

## Highlights from Saunders students on co-op

### What Do You Do?

I create and run reports detailing different aspects of our operational performance. I build and run

queries to answer questions that some of our stations or employees at HDQs have. I also make sure that we are complying with DOT reporting standards and procedures for Operational Performance. I build and run reports that get sent out to a ton of people in the company, including Gary Kelly (our President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board) which gives me and my work a lot of exposure.

### Where Do You Do Your Work?

I work in our TOPS (Training and Operational Support) building adjacent to our headquarters in Dallas. It's really amazing and kind of magical. My desk is in what we call The Dungeon because we are partially underground and have no windows as we were built as an extreme weather shelter against Tornadoes, Hurricanes, and baseball sized hail. The main parking lot at Headquarters is right next to the tarmac where the planes at Dallas Lovefield Airport take off so you are frequently less than 100 feet away from an airplane taking off.

### What's Great About Your Co-op?

Southwest is all about having a fun loving spirit so it is basically a giant party here. We have parties and events going on every week where you get the chance to meet people from all over the company and there is always something to do. Southwest also loves teaching its interns new skills so I am learning how to write in SQL and VBA and work in Access. We also get unlimited free standby flights to almost everywhere that Southwest flies so most weekends we all jet set around the country. So far I've gotten to go to Denver, Atlanta, and Manchester and plan to go to many more places!

### International Business Major Class of 2015

**Co-op Company:** Southwest Airlines - Dallas, TX

**Co-op Position:** Operational Performance



**Alicia Imel**

"I am actually third generation at RIT and my sister just started here, this year. When I came to visit, I fell in love with the campus and the Co-op Program. My mom is still working where she Co-oped over 30 years ago, which proved to me how great the Co-op Program is [at RIT]."



*Southwest Airlines Co. is a major U.S. airline and the world's largest low-cost carrier, headquartered in Dallas, Texas.*

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### DAY ONE | career ready

- Strong industry connections, offering real world experiences in and outside of the classroom
- Among the world's oldest and largest cooperative educational programs
- 96% placement rates, or higher

### DAY ONE | enterprising mindset

- Pioneering Biz 1-2 program
- #1 student innovation center, Venture Creations Incubator, and over 200 clubs to join
- Ranked #21 nationally for entrepreneurship

### DAY ONE | stand out

- Over 80 minors available at all 9 RIT colleges
- Nationally recognized programs in engineering, technology, arts, and design
- Students develop unique personal brands that employers seek

### DAY ONE | connected

- Small class sizes, 100% taught by faculty
- Low student to faculty ratios, and highly accessible faculty
- Plugged into over 110,000 RIT alumni and large university resources