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Spotlight on Legal Studies

WHAT'S NEW IN LEGAL STUDIES?

Last Monday evening, Attorney Justin Dion introduced a unique group of panelists to a full house of students at the Legal Studies Career and Networking Event. Each panelist represented a different field in law and spoke for a few minutes about her experiences. Participants were asked to answer questions such as, "Why did you choose your profession?" "What does your typical day look like?" "What is the most challenging aspect of your job?" "What is the most rewarding aspect?" "What is the biggest mistake job applicants make?" "What trends do you see happening in the legal market?" Panelists offered valuable insight into the world of law. Some common themes that emerged were:

1. Many firms recruit by word-of-mouth referrals. Join your local paralegal association to expand your network and make connections!
2. When preparing your résumé, avoid buzzwords. Show your strengths by describing your experiences and accomplishments.
3. When applying for jobs, sell yourself to the firm. Tell them what you can do for them, not how they will help you.
4. When working or interning, offer to do anything, even if it seems out of your knowledge base. Prove you can do it!
5. Never say "no." Accepting challenges will help open the door to new opportunities for growth.



Following the panel discussion, students had the opportunity to speak with each panelist in small groups. For many students, this event was the first opportunity to network and learn about the many different opportunities available to them. One student noted that the Legal Studies Career and Networking Event helped her "...realize it is possible and to not give up. It definitely gave me the motivation I needed."

An Awesome Career Shadow Experience!

When Taylor Wood, '16, walked into the cafeteria for lunch last month, she was approached by Rosemary Fiedler, Graduate Intern for the Sullivan Career and Life Planning Center. Rose told her about the Career Shadow program, and Taylor immediately knew she wanted to participate. She attended a launch session, and set up a four-hour career shadow with the Hartford Crime Lab. She also notes, "The process is simple. Everything is outlined on Canvas." She toured the facility, observed staff as they handled gun casings, clothing, and other evidence, and viewed the large evidence garage, where they hold vehicles and other large evidence involved in crimes. While she enjoyed the experience, Taylor realized she is not interested in working in the lab setting. Now, she is 100% sure that she wants to become a lab technician. She plans to pursue a doctoral degree in Chemistry, Forensic Science, or Toxicology, and hopes to find an internship in one of these areas to find her best fit. Taylor recommends that every student complete a career shadow, especially if you are unsure about your major.



Taylor Wood, '16

Check out these
awesome internships
BPC students have
landed!

Current Internship Sites

Brittney Allen, '15, Biology, Baystate Medical Center- Pediatrics
Casey Sway, '15, General Psychology, Baystate Family Advocacy Center

Jenna Carpenter, '14, Biology, Baystate Medical Center- Hematology

Jessica Schacht, '15, Education, Longmeadow Montessori School

Kayla De La Cruz, '15, Biology, Baystate Medical Center- Genetics

Lindsay Dodge, '15, Accounting, Town of Longmeadow Finance Department

Maria Hill, '14, Forensic Science, Con-Test Labs

Mirela Grbesic, '15, Business, Winters Group

Nicole Cutri, '14, Forensic Science and Biology, Central Washington University Physics Research Internship

Samantha Blanc, '15, Marketing, Newell Rubbermaid Marketing Internship

Sara Barrufaldi, '15, Accounting, Polish National Credit Union

Thuy Truong, '15, Accounting, Vietnamese/Springfield Civic Association, Liberty Tax Service

Zeddyymar Portorreal, '14, Legal Studies, MassMutual Center

Find the Internship of Your Dreams!

Bobbi Temple, '15, was passing the time on Facebook when she came across a posting from Mystic Aquarium looking for summer interns. She nearly ignored the post since she is an Elementary Education major, but she decided to check out the positions anyway. To her surprise, she found an opportunity with their summer education program! She filled out the application and was contacted to schedule a phone interview soon after. Once scheduled, Bobbi came to SCLP for support. She met with SCLP Executive Director Laurie Cirillo, prepared questions to ask, and learned tips for a successful interview. She remembers feeling prepared and confident. A few days after her phone interview, she was offered the position and will start her internship in May. She will work with children of all ages, learn about marine animals and echolocation, and conduct a research project of her choice. She is most excited to gain experience. Bobbi urges all students to use social media to find opportunities. If she had never followed Mystic Aquarium on Facebook and liked their page, she may never have found her dream internship!



Win a Prize If You Can Guess Who Held This Job!

Congratulations to **Dave Wallace** who was the first to correctly guess from last month's newsletter that Lori Vaughn was a farm worker and supervisor. Dave, come to SCLP to pick up your prize!

Now, guess which BPC staff person painted and cleaned boats and yachts at a boatyard?

- A. Dave Yelle**
- B. Laurie Cirillo**
- C. Gina Morrone**

Be the first to answer this question correctly and win a gift!
EMAIL: careers@baypath.edu with your answer. Both answer and winner will be posted in the next newsletter.



Marisabel Santiago lands a Teach for America position!

Marisabel Santiago, '14, has always been interested in teaching. When her criminal justice professor Attorney Dineen recommended she apply for Teach for America, an organization committed to eliminating educational inequities in low-income areas, Marisabel did some research. Once she decided to apply, the first step was to complete a lengthy online application, the first sign that this would be an equally lengthy application process! After responding to a hypothetical case study online, she was contacted to schedule a phone interview. She was asked about her interest in teaching, her experience, and why she felt the position was right for her.

