Career Peers

Career Peers are undergraduate and graduate students who play a fundamental role in our office. They meet with students during drop-in hours and appointments to critique application materials and work in teams to facilitate events for the student body. Check out our class for the 2018-2019 school year!


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**Nick Mewshaw**

**Class:** Sophomore  
**Major(s):** Pre-Business  
**Fun Fact:** I played alto-sax in high school!

**Why did you want to apply to be a Career Peer?**

I applied to be a Career Peer because I wanted an on-campus job that allowed me to help other students, but also allowed me to continue my own professional development. Career Peer is a perfect fit for this!

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**Emily Winterich-Knox**

**Class:** Junior  
**Major(s):** Psychology, Sociology  
**Fun Fact:** I have been to Cape Town!

**What do you like about being a Career Peer?**

The combination of working under the guidance of full-time counselors, getting to work alongside friendly undergraduate peers, and helping fellow students along their career path with resume and cover letter help makes coming to work an enjoyable and rewarding time. I have gained so many skills from this work that will be useful to me for years to come!
Alexa Pibl

**Class:** Sophomore  
**Major(s):** Pre-Business  
**Fun Fact:** I love to sail and have my sailing instructor's license!

**What do you like about being a Career Peer?**

I like that by working one-on-one with students I am able to get to know such a wide variety of people in the student body and directly provide help to them. It is very rewarding to get to play a role in setting up a peer for success in their careers.

Sam Witner

**Class:** Sophomore  
**Major(s):** Pre-Business  
**Fun Fact:** I am an experienced boat captain!

**Why should someone apply to be a Career Peer?**

Being a Career Peer is a great way to gain leadership experience at UNC. You play a significant role in the lives of students by assisting them with their job and internship application materials. I think this makes it a very rewarding job and is a way to make a real difference for fellow students.

Shruthi Voleti

**Class:** Junior  
**Major(s):** Nutrition  
**Fun Fact:** I'm a nationally certified EMT!
What do you like about being a Career Peer?

I really enjoy meeting students and professionals across many different disciplines. Learning about what other types of jobs, internships, and schools that Carolina students are going into and the amazing things they’re doing there has been really cool! They’ve opened my eyes to hobbies, classes, and work that I didn’t realize even existed or thought I could pursue. I also love that I get to motivate students about the things they’ve accomplished at UNC to give them more confidence in taking big steps in their career development.

Caleb Bane
Class: Junior
Major(s): Economics
Fun Fact: I hiked 450 miles on the Appalachian Trail two summers ago!

What made you want to apply to be a Career Peer?

Gaining work experience, learning more about resumes and cover letters, helping my peers, boosting my resume and getting paid. It was a no-brainer.

Courtney Halverson
Class: Sophomore
Major(s): Global Studies
Fun Fact: I lived in Tokyo, Japan for three years! From 8th grade to Sophomore year. I love Tokyo and I hope to be fluent in Japanese so I can return back!

What do you like about being a Career Peer?

I have loved being a career Peer because of the opportunity to meet and help a variety of driven people at Carolina. It’s really inspiring to see how diverse the interests are here! I’ve also loved getting to know my other career peers and being able to meet with my advisor who I very much admire on a weekly basis. Overall, Hanes Hall and University Career Services has become such a warm and welcoming place and I would encourage anyone to apply to be a career Peer!
**Priya Gandhi**
Class: Junior
Major(s): Pre-Business
Fun Fact: I recently picked up a new hobby of mixing music last year. Now I am a part-time DJ.

What do you like about being a Career Peer?
Being a part of the Career Peer program has helped me grow as an individual. At UNC, specifically, the career peer program made me aware of many resources on campus as well as helped me connect with other students and organizations. In addition, when helping a multitude of students with their resumes/cover letters, I have been able to excel in my soft skills, as in: communication, emotional intelligence, being flexible, and being a team player by having a good work ethic.

**Emma Liu**
Class: Graduate Student
Major(s): School of Public Health-Nutrition
Fun Fact: I share a birthday with Harry Potter (the character, not the actor)!

What do you like about being a Career Peer?
I like being a Career Peer because I can help other students feel less stressed during a stressful time in their life, such as searching for internships or jobs. It's also an opportunity for me to give back to Carolina!

**Lynn Kim**
Class: Sophomore
Major(s): Pre-Business
Fun Fact: I love playing the piano with my eyes closed!
What do you like about being a Career Peer?

What I like the most about being a Career Peer is that I get to be part of students’ journey at UNC! I feel so rewarded when students tell me that the advice I gave them was helpful and made them feel better about the next step!

Hannah Blake-Harris
Class: Junior
Major(s): History, Peace, War & Defense
Fun Fact: I am on the equestrian team at UNC!

What made you want to apply to be a Career Peer?

The excellent help I received while I was searching for an internship. Getting the chance to use both appointments and drop-ins for improving my resume made me want to gain a better understanding of what went into making this all possible!

Shelby Voss
Class: Junior
Major(s): Comparative Literature, Media & Journalism
Fun Fact: I got stung by a jellyfish three times!

Why should someone apply to be a Career Peer?

You should apply to be a Career Peer if you’re interested in growing professionally and developing connections with experienced career advisors at this university.
Grace Decker
Class: Sophomore
Major(s): Peace, War and Defense, and Romance Languages
Fun Fact: I am an identical twin!

What do you like about being a Career Peer?

I love being able to interact with students both in appointments and drop-ins, and I also really enjoy how I get to help create programs and resources for students who are looking to enter industries that I also have a passion for.

Nikkia Jacques
Class: Junior
Major(s): Psychology
Fun Fact: I have my Manicurists License!

Why should someone apply to be a Career Peer?

It's great opportunity to help students and yourself understand the different pathways to career goals. As a career peer you learn how to build resume and cover letters and get an inside look of how certain industries (like Science or Government jobs) work. You will also improve your communication and coordination skills in handling appointments and building events.

Audrey Elmore
Class: Junior
Major(s): Psychology
Fun Fact: I love everything Carolina and America! If you see me around campus it will either be at BOL or at some sporting event cheering my Tar Heels on!
What do you like about being a Career Peer?

For me, I love the impact we as a team are making on our campus, as well as the support and professional development that the UCS counselors provide for us. I have always wanted to help people in any way that I can, and being a Career Peer allows me to help my fellow students in times of stress and vulnerability. Trying to express yourself in a one page document is not an easy thing to do. Further, I have gained so much experience and transferrable skills that will apply to just about any career. The counselors are amazing and are always willing to listen to me when I'm stressed, overwhelmed, and just about any other emotion you can think of. UCS truly is one of the best places to work on campus or really anywhere else!

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