

GATEWAY

WE'RE HERE TO GUIDE YOU EACH STEP OF THE WAY.



ALEX S. HUNTER '24

MAJOR: MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

EXTERNSHIP: UBS

"I love Gateway because of the accessibility to my career counselor, the variety of programs available to students of all class years, and the ability to easily plan for the future. As a first-year student, I attended Career Tracks in Boston and New York City as well as the career fair and many information sessions. Through these programs, I have gained lots of exposure to a variety of industries and careers, and an extensive alumni and professional network. I now have a more concrete road map than when I first arrived at Lafayette, and the next three years will help me make that plan even clearer."



NATALIA BAEZ '23

MAJOR: ECONOMICS

EXTERNSHIP: EY

INTERNSHIP: BANK OF AMERICA

"Through my involvement with Gateway, I have had the experience to attend career fairs, résumé drop-in, and receive real-time advice from my career counselor to guide me to become the best candidate I can be. It has helped me step out of my comfort zone and explore different careers and opportunities of interest. Taking the initiative to be part of Gateway early in my college career has been one of the best decisions I have made. It has opened so many doors for me to great experiences, such as the career track and externship programs, which granted me access to the strong network of Lafayette alumni."



THERESA CHUA '23

MAJOR: NEUROSCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY

INTERNSHIP: NEMOURS SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

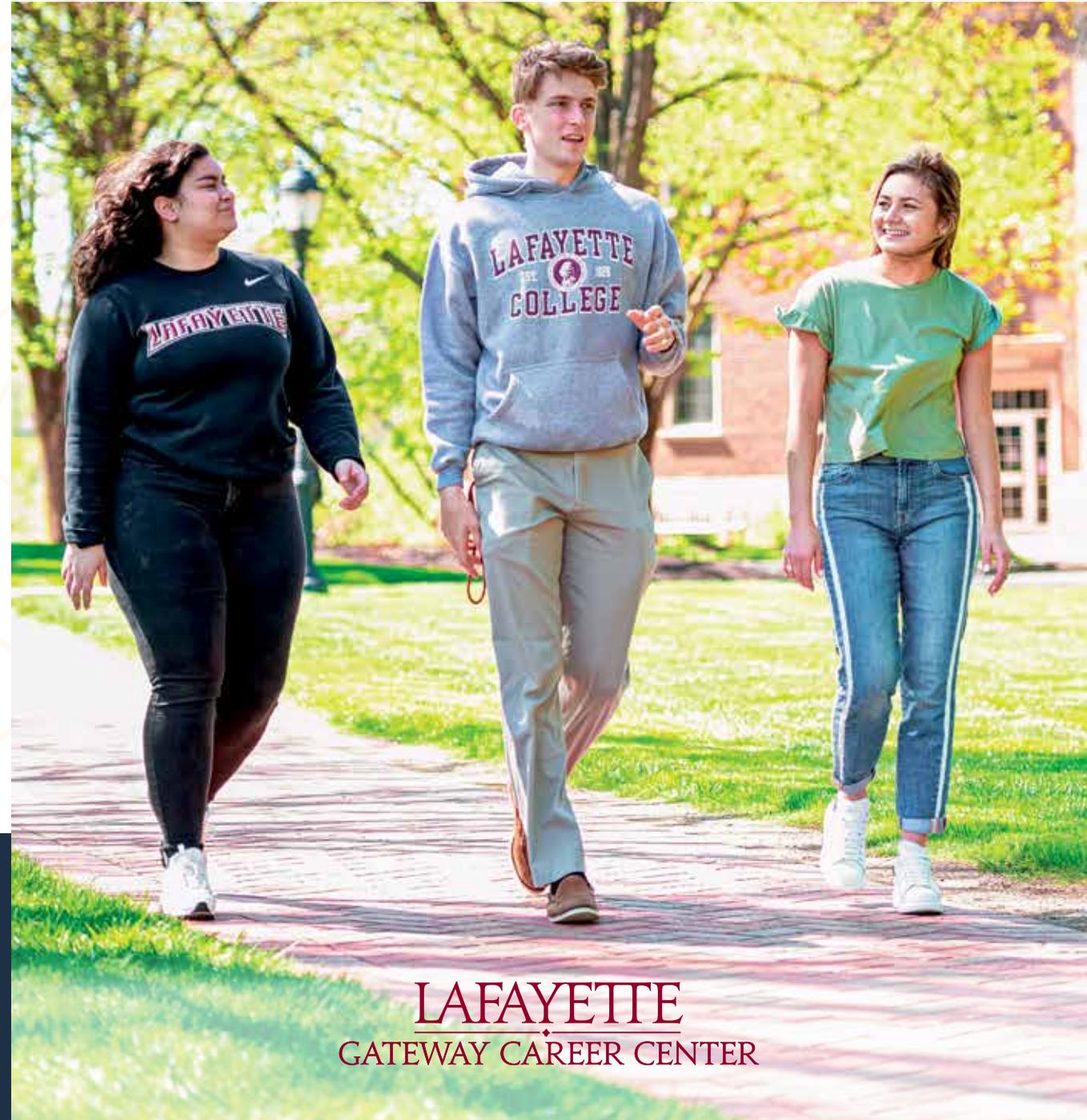
"Getting involved with Gateway as a first-year student has opened up a door of possibilities for me. I have access to advisers and resources that have allowed me to perfect my résumé and applications. This past January, I participated in the Gateway Explore and Connect Program where I learned a great deal about the field of dentistry. Because of that program, I not only learned more about myself and what I am passionate about, but I also learned new insights about a career that I had not considered pursuing. With the guidance of my career adviser, I feel supported and well prepared for my future."