A few weeks later, she was invited to attend the final step of the interview process, a six-hour interview in New Haven, CT! For the first half of the day, Marisabel and eight other applicants each presented five-minute teaching sessions. Then, they were introduced to a controversial topic about policy. As a group, they were challenged to define the policy's strengths and weaknesses, and create a plan of action to improve it. The second half of the day was dedicated to individual interviews. Marisabel remembers the role play portion to be quite challenging. Marisabel was a teacher, and she had to convince the "Vice Principal" of a school to approve a field trip. Talk about thinking on your feet! Though the process was long, it was all worth it. Marisabel is proud to report that she will be teaching in New York this coming fall! Once she graduates next month, Marisabel plans to research her new district, attend trainings, and become certified to teach in the state of New York.

Career Celebration Corner

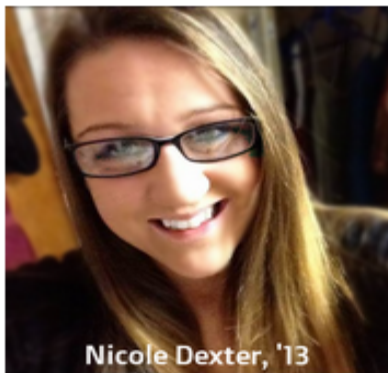
Emily Doucette, '14, Family Service Provider, South Bay Mental Health

Melissa Lora, '14, Teacher, Teach For America

Mercedes Griffith, '14, Post-baccalaureate Premedical Program, Elms College

Symone Watson, '14, Forensic Science Graduate Program, University of California, Davis

Tenzin Yangdon, '14, Direct Nursing Program, Simmons College



Nicole Dexter, '13

Nicole Dexter Lands a New Job!

Nicole Dexter, '13, knows the job search process all too well. Recently, she landed a full-time position as a first grade teacher at Holyoke Community Charter School in Holyoke, MA. However, the road to this job was not an easy one. In fact, Nicole applied to over 70 positions in the Education field! She recalls sending her résumé to many different jobs- even jobs that were not exactly what she wanted. Of those 70 positions, Nicole was asked to interview for 10 of them. When it came time to interview, she felt prepared for the process, thanks to her WEL310 classes at Bay Path. As soon as she left her interview with Holyoke Community Charter School, she knew she had found her perfect fit. She loves the people she works with, but her favorite part is her students. Looking back, Nicole wishes she had reached out to more people for help. She also notes, "People look for Bay Path graduates!" Use your network because you never know the resources they may have to help you.

SCLP offers all students the opportunity to take a personalized career assessment. Woofound's mission is to make a deeper understanding of personality accessible to everyone. This site provides individuals with the tools and resources to understand personality more completely, leading to better, more fulfilling life and work experiences.

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The *Lean In* Leadership Book Club Dinner

About 30 Bay Path College students gathered with MassMutual leaders, members of the School of Management and Social Justice Faculty, and Bay Path College Advisory Council members for our first-ever Leadership Book Club Dinner event! The vibrant topic of conversation was the promotion of women leaders in our community, with discussion igniters gleaned from reading *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg. During the panel conversation, student after student raised thoughtful and provoking questions for the panelists to consider. The panel then evolved into small group dialogue over a delicious dinner, with a panelist joining each of our student tables to share experiences and ideas. Action steps shared during our collective group included:

- Explore and make mindful decisions about how work fits into your family life, understanding that this is a challenging juggling process that requires planning, clear priorities, assertive communication and creativity.
- The cost and investment in your education is well worth the long term career gains. Take risks and push yourself beyond your comfort zone, saying "yes" to new opportunities and challenges.
- Know and build on your strengths; work inclusively and collaboratively with teams to complement your strengths.
- Embrace the understanding that your career path is more like a jungle gym than a ladder. Scout out new directions, be comfortable with ambiguity and not only embrace change – initiate it!
- Work with people who work hard and people you trust. Reach out to others. Love what you do.

Join us for our next Leadership Book Club Dinner: *How Remarkable Women Lead* by Joanna Barsh and Susie Cranston, Wednesday, April 23rd from 6 - 8 PM, Behavioral Health Network, Springfield, MA



BPC students at the *Lean In* Leadership Book Club Dinner



Toastmasters Testimonials from BPC Students & Alums!

"*Bay Path Speaks to Lead* is part of Toastmasters International, preparing individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. People search high and low for these meetings and we have it right here on the Bay Path Campus. These once a month meetings are diverse, empowering, supportive, and inspiring!"

- Mo McGuinness, Bay Path College Alumnae

Next meeting:

Monday, April 28th: 6 - 7 PM, Helliwell

Contact: Kibourque@baypath.edu

Welcome to the Carpe Diem Career Network!

Bay Path College has joined NACELINK, the largest career network of career services and recruiting professionals in the world. Join us for a training that will cover a system overview, quick set-up, accessing internships, jobs, career events and more!

Faculty/Staff Training Sessions: T 4/22 11:00 - noon, T 4/22 4:00 - 5:00 pm, or W 4/23 Faculty/Staff 11:00 - noon

Student Introductory Sessions: M 4/28: 4:00 - 5:00 pm or T 4/29, 11:00 - noon

Alumni Introductory Session: T 4/29: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

To register, contact careers@baypath.edu.

Upcoming SCLP Events

Internship Planning Sessions

Wednesday, April 22nd: 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Sullivan Career and Life Planning Center

Internship Reflection Sessions

Wednesday, April 30th: 1 - 2 PM
Thursday, May 1st: 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Friday, May 2nd: 1 - 2 PM
Helliwell

Toastmasters Meetings

Monday, April 28th: 6 - 7 PM
Helliwell

College-to-Careers Book Club

"How Remarkable Women Lead" by Joanna Barsh and Susie Cranston
Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Behavioral Health Network, Springfield
Free book and transportation provided.
Contact: careers@baypath.edu

Carpe Diem Career Network Launch

Friday, April 25th

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