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Thanks for your interest in Planet Gap Year! This is our first newsletter since going on-line in late October 2007. We are very excited to report that our site is gaining considerable interest from students, parents, gap year programs and gap year consultants, from across the country. Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their time, energy, ideas and stories to build this unique gap year resource. Together, we have a great opportunity in the coming months to get the message out about the gap year movement in the US!

This issue of the Planet Gap Year Newsletter contains valuable information and tips for students and parents to plan a gap year. Also, don't miss our featured Gap Year Story contributed by a student from Colorado who worked in her dad's stone masonry business, and interned as a field assistant setting up GPS networks in the Alaska during her gap year. Ally's article is truly inspirational, and a must read!

You can help make PlanetGapYear.com the best on-line resource for US students to plan productive time out by getting involved on our site!

- Gap Year Alums - share your gap year story
- Gap Year Newbies- sign up to blog during your gap year
- Gap Year Program Providers - Join our database, help promote the US student gap year
- [Read More About Getting Involved](#)

Thank you for subscribing to the Planet Gap Year News Letter. We strive to provide visitors to our site with a wide variety of gap year options, planning information, inspiring stories and blogs, and the latest US Gap Year news. We look forward to receiving your gap year questions, and your feedback!



Best Regards,

Paul Mahon
Founder
PlanetGapYear.com

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Gap Year Planning Tips:

- Take the initiative to plan your gap year and research options
- Volunteer, work, travel, intern, learn a language, study, adventure etc.
- Organize your plan in writing - this will help you gain parental support
- Demonstrate you can help pay: work, savings, fund raising etc.
- Many programs offer financial aid, scholarships, and grants
- Many affordable gap year options exist - ie, national service, volunteering
- Ask the colleges you are applying to if deferred entrance is an option
- After you are admitted, write to the admissions department explaining your plan
- Dare to discover your hidden interests, career options, and passions

Feature Gap Year Story

Gap Year Adventure in Alaska - Internship with UNAVCO

Ally is a student at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. During her Gap Year between high school and college she interned as a field assistant with a company that does plate tectonic research and helped establish GPS (Global Positioning Systems) in extremely remote areas of Alaska. [Read More](#)



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