LT 27 Takes on the Rube Goldberg Project

At the conclusion of LT 27’s Foundations in Sport Management class with Steve Buchan, the students presented their Rube Goldberg projects. A Rube Goldberg project complicates the steps to a very simple process and LT 27 was challenged to think outside the box. In groups of four, students demonstrated creativity in order to pull their projects together. With most students never building anything like this, it was a much different assignment than they were used to. The projects were a great success!

The groups found ways to dispense ice, serve a ping pong ball, toss up a hacky sack, tailgate with a ‘Plinko’ game, dispense concert/event tickets, raise a team’s flag, place a golf ball on a tee, pour a shot at a concession stand, and return a baseball. It was great to see everyone’s hard work pay off.

After the presentations the LT celebrated with pizza and golf! They went out to the school’s soccer field and hit some balls to de-stress and brush up on their skills. The students were reminded how much business is often conducted on the golf course.
Employers!
Do you have a position you need filled by our exceptional graduate students? Shoot us an email with a job description to gpsm.ga@gmail.com and we will be sure to disperse it to our 100+ students.

RECENT NEWS AT GPSM

Sendai, Japan Trip 2015!
We will be heading off to Japan again this summer! Last year students were able to see Japanese professional soccer and baseball games. Staying at the Sendai University International Student Dorms, the students are awarded a one credit course with the majority of classes taught by Marty Kuehnert, the first American to be the GM of a Japanese baseball team.

Mariana visits Venezuela
Mariana Patraca Dilbildox has been spending time in Venezuela implementing her capstone, MLB Latino Grand Slam Consulting Program. She works with baseball academies who prepare athletes to sign with MLB organizations offering workshops and seminars on American culture and the English Language. She is back in California working at the MLB Urban Youth Academy in Compton, CA. Mariana is pictured here implementing her workshop at the Carlos Guillen Academy.

Kevin’s up in San Jose!
Kevin Salvador of LT 25 has relocated to San Jose, CA to take the position of Assistant Athletic Director for Presentation High School, an all girls school which competes in 11 different sports. Presentation competes in WCAL which is one of the most competitive leagues in California. He will be finishing his degree remotely while in San Jose. Holding true to our Mission, the program is coming up with innovative ways for Kevin to complete his program.

Paul Leaf, Athletic Director
Paul Leaf (LT24) graduated and moved back to Indiana to start his new role as Athletic Director at Lafayette Jefferson High School. His position has thrown him right into the mix of fundraising, scheduling, hiring, handling transportation and boosters. Paul has been extremely busy working on an event the school will be hosting with an anticipated 10,000 attendees! Good luck Paul!

GPSM Welcomes New GA, Sarah Smith
Sarah Smith, our GA from LT 27, joins us all the way from Victoria, BC, Canada. She earned her undergrad in Sport & Fitness Leadership from Camosun College in Victoria, BC. While at Camosun Sarah worked at the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence and has coached CrossFit for two years. Prior to her degree at Camosun, Sarah spent a year at Concordia University Wisconsin playing for their women’s ice hockey team. She is currently interning with the Rose Bowl (pictured here with Kyndall Freer).

Check us out at the follow grad fairs around town!
Oct 28—LMU
Oct 29—UCLA
Nov 5—Whittier
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Nov 6—Cal Poly

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Paul Leaf in his Varsity Basketball Locker room.

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Aiyana Welsh and the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 have won the $100,000 LA2050 grant by popular vote. LA2050 awarded Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles with the grant to spread the message of acceptance and inclusion in the city!

Thank you to those who voted and for your continued support of The World Games.

Congratulations Aiyana!

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**STUDENTS IN THE BIZ**

Earl Declet (LT 25) working with the Long Beach Century Club at the starting line of the Long Beach City Marathon, Oct 12, 2014.

Erica Hoopes (LT 27) speaks at Health’s a Kick! She discussed eating healthy, exercising and the importance of education, and avoiding drugs while interning with the Ontario Fury Soccer team.

Stephanie Crookham (LT 27) (left) enjoys time on the red carpet with a World Games colleague at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the ‘Official World Games Headquarters’ for Special Olympics World Games 2015.

Shane Reyes (LT 26) gets his picture with Lord Stanley’s Cup at the Kings Annual Golf Tournament. Shane is a Community Relations Associate for the Kings.

Tamara Smith, Andrea McHugh & Erica Hoopes (LT 27) catch a USC game while working hard at their internships.

Connor Mills (LT 26) works the ESPN booth at an Angels/Yankees regular season game.

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**ALUMNI UPDATES & NEW JOBS**

Nick Opitz (LT 23) - Network Social Media Production Assistant at the NFL Network in Culver City, CA.
Bill Steele (LT 20) - Account Executive, Ticket Sales for the Nashville Predators in Nashville, TN.
Adam Tarifi (LT 22) - Guest Services Supervisor for Staples Center & Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, CA.
Samantha Schrum (LT 24) - National Events Manager at AYSO in Torrance, CA.
Sarah Ambrose (LT 21) - Specialist, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society in Long Beach, CA.

Make sure you follow us on Instagram to see what our students are up to! gpsm_lbsu