

UNC Asheville Senior Heads to the Big Leagues

UNC Asheville student-athlete Carter Kennedy has an exciting summer ahead, as she heads to San Diego June 3 for a summer marketing internship with the Padres Major League baseball team. OLLI member and lifelong sports enthusiast Larry Griswold, who had a long-term career with *Sports Illustrated*, gave her advice during her internship search.

Carter, senior setter on the UNC Asheville volleyball team, has built an impressive resume as a media assistant and graphics designer for the UNC Asheville Athletics Communications Department. Her portfolio includes the cover for this season's UNC Asheville baseball media guide that coach Scott Friedholm praised, saying it would help the fundraising efforts for campus baseball facilities.

Soon after Carter and Larry were introduced in January, the two had a conversation about her goals and aspirations. She mentioned she was looking for a summer internship in social media and sports. In February she told Larry she had a Skype interview with the Padres scheduled later that day, and he suggested she show the media guide cover in the interview, talk about how it helped with fundraising for baseball, and mention that a UNC Asheville alumnus is the new manager of a Padres National League rival, the St. Louis Cardinals.

After her interview, Carter was unsure of her chances of landing the summer internship, but it was not long before she got the happy news the Padres wanted her for the job. She'll return to UNC Asheville for the fall semester, and graduate December 2019.