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Upcoming Events

Career Services will be hosting a variety of programs designed to bring alumni and students together in Spring 2007. Please join us for:

Women in the Workplace Luncheon
Wednesday, March 7
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Gearing Up for the Education Job Market
Wednesday, March 21
3:30 – 6:00 pm

Annual Job Fair
Wednesday, April 4
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Meet the Pros
Date & Time TBA

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Introducing Career Link!



BSC Career Link has replaced the older CareerNet system. BSC Career Link is user friendly and accessible via the Internet. The system allows you to:

- Search Jobs
- Post Jobs
- Become an alumni mentor
- Access the career advisory network

Previous CareerNet alumni mentor profiles have been transferred to the new system. We ask that all alumni mentors to take a moment to access and review their profiles to ensure that their data has been transferred correctly and update profiles if necessary. For password information and instructions, please contact Colleen Oliva at (508) 531-1328.

Work 'N' Serve Expo

By Maura King Scully

Something for everyone: that's what students found at the first annual Work 'N' Serve Expo, an October event that brought together internship, job and volunteer opportunities under one roof at the Campus Center ballroom. The Expo, a joint effort between the offices of Career Services and Community Service, attracted over 200 students and 90 recruiters from 60 different organizations. The event drew praise from participants on both sides of the table – students and recruiters alike. *Continued page 2*



Barney Abramson '04 Makes his Mark In Las Vegas

By Barney Abramson '04

Two years ago I never expected to be where I am today. After graduating with a dual major in Communications and Fine Arts in the Spring of 2002, I was fortunate enough to land a great job as a graphic designer for a pharmaceutical company. The work was just what I expected. Within a few weeks, I had put into practice all the skills I learned in school. I never thought sitting through lectures and cramming for finals was going to pay off so soon. After getting a taste of the "real world" and gaining valuable experience, I felt it was time for a change. After a few nationwide searches on the web and a coin toss between a few major cities, Las Vegas looked like the perfect fit.



Barney Abramson '04

Moving to Las Vegas was not an easy decision. Living away from my family and friend is still the toughest part. Being born in the Dominican Republic and raised in the small city of Lawrence, Massachusetts, I never thought I would live a few blocks away from the liveliest street in the world - the Las Vegas strip. Furthermore, I never thought I would contribute to its flare and glamour.

I was hired by Progressive Gaming as an entry level Graphic Designer for their marketing department. In less than a year I was promoted to senior designer, which is my current title. As a designer I have many duties, one of which is to contribute to the patent development of new games. *Continued page 2*

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"This is great," said Ann Ulett '92 from PricewaterhouseCoopers, surveying the crowded ballroom. "PWC comes to Bridgewater to recruit whenever we can because we know there's terrific talent here." Ulett was actually the reason accounting major Emmanuel Isabwa '07 attended the Expo. "I did an interview with Ann yesterday at the Career Center and she urged me to come," said Isabwa. "I am looking for an internship in the spring, but I am also open to full-time opportunities starting in the fall."

Opportunities were not limited to just business majors, however. Boston Sports Club advertised positions for personal trainers and exercise physiologists, while Sentient Jet was on the lookout for aviation majors, among others. "We're a private jet membership company and a cool place to work," explained Matt Regan '04, who started working for Sentient right after graduation. Regan pointed out that the company hires many Bridgewater graduates, counting 20 alumni among 180 employees. "Our chief safety officer is a Bridgewater alum," he noted proudly.

Nonprofit organizations also found fertile ground for interns and volunteers. Steven Hill '94 from the Children's Museum in Easton chatted with prospective candidates for development and communication internships, while Sean McCaul from the Fuller Crafts Museum recruited volunteer docents. Jane Pariseau from Handi Kids in Bridgewater called the Expo a "win-win" for her organization, which provides recreational facilities for children and young adults with physical and cognitive challenges, and BSC's outstanding special education program. "We have so much to offer each other," she said. *Note: Article edited for length*



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Texas Hold 'Em Bonus poker, better known now as World Series of Poker - Texas Hold 'Em Bonus, is one of the games I helped develop.

Under the agreement with Harrah's Licensing Company, LLC, owner of the World Series of Poker, Progressive Gaming introduced this new game at Harrah's properties nationwide. Harrah's is the world's largest provider of branded casino entertainment. Its properties included 20 land-based casinos, 11 riverboat or dockside casinos, four casinos on Indian reservations, two casinos on cruise ships, a combination greyhound racing facility and casino and the list goes on. This agreement between Harrah's and Progressive Gaming catapulted the World Series of Poker - Texas Hold 'Em Bonus to become the fastest growing specialty table game in the world.

You can practically stroll into any casino in the United States and play World Series of Poker - Texas Hold 'Em Bonus. It still amazes me to see our table games on the floor pit of these major casinos. Sometimes, while reading through gaming magazines I see one of our articles or ads and I say to myself, "That's me...I did that". While my contribution to the development of this game was one of many, the gratitude I feel when I see our work displayed on casino floors, in gaming magazines, or tradeshows is sensational. It's the greatest feeling in the world.

Coming from an inner city where going to college is a choice between being a bank teller, the manager at the local Wendy's or for those less fortunate, falling into a life of crime, I feel blessed and proud of my accomplishments. Listening, being patient and making smart choices is what got me this far.



Alumni Career Profiles Needed!

We are seeking new alumni career profiles for our ongoing series. This is a great way to share your career path and highlight your current position with our students and other alumni. We appreciate your support!

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To complete an Alumni Profile Questionnaire