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Building a Career with Experience Internship Newsletter

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WHERE TO START

- If you are seeking academic credit, meet with the faculty internship coordinator in your department.
- Research internship leads through your department, the internship database and other resources in Career Services.
- Make an appointment with John Paganelli, (508) 531-1328.
- Prepare a cover letter and resume; have it critiqued Career Services



Community Service & Internship Fair Wednesday, November 2, 2005 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Campus Center Ballroom

Career Services and the Community Service Center are co-sponsoring the Community Service & Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 2nd. Recruiters will be seeking interns, community service volunteers and/or both. We are expecting a full house of 50 organizations; the fair will be held in our newly renovated Campus Center Ballroom.

Organizations planning to participate in this year's event include: American Cancer Society, Bank of America Championship, CareerWorks, The Children's Museum of Easton, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Girl's Inc., Haskon Aerospace, High Point Treatment Center, Hospice of Boston, Inc. and Greater Brockton, The George P. Johnson Company, Interep Radio, Lombardo's, New England Aquarium, New England Cable News, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Old Colony Planning Council, Old Colony Y Big Sister Big Brother, Peace Corps, ProFitness Health Solutions, Shaw's Supermarkets (Headquarters), United Way of Greater Plymouth County, VA Boston Healthcare System, YMCA Southcoast, and Webster Printing and Mailing. See the complete list of organizations at: www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/internshipfair.cfm.

Job Shadow Program

The Bridgewater State College Job Shadow Program is accepting applications for 2006 winter break. The program is designed to give undergraduate students short term exposure to an industry or career path of interest. Students have the opportunity to observe employers and alumni in unique work settings for one day. Career Services piloted the first Job Shadow Program during the winter recess 2005. Job Shadow sites included the Brockton Enterprise, BTV 9 - Bridgewater Cable Television, Reebok and the Department of Social Services. Students Nicoline Batista, Santio Cupon, Chuna Keophannga, Catherine Lortie, Katie McCormick and Susan Paul participated in the program. Online applications for the 2006 Job Shadow Program can be found on our website at: www.bridgew.edu/careerservices. The application deadline is **November, 15, 2005**. The Job Shadow experience will continue to take place during the first two weeks in January of each academic year.



Jeff Fowler '03 of BTV- Bridgewater Television hosts Santio Cupon '05

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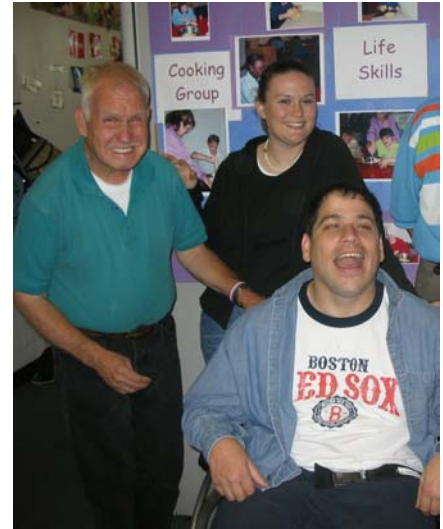
Christie Armstrong '06
Social Work Major
Summer 2005
The Kelliher Center

Life changing. Personal growth. Educational development. These are only three of the unbelievable experiences I was able to endure up close and personally during my summer internship with Eliot Community Human Services. Eliot's mission is a *commitment to providing innovative high quality services that promote hope, growth and respect*. Eliot has many facilities all over Massachusetts and in various fields of human services including; social services, juvenile justice, mental health and developmental disabilities. My internship with this company was in the developmental disabilities division. I was primarily located at The Kelliher Center in Arlington working with adults with developmental disabilities in the day habilitation side of the center.

Eliot opened opportunities to me that I never knew existed. The staff had such incredible faith in me and encouraged me every step of the way. During this entire summer I was able to experience many aspects of my future career field within this one center.

I had the chance to spend time with the center's RN learning about medications and daily procedures, working and at times heading the social events committee meetings with clients, attending individual support plan meetings, going on community outings to observe behavior outside of the center, and working with staff to learn about and better understand the history and goals of the agency and center. In addition to spending time with the center's specialists and learning more about this field, I was able to spend time with the individuals who attend the center daily both one on one and in groups.

I was so lucky to have had this opportunity. Through this internship I learned so much about myself, about the value of life and about how learning is a never-ending process for everyone. I can honestly say now that I understand the true meaning of the saying "you learn something new every day" and truly hope that more students take advantage of this amazing internship opportunity- if nothing more- it will change your life!



