to provide deserving upperclassmen student-athletes with a needs-based allotment to offset the need for professional preparation and/or housing. The maximum that each student can be awarded is \$500. Considerations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

V. Academic Credit:

There may be opportunities for student-athletes to receive academic credit for their professional internship as required by their academic program. The LSA Opportunity Hub will provide guidance.