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Purnell Alumna Phoebe Foley '03 Hosts a Unique Opportunity for Students in NYC

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On Friday, October 21 seven Purnell students had the unique opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes tour of the International Center for Photography (ICP) school and museum in New York City. Thanks to '03 alum Phoebe Foley, who is currently enrolled in a prestigious year-long program at the ICP, met with a few students interested in learning more about photo, film, internships, networking, and/or other visual arts. The girls spent an amazing Friday evening in the city learning, networking, discussing, and eating a delicious dinner at Emilio Ballato's.



At the ICP museum, students were moved by a photo installation commemorating the ten year anniversary of 9/11, and delighted by a visual retrospective of Harper's Bazaar. Students then moved to the school section of ICP, where professors and TAs held an informational open house. Students took a tour of the classrooms, photo labs, state-of-the-art dark rooms and photo equipment, and some were able to participate in a portfolio review with ICP staff.

After our time at the ICP, students hopped onto the subway to head to SoHo, where Phobe arranged a fabulous Italian dinner at Emilio Ballato's. During dinner, Phoebe shared her personal experiences in the jewelry and film industries, and her current endeavor at the ICP. Phoebe spoke extensively about her positive experiences at Purnell, and how her Senior Internship was her first success with networking and breaking into the jewelry industry during and after college, which eventually led her to a successful film career, followed by her new adventure at ICP. Phoebe shared with us her big goals for the future, and she answered students' questions as well. Phoebe emphasized to the students that it's important to nurture your creativity, put yourself out there, and set your goals high.

By the end of dinner, students left with a plethora of great advice, feedback, and inspiration for making the most out of their Purnell experience and their futures.