Christie Armstrong poses with her clients at The Kelliher Center in Arlington, MA

Employer Profile



Taunton Federal Credit Union

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Accounting and Operations
 Internships available

Taunton Federal Credit Union has been providing financial services to the greater Taunton community since 1947. It is our sincerest desire to continue to provide first-rate services to our 14,000 members and the community! The Credit Union has 5 affiliate companies that offer insurance, investments, real estate, small business and income tax services.

The Taunton Federal Credit Union is a major contributor and sponsor of local events particularly those which benefit worthwhile charities. Each year thousands of dollars are contributed to these and other causes including Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Youth Sports, Senior Services and programs for the underprivileged, not to mention corporate gifts to the United Way, YMCA and Boys and Girls Club campaigns.

The Taunton Federal Credit Union and its Church Green affiliates are proud to be so involved in the community in which we operate and very grateful to the many employees who volunteer their time throughout the year in support of these causes.

From The Washington Center, TWC

Gregory Boisvert, '06

Major: Psychology

Placement: The Veterans Corporation

Life after Washington D.C. and The Washington Center
By Gregory Boisvert

Starting my senior year in Spring 2005 at Bridgewater State College I wanted to take my learning experience outside of the classroom. I chose to accept an internship position through The Washington Center at The Veterans Corporation in Alexandria, VA. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is a non-profit organization that brings students together from all over the country and the world to intern in many different areas of our nation's capital. Spending over three months interning in the Washington D.C. area was very rewarding culturally, professionally, socially and academically.

I arrived in D.C. at the end of January not knowing what to expect. The experience was very similar to moving into a college dorm for the first time. I was going to a city I had never been to before, living with roommates I had never met, and starting a job I had never really done before. Needless to say I was a little nervous; but also very excited.

The Veterans Corporation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides funding, training, and other resources to veteran business owners and veterans looking to start their own business. My position in the company was to assist the Executive Director of Business Development with all special projects. These projects ranged from fundraising development and strategy to internet development and creating veteran databases. Working in an office setting gave me invaluable experience that I will surely be able to apply in my professional career.

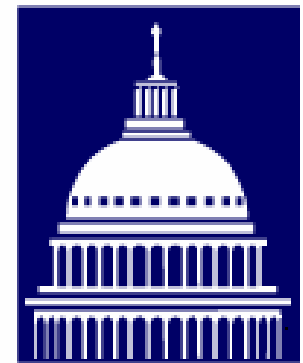
The Washington Center also provides access to many important speakers and activities. I visited the Canadian Embassy, several museums and monuments, and even had breakfast with a few congressmen. The Washington Center focuses on making your time in D.C. very event-filled and diverse.

The Washington Center is much more than just the actual internship experience. I met and lived with other students from all over the country as well as Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rico. I made many important contacts, and some great friends. The city of Washington, D.C. is also a great place to have fun. There is so much to do in the city from the Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring to the excellent night life.

Spending a semester in D.C. through The Washington Center was one of the best academic decisions I have ever made. Not only did I get invaluable work experience, but I also had a great social and cultural experience in our Nation's Capital. I would strongly recommend The Washington Center to anyone interested in doing an internship.



THE WASHINGTON CENTER®



For Internships and Academic Seminars



**Spring 2006 Deadline:
October 28, 2005**

The Washington Center has scholarship money (\$7,450.00 per applicant) available for Students with Disabilities. Visit www.twc.edu for scholarship and application information.

News & Events

Business Career Fair

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

1:00-2:30 PM

Campus Center Ballroom

Open to ALL majors

Bring plenty of resumes!

Workplace Protocol Dinner

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

5:30-7:30 PM

Campus Center Ballroom

Job Shadow Program

Now accepting applications online

Deadline: November 15, 2005

Aviation Internship

Northwest Airlines, MN

Flight Operations Spring Internship

Deadline: November 1, 2005

Video & Marketing Students

Looking for a special assignment with a employer who needs real help? See

John in Career Services for details!

Location: Plainville, MA

New Internship Sites for 2005-2006

American Anti-Slavery Group

BrokerSuite, LLC

Eliot Community Human Services

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

The Paul Revere Memorial Association

RedCats USA

Taunton Federal Credit Union

Van Tine Law Office

Webster Printing & Mailing

Wellesley Information Services

Complete an Internship before you graduate! Start Networking!

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Gregory Boisvert, Christie Armstrong, and to the Taunton Federal Credit Union for contributing their stories to this newsletter.

INTERNSHIP DATABASE

The internship database maintained by the Career Services Office has over 300+ opportunities for students considering internships. Search internships by career field, geographic location as well as paid and non-paid opportunities.

www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/intern

**NACE 2005
Experiential Education Survey**

Ninety percent NACE employer's members reported, on average, 61.9 % of their college hires from the Class of 2004 had internship experience.

National Association of Colleges & Employers