

Highlights from Saunders Students on Co-op

What's great about your co-op?

I had an amazing co-op with Liberty Mutual as an IT Project Manager. The best part of my co-op was gaining exposure to different aspects of project management while also seeing the impacts my work had on the company. I had several different tasks that ranged from facilitating a weekly organization wide meeting for about 50 project managers to managing an agile iteration plan and backlog. I was also privileged enough to have lunch with my department's Senior Director and with our CIO during my co-op. At Liberty Mutual you're not just "the intern," every member of the executive leadership team makes it clear that you are a valued member of their team and I really appreciated it!

Why Saunders College and RIT?

Saunders was the only school where professors, students, the dean and alumni came to welcome the potential incoming students. They also stayed late to answer personal questions from students and their families. It was a true reflection of the Saunders experience that I received as a student and still do receive as an alumni.

In what ways has Saunders prepared you for the job market?

Saunders prepared me for the job market by giving me real world experience in my classes. For example, in "Field Experience in Business Consulting" I determined the value proposition and distribution channels for a real start up company and in "Design Thinking and Concept Development" we followed the design thinking process to determine a real user-centered solution for increasing bike usage on RIT's campus.

Major in Management Information Systems and Management Class of 2016

**Co-op Company: Liberty Mutual
Co-op Position: IT Analyst**



Kristyn Marie Wasikowski

"Saunders was great because they gave me the personalized attention and the professors gave me career direction. They provided everything from career advice to lunches to personal guidance, reviews and critiques on assignments prior to due dates."



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- Nationally recognized STEAM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)
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- Plugged into over 118,000 RIT alumni and large university resources