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Career Services

Carol Crosby, Assistant Director of Career Services

Job Shadow Program During Winter Break

Career Services has a great opportunity for all undergraduates to explore careers and network with professionals. The Job Shadow Program During Winter Break provides a one day opportunity for students to shadow a professional during the winter recess. Opportunities available include going behind the camera with Fox25 Morning News or BTV-9, shadowing a corporate professional at MEDITECH or touring the Old Colony Correctional Center and the Bridgewater State Hospital. The deadline for applying for these shadows is November 10th and the application instructions are available at <http://www.bridgew.edu/CareerServices/jobshadowprogram.cfm> Please feel free to stop by Career Services' Drop In Hours, Monday through Thursday, 11-2, if you have any questions or would like help with your resume! **LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CAREER CORNER ON PAGE 3**

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Introducing DRO's Graduate Students



Karin Tiernan received a BA in Communication Studies from Bridgewater State College in 2004. Since 2005, she has worked as an educational advisor for a federal TRIO program helping students access higher education. Currently, Karin is enrolled in the Mental Health Counseling-Dual License Program at Bridgewater State University and works as a Special Programs Assistant in the Disability Resource Office. She is also serves as an advisor for Students Accepting a Challenge.



Stephen Bethoney graduated from Suffolk University in 2009 with a BS in Sociology/Criminology. He is currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Masters Program at Bridgewater State University. He hopes to pursue a career in the field of Digital Forensics and Cyber Crime Prevention. He currently manages the assistive technology of the Disability Resources Office.

FACULTY FORUM

By Patricia Connolly, Assistant Director of Disability Resources

NOTE TAKERS

The Disability Resources Office (DRO) may recommend that a student with a documented disability be permitted the use of a note taker in class. This accommodation will be noted in the student's letter of accommodation which the student must provide to the instructor of the course. The DRO staff always encourages the student with a disability to meet with the instructor during office hours to discuss accommodations.

The accommodation letter will ask the instructor to help identify a student in the class who would be willing to serve as a note taker. In some cases, the student with a disability may already know a student in class who will provide them with notes. The student with a disability obtains a Note taker's Contract (green form) from the DRO, and it is the student's responsibility to complete the form with the note taker.

The following are procedures:

- The student requesting the note taker completes the top portion of the Note taker's Contract.
- Note taker completes the bottom of the form
- Note taker must register with Student Employment Office in Boyden Hall by bringing the form for signature and showing their Social Security card.
- Note taker returns the contract to the Academic Achievement Center.
- Note taker provides copies of notes to the student in a timely manner.
- Note takers may forward notes by email directly to the student, through carbon copies of notes, or photocopies. Note takers are able to take copies at no charge in the AAC or at any department copy machine.
- At the end of the semester, the note taker will receive an email to ask them to sign and verify that the services were provided. A \$75 stipend for providing notes to the student is provided.

In some cases, the DRO staff may contact the instructor for assistance if a student's note taker is not providing notes. The instructor may be helpful in identifying another note taker. The DRO staff is always available to assist an instructor, student and note taker with this process.

STUDENTS ACCEPTING A CHALLENGE

Students Accepting a Challenge (SAAC) is a student organization open to all Bridgewater State University students who are interested in issues related to disability. The group has met to begin planning for activities for the academic year.

In March 2010, members of SAAC fielded a team for Bridgewater State University's Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. The SAAC team raised over \$500 for the cause and spent a fun and fulfilling overnight in the Tinsley gymnasium supporting all the teams and survivors. The group hopes to field another team again for the Relay here at Bridgewater State University in spring 2011.

On March 29th SAAC also co-sponsored a presentation with the Student Diversity Council, Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Athletics Department. Travis Roy, an advocate for spinal cord injuries, became paralyzed while playing in his first hockey game at Boston University. Travis gave an inspirational talk and met personally after his speech with those in attendance.

