

THE BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

The goal of the Boston College Career Center Newsletter for Parents is to keep you updated on the wealth of career resources and programs the Boston College Career Center has to offer to your sons and daughters.

RealJobs Blog



What's it like to work for MTV? Or how about to be a lawyer or a Foreign Service officer? Can a scientist also be a fashion designer? Students can find out about all of this and more by checking the BC Career Center's RealJobs Blog Series in which BC alumni recently 'blogged their work week.'

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/careers/networking/realjobs.html>

Why do an internship?

The National Association of Colleges and Employers reported in October that “new college graduates who had taken part in internships fared far better in the job market than their counterparts who didn't gain that experience.” No surprise there, since many employers hire a percentage of their interns into full-time positions after graduation.

There are numerous reasons for students to undertake an internship (or two, or three). Let's start with the obvious – internships allow students to explore potential career fields and decide whether a particular job or career is right for them. Nothing beats first-hand experience. An internship also allows them to get a foot in the door of a particular career field. Take an industry like book publishing or public relations – most employers won't even consider a job applicant who has not already had internship experience in that field.

A good internship teaches valuable work-related skills while exposing interns to a professional work environment. And an internship is a great way to start building that all-important network of professional contacts.

Many internships these days are unpaid – **what if your son or daughter has to work at a paid job over the summer?** Some employers offering unpaid internships allow students to work part-time during the days of their choice. Many BC students do a part-time internship during the fall or spring semester – senior year is an ideal time to do this, since they are likely taking four courses instead of five. And if they absolutely can't fit an internship into their schedule, students should try the BC Externship Program, which allows them to spend a day or two on the job with a BC alumnus or alumna during Winter Break.

We're here to help! For more information, visit the BC Internship Program online at <http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/internships.html>

If you have job or internship openings you would like to share with BC students, please contact Marie Geary at marie.geary@bc.edu. Let her know in your email that you are a BC parent.

WORKSHOPS: HOW TO GET A GREAT INTERNSHIP

Tuesday, March 16, 5:00 PM
Devlin 008

Wednesday, March 17, 5:00 PM
McGuinn 121

CAREER FIELDS:

Our Career Fields page offers a wealth of information to the student who is just browsing around for career ideas as well as to the student who is actively conducting a job search.

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/careers/careerfields.html>

CAREER CENTER CALENDAR

Stay updated on Career Center events. The calendar link is available on our home page:

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/>

Networking is Key

The most successful job seeker is a knowledgeable and connected job seeker. Networking allows a student to gain first hand knowledge of a career while meeting people in fields of interest. Networking is completely worth the effort in any economy, but especially in this one.

Boston College Career Network:

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/careers/networking.html>

Students can meet with BC alumni for informational meetings. This is for information searching not job searching but it's not unheard of to walk away with a job or internship lead.

Beyond the BC Career Network:

Your child's network consists of family, friends, roommates, neighbors, and others. They can expand their networking circle by considering their roommate's family, their neighbor's friends, etc. Students can talk to anyone who is willing to give them 15 minutes.

Networking for Introverts:

Students shouldn't let their introversion stop them from reaping the benefits of networking. They can talk to a Career Advisor to find out how to make the most of an informational meeting.

LinkedIn:

LinkedIn is a powerful professional networking site. Seniors should consider setting up a profile and linking to groups in their field of choice as well as to the Boston College Alumni Group. The LinkedIn Grad Guide can help students get started:

<http://grads.linkedin.com/>

Upcoming BC Networking Events:



Science Career Night

Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Higgins Atrium

Communications Career Night

Wednesday, March 24
The Heights Room of
Corcoran Commons

Communications and Science Nights bring alumni on campus to speak with students in a relaxed, informal setting

Law, Medical, Graduate School Choosing; getting in; making the most of it

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool.html>

We offer comprehensive information and resources for preparing for and applying to graduate school on our web site. The site has specific advice for each area including time tables, application essay writing and standardized test preparation.

For law school, don't miss the Boston College Law School Locator:

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/careers/gradschool/law/lawlocator.html>

and an online Applying to Law School workshop:

BC students had the opportunity to network with BC alumni at the 2009 NYC Media Tour



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