

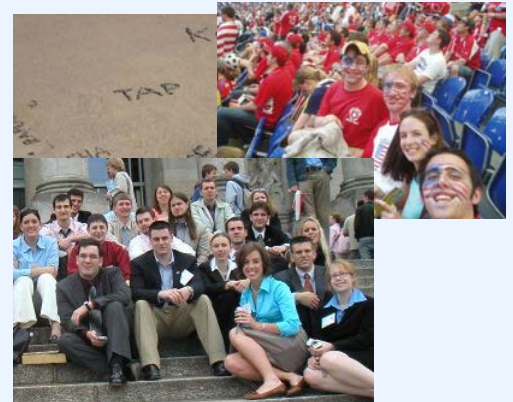
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### I) TAP 2008 about to start in a few days

Dear Alumni,

The Transatlantic Program 2008 participants are ready for their trip to Berlin. The group will meet on Saturday, May 24th, in Berlin to start off with the Immersion Seminar. Scott Werner, TAP 2007 Alumni who is still working in Germany, will join us for the opening session. With joint forces, the placement process was finished and the 2- to 6-month internships will start on June 5th. Thanks to our partner InWent, there are again many interesting new companies hosting US students this year; these include Horváth & Partner in Stuttgart or Kayser-Threde in Munich.



### II) Wishes and tips from our TAP Co-Presidents for the upcoming TAP start



**Laura Harvey,**  
Co-President  
TAP 2007

Dear new TAP class,  
Welcome to the TAP program. My experience in the program was one of unforgettable memories; I know it will be the same for each of you! From our trip to the opera to our evening in a beer garden, the Berlin portion of the program was extremely fun! The day trips to Hamburg and Rostock as well as our visits to different companies/attractions was the part of the program where I began to see Germany in a different light, understanding the inner working of German companies and the differences compared to American ones. I grew/changed the most during my internship, increasing my appreciation of the German culture and how I fit into it. I wish you all "viel Spaß" during the program. As long as you remain open to the unique social and learning opportunities that present themselves to you, I am sure this summer will be one you will never forget. Mit freundlichen Grüßen! - *Laura*



**Eric Bartling, Co-**  
President TAP 2006

"You guys will have a great time! One week together doesn't seem like much time to make great friends, but it will surprise you. After each day's vigorous schedule, you'll likely still find extra socializing more important than sleep – and hey, it's been two years and I still don't miss the sleep I could've had.

After that, you'll part, and the real adventure begins! Whatever your internship may be and wherever you may be located, you'll find tons of ways to enjoy yourself. Push for more work at your internship and a whole load of opportunities may open up to you. And when you're out on the town, meet people, make yourself uncomfortable, and enjoy the awkward moments; you'll learn a lot from them, laugh a lot from them, and they'll make your stories all the more enjoyable. Good luck! " - *Eric Bartling*

Hallo!

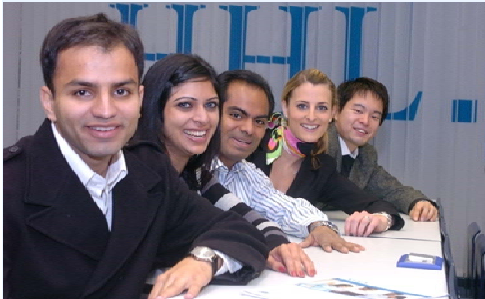
My name is Matt Bigelow and I am one of the Co-presidents of the TAP Alumni Group. I participated in TAP 2005 where I worked in Hamburg planning events and concerts for Hi-Life Veranstaltungs Agentur, a small event planning agency. If I could dole out any advice on the eve of your new internships it would be this: get involved in the cities you'll be calling home for the next few months. Join a



**Matt Bigelow, Co-**  
President TAP 2005

summer volleyball league through work, join a social club, meet up at University events - whatever it takes. For those of you have spent time abroad, perhaps you can relate, but this is a unique opportunity to put down some (admittedly temporary) roots in a place. Good luck, and as I'm sure countless people have told you, if you have any questions regarding the program, don't hesitate to contact me!  
- *Matt*

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