



**BUSINESS BRINGS LAB,  
JOBS TO CAMPUS**

*Anderson University student Ally Wallace works in the Genesys Training Center in Decker Hall under the direction of Genesys employee and 2006 AU alum Brian Schultz.*

After successfully partnering with Anderson University students off campus, Genesys, a global leader of cloud services for customer engagement, communications, and collaboration, opened a training center and lab on the third floor of Decker Hall. The purpose of this training center is to provide hands-on training for paid Genesys interns enrolled in Anderson University's School of Science and Engineering.

Dr. Chad Wallace, AU chemistry professor and dean of the School of Science and Engineering, explained, "The lab was created so Genesys could hire AU students and allow them to work where they live and study on AU's campus."

This training center is the second testing lab that Genesys has opened within Indiana undergraduate schools. In 2012, Purdue University became the first school to create a training center on campus. The AU program is ideal for students pursuing careers in computer science, information systems, or software engineering.

The AU Genesys partnership is an intern program open for college students who are sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Every year, the company employs six students as their paid interns. Not

only are the interns paid, but they do not have to spend time or money driving because the lab is on campus with a Genesys employee on site.

"The students are learning a tremendous amount of real-world applications," added Wallace. "These internships often develop into summer internships and serve as a stepping stone to their first careers. Genesys has already offered full-time positions to students who have been in these on-campus internships."

Senior Kaleb Weddle was an intern at the onsite lab. Weddle said his favorite part of working at the lab was "being able to work for a worldwide company creating a software (PureCloud) that better customer engagement for companies while learning coding skills that will help me in my future career and in my classes."

Anderson University has maintained a long and positive partnership with Genesys, which has about 30 AU alumni as employees. Regarding the future and their partnership, Wallace said, "We value our relationship with Genesys. The current size and scope of this project is perfect. We will continue to talk with them, dream with them, work with them, and plan with them and see where this goes." —CHARIS GRUBBS

**AU PROVIDES A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR HOMESCHOOLERS**

Anderson University offers homeschool services to students to enrich their education and help them make a smooth transition to college when the time comes. In addition to classroom experiences, homeschool students can take advantage of AU's lecture series and cultural events.

Dr. Joani Brandon, professor of music, has directed the homeschool music program every fall at AU for 17 years. Children ages 3-11 develop their musical intelligence through lessons on music readiness, musical literacy, singing, moving, and playing instruments.

"For children, it's beneficial because music is a skill that is best developed at a young age. The earlier they can come in and have musical experiences, the greater their aptitude can grow," said Brandon.

Dr. Diana Jones, professor of kinesiology, directs the homeschool physical education program for homeschool children ages 4-15. AU students training to be teachers lead students for a total of 10 weeks each semester.

Jones said the primary goal of this program is to "provide a physical activity and physical education class for homeschool children to help with their physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual development."

Math and science classes are offered to homeschool children as well by Dr. Scott Carr, professor of chemistry. "In the spring semester for eight weeks, the Sigma Zeta Honor Society invites second through eighth grade homeschool students to do STEM-related labs, including biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, and engineering activities," said Carr.

Brian Martin is a parent who has homeschooled and continues to homeschool his six children with his wife. Their oldest son, Luke, is currently a freshman at AU. He participated in the LAUNCH program, which allows qualifying high school juniors and seniors to take introductory courses at AU and earn college credit prior to high school graduation. As a result,



*Pictured top left, Dr. Joani Brandon poses with instruments she uses when teaching homeschool students. Dr. Diana Jones (top right) and her students (bottom) lead a physical education class.*

Luke is able to graduate college early with his degree in exercise science and coaching.

Luke enjoyed his experience in LAUNCH. He was able to experience college level classes and prepare for the transition into being a full-time college student. "LAUNCH helped me to learn how things work on campus, make friends, and get college and high school credit."

"Luke's experience through the LAUNCH program was so positive that we've encouraged other homeschooled students to participate in this program," said Brian Martin.

For more information about opportunities for homeschool students at AU, visit [anderson.edu/homeschool](http://anderson.edu/homeschool). —JOORI CHOI