Explore the Possibilities. Find Your Path.

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WELCOME TO LAFAYETTE.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES. PLOT YOUR PATH. FIND A CAREER YOU LOVE.

You've joined a community of people who think bold, work hard, and achieve great things. We are here to help you do the same. You may have a clear vision of your future...or not! Either way, we will help you navigate the way. We want to help you explore your interests, values, and passions. We will guide you and connect you with the resources you need to achieve your goals. You began the journey to a successful future by enrolling in Lafayette. Now it's time to take the next step by engaging with Gateway.

The Gateway Career Center is located on the second floor of Hogg Hall.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

Here is a general roadmap of what you can expect as you engage with Gateway. Your Gateway counselor will be your guide along your unique journey.

FIRST YEAR

EXPLORE Let's talk about you! What do you like to do? What excites you? We'll help you connect the dots between your interests and specific career fields and graduate opportunities.

Here's what you'll do:

- Participate in a Gateway orientation meeting with other first-year students.
- Meet your Gateway counselor, who will support you through your four years at Lafayette and beyond.
- Learn what academic courses and extracurricular activities can support your long-term goals.
- Develop a résumé and sketch out a plan based on your interests.
- Apply for the Career Tracks Program to gain valuable, insider perspective on what it's like to work in a particular industry and city.

SECOND YEAR

CONNECT The best way to expand your knowledge of a specific career, industry, or graduate program is to learn from someone who is connected in that area. Tap into our extensive network of alumni and parents who are eager to give support.

Here's what you'll do:

- Participate in workshops, alumni panels, and career fairs to gain insight and start building a network of contacts.
- Apply for an externship. This valuable shadowing experience will give you the opportunity to spend time with a Lafayette grad or parent in their workplace. You'll learn about the experiences and skills needed for that particular job, gain knowledge about a specific industry, and add to your network of contacts.
- Apply for the Career Tracks Program.
- Refine your career or grad school plan with your Gateway counselor, based on all that you're learning from these programs and experiences.

THIRD YEAR

PLAN Get closer to your goals by continuing to build your contacts, expand your career-related skills, and land real-world experiences. We'll help you research careers, employers, and grad schools that match your interests.

Here's what you'll do:

- Participate in an externship, career track, and/or internship. Like externships and career tracks, internships give students exposure to a particular job and industry. Because internships are longer in duration, students get a fully immersive hands-on work experience that builds skills and helps to refine career goals.
- Conduct informational and mock interviews with alumni and parents.
- Continue to refine your career or grad-school plan with your Gateway counselor and research specific employers or graduate programs.

FOURTH YEAR

LAUNCH All the planning and exploring you've done since year one is about to pay off. The connections you've made, skills you've developed, and knowledge you've gained over the past three years will give you what you need to enter the job market or start grad school with confidence.

Here's what you'll do:

- Conduct a job search or apply to grad school.
- Target your résumé for specific employers and grad school programs.
- Prepare and practice for interviews and career fairs.
- Finalize grad school applications.

