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Where to Start:

If you want to explore internship opportunities, make an appointment with John Paganelli in Career Services who can assist you in the planning process.

If you are seeking academic credit, make sure you also meet with the faculty internship supervisor for your major.

Three BSC Interns are contributing writers for upcoming prison documentary!

Bridgewater State College is proud to announce that three BSC interns are working with the Massachusetts Department of Correction, (DOC) gaining experience as writers/researchers for a documentary that is being filmed at MCI-Cedar Junction/Walpole State Prison. Initially, **Justin Latini '80**, Director of Public Affairs, at DOC, received referrals from Prof. Lee Torda, English Dept./Writing Program Supervisor. A

decision was finalized to hire **Lauren Carter, Joshua Eastman and Melissa Hassan** for this special assignment.

Joshua Eastman, "The biggest challenge has been trying to pool together our collective writing resources to create one unifying voice throughout our drafts with factual research and to focus on our intended audience".

Melissa Hassan, "The most fascinating aspect is

the visual collaboration being incorporated with my writing and the vast amount of research that is available".

Lauren Carter, "We each have a specific event or time period to write about, so we research that period with the materials we've been given, then we write up a draft of a script for it. Then on Fridays, we all meet as a group with Dave Fauteux, who is our site supervisor and is the lead Continued on page 4

Successful Behavioral Science Internship Forum launched on March 19th

Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Chair-Psychology Department and John Paganelli co-facilitated this second annual event that brought together a panel of alumni and current interns that included: Sharon Smith '79, Dennis Souza '73, Laura Rysinger '02, along with interns Shamika Ushry '03 and Andrea Batalon '04.

Over 50 BSC students attended this presentation to learn more about the importance of having practical experience in

their chosen field of study. At the conclusion of this event, many students thanked the panelists and were able to network about future internship openings at their sites. A few students expressed a little anxiety over the fact that they never considered doing an internship and now they are contemplating whether or not they can fit it into their schedule. Most agreed that they have to make it fit if they want to have an edge in the job market once they graduate or to enhance their applications to graduate schools.



Alumni and current intern panelists at internship forum



Loren McMullen '04 with John Walsh, Host, of America's Most Wanted

Loren McMullen '04 interning with America's Most Wanted- Spring 2003

I never imagined when I enrolled at Bridgewater State College that I would find myself living in Washington, DC and working at a primetime network television show. One day, I was just another communications major a bit curious about the internship fair being held at the Rondileau Campus Center, and the next thing I knew, I am a Washington Center Intern riding the Metro, visiting museums, attending lectures in federal agencies and working as a publicity assistant at the FOX television show *America's Most Wanted*.

I now live in a high-rise apartment complex in Arlington, Virginia with two other interns from Chicago. Our residence is one block away from the Metro, two blocks from the mall, and four blocks from a two-story supermarket. Everything is within

walking distance, and I couldn't have asked for a better location.

To fulfill my requirements with The Washington Center, I attend presidential lecture series every Monday afternoon, take a class every Tuesday night, and sit in on congressional breakfasts. However, the most important aspect of my experience here is my full-time internship in the publicity department at *America's Most Wanted*.

As a publicity assistant, I am responsible for many duties that support a network prime time television studio. Some of my activities include: writing weekly show descriptions for TV Guide, helping AMW staff when taping on location in Washington, DC, and assisting the publicist to schedule interviews for the host of the show, John

Walsh, with local and national TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers.

Recently, I discovered what happens behind the scenes during a major breaking news story. The case that I am referring to is the recovery of Elizabeth Smart, a 14-year-old girl who was abducted from her home at knifepoint and held captive for nine months. *America's Most Wanted* claimed its 36th recovery of a missing child on the day Elizabeth Smart was recovered after a tipster recognized her abductor from a sketch that was highlighted on a recent episode of *America's Most Wanted*.

A Few of Dr. Harris' Shining Stars – PE Interns in Recreation



Dr. Janice Harris, Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies and Faculty Internship Supervisor in Recreation, is busy monitoring interns each semester. Dr. Harris is also a new member to the Internship Faculty Working Group on campus. Here are a few of her shining stars this semester!

Josh Bastille '03
Attleboro, MA
Placement: Waterville Valley Ski Resort/NH.

