



2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

**BOERIGTER CENTER
FOR CALLING AND
CAREER**



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Year One of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career is in the books!

As I reflect on this past year, we have much to celebrate. We held a grand opening of our popular new office in the DeWitt Center in September. We integrated members of the College's Academic Advising and Alumni Engagement teams, and we aligned our work around common goals. We launched new programs to connect with students, and we expanded our reach with existing programs to engage alumni and employers. We continued to partner with faculty, and for the first time, introduced all first-year students to resources connecting personal strengths with career discernment.

In addition, I have much to be thankful for! First of all, I am grateful for the vision and generosity of George & Sibilla Boerigter and SoundOff Signal that made everything possible. I am also thankful for the deliberate and thoughtful planning of multiple administrators, faculty members, and staff that enabled us to get off to a successful start. Finally, I am thankful for the hard work and dedication of the Boerigter Center team for masterfully navigating a year of transition and serving our students without missing a beat.

As we look ahead, I am excited for another year as we drive toward our vision of establishing a nation's leading program to benefit Hope students.

SHONN COLBRUNN

Executive Director, Boerigter Center

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

In the 2018-2019 academic year the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career team continued to evolve, collaborate, and pursue excellence in order to fully lean into our mission. With an increased national focus on career outcomes, the BCCC strives to build strong partnerships and deep collaborations across campus to better serve our students and employers.

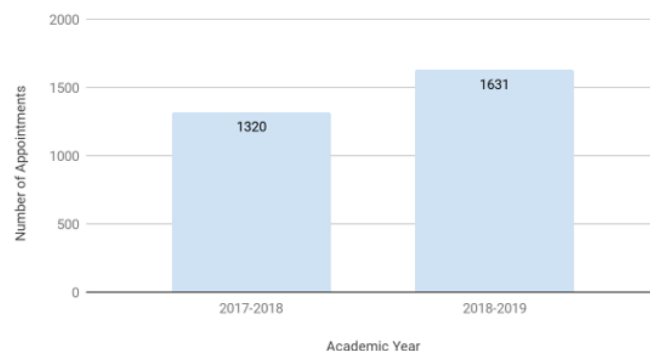
Thousands of students engaged with the Boerigter Center through individual student appointments, job fairs, on-campus interviews, workshops, events and completed profiles in Handshake.

Interest in individual career counseling grew this year, as the number of appointments increased by 23.5% over the previous year.

The biggest increases were related to appointments addressing:

- Career Choice
- Major Discernment
- Résumé
- Internships
- Networking
- Graduate School
- Job Search

Student Appointments



EMPLOYER RELATIONS

The Boerigter Center for Calling and Career established two new roles in the area of employer relations. Both the Employer Relations Liaison and External Relations & Program Director helped facilitate events and opportunities for employers and students to network and connect. Seeing the fruit of those interactions and hearing of a successful hire made it a great reminder of what the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career is striving for.

Snapshot:

- 87 employer visits
- 33 employers & 206 students attended the Fall Recruiting Fair
- 29 employers & 75 students attended the Summer Camp & Ministry Fair
- 30 employers & 143 students attended the Internship Fair

WHAT WE'RE HEARING

STUDENTS ARE GETTING JOBS

"After careful consideration, I have accepted a Business Analyst role at Meijer, Inc. and will start in late August. Thank you again for all of your support throughout my time at Hope and for your continued support after. Your department played a large role in getting me to this point and I am grateful for it." - Jarod Wolters '19

STUDENTS FEEL CONFIDENT IN THEIR ABILITY TO INTERVIEW

"The Boerigter Center gave me confidence in my interviewing abilities and provided constructive feedback that allowed me to feel prepared going into graduate school interviews." - Shay Pinhey '19

STUDENTS ARE FINDING SUCCESS WHEN NETWORKING WITH ALUMNI

"I met with a staff member in the Boerigter Center who gave me contacts of alumni at the Mayo Clinic in preparation for my interview. I wanted to let you know that one of those contacts was super helpful! My interview went really well. I was offered the position and just accepted my dream job this morning." - Meredith Predum '19

STUDENTS ARE LEARNING FROM THEIR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

"My internship at Blue Cross Blue Shield was challenging, rewarding, and fun. It was incredible to work collaboratively with other interns and professionals in the Corporate Communications Department. It was great to be able to apply the concepts I have learned in my classes here at Hope to corporate America. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity!" - Daniel Foy '19

STUDENTS ARE DISCERNING THEIR CALL THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

"This job shadowing experience was beneficial to me as I learned so much about what the job description of a physical therapist actually entails and how my strengths of working with people and being interested in the sciences could work in this profession." - Anna Hagner '20

