Northwestern Mutual Will Add 2,500 Interns from Colleges and Universities Nationwide in 2011

MILWAUKEE (BUSINESS WIRE), March 21, 2011 - Due to increased demand from Americans who seek financial guidance, Northwestern Mutual - a leading financial security company - aims to add 2,500 financial representative interns from colleges and universities nationwide in 2011.

Andres Baltazar, a 2007 DePaul University graduate and former Northwestern Mutual intern, now manages a successful financial practice in Skokie, Ill., helping hundreds of clients each year. (Photo: Business Wire) "This generation witnessed the impact of unprecedented financial turmoil and as a result, they appreciate the importance of financial planning and they're taking action," said Michael Van Grinsven, Northwestern Mutual field internship director. "Instead of waiting, more young adults are addressing their long-term financial futures --- they picture themselves getting married, buying a home and starting a family or a business, and they want to be prepared."

Northwestern Mutual offers one of the top 10 internships in the country, according to the 2011 Vault Guide to Internships. The annual Vault study measures mentorship and career advancement opportunities, number of active interns, compensation,

intern feedback and unique appeal. For 15 straight years, Northwestern Mutual's program has been recognized by *Vault* for providing interns with opportunities for personal and professional growth, valuable training and real-world experiences with a respected financial security company. More than 31,000 students across the country have participated in Northwestern Mutual's internship program since its inception in 1967.

"Our internship program is one of the best nationwide, because our trained and licensed interns are able to test drive the same career as our full-time representatives," said Van Grinsven. "In addition, they receive professional coaching and mentoring to help ensure success."

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"When I attended DePaul, I wanted an internship where I could make an impact on people's lives," said Baltazar. "You don't get people coffee; you help people achieve financial security, and that kind of opportunity to make a difference is so rare for students today."

Interested applicants can visit Northwestern Mutual's website or contact a nearby Northwestern Mutual office to learn more about available internship opportunities.

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A Day in the Life: A Recent College Graduate Joining Northwestern Mutual

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