KETTIL’S CORNER
Kettil Cedercreutz, Associate Provost and Director, ProPEL

"PROPEL IS ON THE MOVE!"
ProPEL is supporting the University of Cincinnati’s strategy to be the leader in career education through a profound restructuring of our unit. Over the summer the Division reorganized into three teams targeting Engineering & Technology, DAAP and the University at large. Simultaneously, the Lindner College of Business assumed responsibility for the experiential learning needs of all business programs.

The team-based organization is designed to promote quality. Each team now has its own job development function able to target needs with higher accuracy. This is important as ProPEL serves as many as 6,000 students and 2,000 employers and community partners annually. We are set to grow across campus by 1,000 experiential learning opportunities over the next few years. As the traditional co-op and internship programs growing in volume, we are also bringing on board new opportunities in Landscape Architecture, Fine Arts, Communication, and Pre-Heath Internships.

In order to move the University’s Career Education
Programs to a new level, ProPEL is also contributing to the work of a task force charged with restructuring career education across campus. Personally, I believe that the outcomes of this task-force will have a profound impact on the career progression of all University of Cincinnati students. The goal is also to improve and ease recruitment of UC students for employers.

In conclusion, I would like to state that it is an absolute pleasure to develop Co-op, Internship, Service Learning, UC Forward, and Undergraduate Research opportunities at the University of Cincinnati. The fact that our own state continues to be generous in supporting us through the Ohio Means Internships and Co-op (OMIC) grant sequence, makes me believe in a very bright future for our students.

TOP STORIES

DIVISION RESTRUCTURING
Change in the advising roles in the Division of Professional Practice and Experiential Learning (ProPEL) are both exciting and evolutionary. In May 2015, the Division transitioned into a team structure, consisting of three teams; CEAS+IT, DAAP, and Experiential Learning. Teams consist of faculty, program coordinators, job developers, and graduate assistants. This new team structure will allow ProPEL to better serve UC students, as well as employer and community partners.

FREEMAN FOUNDATION GRANT
In August, ProPEL was awarded $400,000 by The Freeman Foundation in support University of Cincinnati undergraduate students participating in international co-ops and internships in Singapore and Hong Kong. Read full article below.
THE FREEMAN FOUNDATION AWARDS PROPEL $400,000

The Division of Professional Practice and Experiential Learning (ProPEL) is excited to announce that they are the recipients of $400,000 from The Freeman Foundation to support East Asian Co-ops and Internships in Singapore and Hong Kong.

UC DAAP FINE ARTS STUDENTS FRAME NEW CO-OP AS A WIN-WIN

New co-op program adds valuable hands-on work experience for DAAP fine art students.

CO-OP EXPERIENCE LEADS TO FULL TIME JOB FOR FASHION DESIGN STUDENT, RUGBY PLAYER

Senior fashion design student and University of Cincinnati rugby player has landed a full-time position at a global rugby apparel and equipment company prior to graduation.
arts students. It will be the only fine arts co-op program at a public university in the U.S.

STUDENT GAINS GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH UC’S INTERNATIONAL CO-OP PROGRAM

ProPEL’s International Co-op Program at UC is one of the few in the United States which offers a structured, intensive language and culture experience combined with cooperative education.

UC RECEIVES 2015 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION FROM CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

The Community Engagement Classification from Carnegie Foundation recognizes UC’s significant commitment to service learning, experiential learning and community.

COMMUNICATION STARTS NEW CO-OP PARTNERSHIP WITH UC PROPEL

The Department of Communication is proud to announce that it has entered into a new partnership with ProPEL to begin offering a co-op track option for a limited number of Communication majors beginning in 2015-16. The partnership will start as a three-year pilot, followed by an assessment and possible long-term renewal.
INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROPEL FACULTY AND STAFF

Jason Britton
Manager of Partnership Development
Jason is new to the Bearcat family. Before joining UC, Jason started his career as an area director for YoungLife working for the Northern Kentucky Area Development District in workforce development. He also played a leadership role in the expansion of the youth internship program and the advancement of outreach initiatives for the Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. At ProPEL, Jason will be working to engage industry leading companies with ProPEL’s many offerings; focusing mainly on developing co-op opportunities for DAAP students.

Greg Harrell
Manager of Partnership Development
Greg recently joined ProPEL from his role in UC Athletics. Greg has been with UC since September, 2006. In ProPEL, Greg's responsibilities will include new job development, alumni relations, and general customer service for the College of Engineering and Applied Science.
Jeremy Harvey
Business Administrator
Jeremy is new to the University. Before joining UC, Jeremy spent 17 years working in a minimum security correctional center affiliated with Hamilton County where he progressed from the treatment side of the program to running the business office. As ProPEL’s Business Administrator, Jeremy's duties included all financial matter, human resources, and grant management for the Division.

Frederick Lutt
Assistant Professor
Co-op Advisor, Urban Planning and Master of Community Planning
Fred has been an adjunct professor at UC since 2008 for the DAAP School of Planning and Horticulture Program. He has an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from The Ohio State and a master degree in Community Planning from UC. In ProPEL, Fred will be advising Urban Planning and Master of Community Planning students. He enjoys international travel, and his favorite destinations (so far) are Copenhagen, Stockholm, and London.

PROPEL WELCOMES

TERM ADJUNCT, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Damingo "Ico" Abreu Vilomar, PhD Candidate, Architecture
GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
Nicole Tischler, Master of Mental Health Counseling
Catie Wambaugh, Master of School Counseling
Samantha Groh, Master of Information Technology, Cybersecurity
Presley Benzinger, Master of Marketing
Amber David, Master of Community Planning
Larry Kinkopf, Master of Applied Psychology

STUDENT INTERN
Ann Groomes, Organizational Leadership, HR, 2018

STUDENT WORKERS
Morgan Beer, Chemical Engineering, 2018
Patrick Beer, Chemical Engineering, 2020
George Quinn IV, Biology, 2017
Andrew Eagan, Finance, 2019