Nicole Doherty '03
Bridgewater, MA
Placement: Norton Park and Recreation/Norton, MA

Victoria Ferrara '03
Taunton, MA
Placement: Raynham Park and Recreation Department, Raynham, MA

Emily Manion '03
Attleboro, MA
Placement: Town of Falmouth, Recreation Department, Falmouth, MA

Jennifer Pondelli '03
Burlington, MA
Placement: BSC Athletics and Recreation, Bridgewater, MA

Denise Malenfant '78 Comes Full Circle with Internships at the George P. Johnson Company

Denise (Demar) Malenfant '78, was one of the English Department's first students to have an official internship. During her internship with the United Way of Greater Taunton, Denise developed an understanding of each agency that received funds and coordinated a one-day festival and the media activities that supported it. She has always looked back at her internship as an invaluable experience that gave her the real-world knowledge she needed to land her first job and begin her career.

Today, Denise is the Human Resources

Administrator at The George P. Johnson Company's (GPJ), Boston office, which is located in North Easton, MA. In addition to her human resources responsibilities, Denise also oversees the office's new internship program. She's pleased to have two interns from BSC this semester, Julie Dwinells (copywriting intern) and Robyn Burman (event services specialist intern).

For Denise and GPJ, the internship program has created a win-win situation. Students are able to apply textbook knowledge to real business situations. They

can use interpersonal and problem-solving skills to evaluate career paths in fields related to their major, and learn about careers that they may not have considered previously. GPJ benefits from the fresh-thinking that interns bring to projects, as well as the opportunity to mentor students. Sharing their expertise with people who are genuinely interested in learning is rewarding for employees. And most importantly, GPJ is helping to create a more experienced and knowledgeable pool of prospective employees. Founded in 1914, GPJ

produced the first auto shows in America, then expanded into other forms of displays and exhibitions, and is today the largest privately held global event marketing organization, producing 4,000 events through 14 offices worldwide. Its clients include IBM, Siebel Systems, Daimler-Chrysler, Nissan, MGM and other highly valued brands in numerous industries. Visit GPJ on the Web at www.gpjco.com.



Denise Malenfant '78, (L) with interns Julie Dwinells and Robyn Burman.

The Washington Center (TWC) - Fall '03 Alumni

The Offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs is planning their first Washington Center Alumni Reception for the 32 alumni that completed the program as undergraduates. This program has been affiliated with Bridgewater State College since 1998. It's an opportunity to be a full-time intern, for one semester, in our nation's capital. The TWC Alumni Reception will take place on **Tuesday, October 14, 2003** in the **Davis Alumni Center, first floor from**

6-8 p.m. Interested students and faculty members are welcomed to attend this event. Some of the various placements where alumni have interned include: The US Dept. of Justice, The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Talk Radio, America's Most Wanted and the John Kerry Committee, just to name a few. For further information about this program, consult with Prof. George Serra, Faculty Campus Liaison or John Paganelli,

BSC's Internship Coordinator at Career Services. This program is offered to juniors, seniors and recent college graduates and all majors are represented. For more information, contact John at: (508) 531-1328 or by email at jpaganelli@bridgew.edu



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Prof. Lee Torda, English Department, goes above and beyond in her passion to empower students to secure internships in the field of writing.

Currently, she serves as the faculty supervisor for student interns at MDC, The George P. Johnson Co. and The Standard-Times.

creator for the visual aspect of this documentary. We educate each other on the event or time period we've covered for that week, we read and provide feedback on each other's scripts and then we figure out what images, interviews and re-enactments we can incorporate into what we've written. Then we go over the revisions that need to be done for the next week and gather any research materials we need for the new assignments and we start the process over again".



Melissa Hassan (L), Joshua Eastman, Lauren Carter with site supervisor, Dave Fauteux (R). Photo taken at Old Colony Prison facility in Bridgewater, MA

Melissa, Joshua, and Lauren agree that doing an internship is so important if you want to get experience, in your field, before you graduate.

Remember, it's who you know so start networking!



Word to the Wise.....

"Get internship experience, don't leave college without one"! JP

If you have ideas for featuring BSC student interns or other story ideas, contact John Paganelli at (508) 531-1328 or by e-mail at jpaganelli@bridgew.edu

Look who else is an Intern!

Sasha Link '04
The Standard-Times
New Bedford, MA

Audilia Daveiga '04
Victim Assistance Program
Brockton, MA

Newsletter produced and edited by John Paganelli and Brian Salvaggio

Dear John Column – Advice to Interns

Dear John,

I've heard you suggest that students should interview with three organizations before choosing one particular site. How do I decide which one is best?

Tom

Hi Tom~

After you have had interviews with three sites, evaluate each list of duties they are offering and share this information with your advisor. Then decide which site will

*offer you the best experience. Make contact to confirm your acceptance of your chosen offer and be sure to call the other two sites to decline their offers. If your start date is several months ahead, ask the internship employer for a letter of confirmation.
John*

