Jessica Deutsch ’15 and Christopher Zacarias ’16 learn about the business of baseball with David Buck ’86, senior vice president of marketing for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Bill Faust ’02, an engineer with Turner Construction, goes over blueprints and explains the work on a construction site with Dejana Harris ’16 and Jermie Sheppard ’17.
What is an externship?
- A two- to five-day job shadowing experience held at a workplace, or at a graduate or professional school program, during the January interim break.
- An opportunity for students to be immersed in the host’s daily activities in order to gain a better understanding of a career field.
- An unpaid learning experience for which students provide their own transportation and housing. Some hosts provide housing as an option.

What activities should I plan for my extern?
- Activities that expose them to the workplace environment, your workload, and the issues of your career field.
- Conversations in which you share your expertise and passion for your field.
- Attending meetings, touring the workplace, visiting with clients, and meeting other members of your organization.
- Hands-on involvement in your work, which can help them evaluate whether this may be a potential career for them.

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More information can be found at bit.ly/LAFHOSTINFO (case-sensitive). For more information, contact Melissa Schultz, (609) 330-5115 or schultma@lafayette.edu. Host application deadline is Friday, Sept. 30.