



JAN ALEXANDER WESSEL

FULBRIGHT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP TO
CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



A member of the University's Honors Program and the Business Leadership Honors Program, Jan Wessel earned his bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in international business with minors in Spanish and finance in 2013. At commencement he received the Excellence in International Business Award.

His Fulbright scholarship to Corvinus University in Hungary will allow him to focus on how the recent global recession has affected foreign direct investment in Hungary's manufacturing sector. He will conduct his research under the mentorship of Peter Akos Bod, Ph.D. Wessel spent a semester abroad at Corvinus University in 2011.

Wessel's interest in the manufacturing sector springs from a childhood love of farming machinery and the hobby it spawned: rebuilding antique tractors and cars. Wessel already has considerable experience studying the Hungarian economy. He was awarded a President's Fellowship for Summer Research by The University of Scranton in 2012 to study China's automobile industry and later compared the role of foreign direct investment in the development of Hungary's auto industry to that of China for his honors thesis.

Wessel is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma (the AACSB – Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – honor society), Omicron Delta Epsilon (national honor society of economics) and Alpha Lambda Delta (the national freshmen honor society). He has been named to the dean's list each semester at Scranton.

He served as president of the University's international business club and was also a member of the fencing club.

His future plans include earning a master's and Ph.D. in international business and working for a manufacturing-based multinational enterprise.

He was valedictorian of his graduating class at MMI Preparatory School in Freeland and is the son of Dierk and Andrea Wessel, Drums.