SAAC welcomes new members at any time. Members only need to have an interest in disability issues and are not required to identify as having a disability. Watch for upcoming SAAC meeting dates in Student Announcements. Meetings are held in the AAC. If you would like further information, please contact the Disability Resources Office at 508-531-2194.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DISABILITY RESOURCES OFFICE

- DRO staff member met with prospective students and families at "Saturdays at Bridgewater" this fall to discuss programs and services.
- Peer Mentor Training Program began this semester with ten mentors who participated in a four-part training program. These training sessions were led by Patricia Connolly and Pam Spillane
- Pat and Pam spoke to perspective students and their parents at Braintree High School. There they spoke about what students with disabilities at the college level may experience and the opportunities afforded them at BSU.

INTRODUCING THE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE LAB!

Dorie AuCoin, Assistant Director, Academic Achievement Center

Good News! The AAC is in the process of establishing an Accounting & Finance Lab! Those students currently enrolled in **ACFI 100: Fundamentals of Financial Reporting**, **ACFI 200: Financial Accounting and ACFI 340: Intermediate Accounting I**, already know about this much needed resource. For everyone else, now you know! Professor Kathy Sevigny is the Faculty Director of the Accounting & Finance Lab and has been test piloting its structure during the Fall 2010 semester.

The Lab will provide Small Group Study Sessions on a specific assignment basis for the courses mentioned above. Students wishing to be assigned to a Study Session must still go to Tutoring Central and complete the *Intake Assessment and Referral Form* and *Tutor Request* before being assigned to a specific Study Session. Test review sessions will be announced via individual faculty who teach these classes; all students are welcome to join in the review. In all cases, students are still expected to be prepared to engage in active learning strategies and come to all the sessions having already attempted the work being covered. It is hoped that offering one-on-one tutoring assignments will come into existence during the Spring 2011 semester.

LEADERSHIP AND PEER EDUCATORS TRAINING PROGRAM

Disability Resources Office at Bridgewater State University will be sponsoring another Leadership and Peer Educator Training this spring. Ten to fifteen students will be participating in the training which focuses on topics including disabilities and accommodation, laws, self-advocacy skills, and peer mentoring. Participants must attend all sessions. Food will be provided. ***This semester's dates are December 3 and 4. Ask Pam about it!***

ACCOUNTING (cont.)

For further information, on the Accounting and Finance Lab, stop by Tutoring Central or better yet, visit the new location for the Accounting & Finance Lab right next to the Writing Studio Ready to become a tutor? Stop by Tutoring Central and join the team! Its hours are:

Monday	12:30pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wednesday	12:30pm - 3:00pm
Thursday	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Friday	Closed

CAREER CORNER

New Career Services Webpage for Students with Disabilities

Would you like an internship? What about a job shadow this Winter Break? How about spending next fall interning in Washington DC?

Career Services can help you!

Career Services recently created a unique webpage, specifically to support the needs of students with disabilities. On this webpage, you will find funded internships for students with disabilities, a workbook that addresses workplace disability disclosure and international exchanges designed for participants with disabilities. You will also learn which companies have a strong reputation for hiring and supporting professionals with disabilities and who to contact in the state and federal government when applying for a job or internship.

All career counselors at Career Services are also prepared to provide assistance with this webpage as well as discuss with you internships, job shadows and other opportunities that are available through our office.

The new webpage is available at <http://www.bridgew.edu/CareerServices/disabilityresources.cfm> and you can make an appointment to meet with a counselor by calling 508-531-1328. We look forward to working with you!

JOB SHADOW PROGRAM DURING WINTER BREAK



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SPRING 2011 Registration Advising – BE PREPARED!

*Steven Viveiros, Assistant Director, Academic
Achievement Center*

It's that time of the semester again. Here are several points to consider when building your schedule and preparing to meet with your advisor.

- Balance the more challenging courses with those you find are less difficult for you.
- Choose classes that will take place when you are at your best.
- Spread your courses out over a five day week.
- Make an appointment to see your advisor once you have a COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM and BRING it to your appointment.
- BRING YOUR DEGREE Audit with you to your appointment. Circle the courses you are planning to take next semester.
- If you need assistance with INFOBEAR, your Degree Audit or building a schedule, you should connect with a Peer Advisor in the AAC.
- Make sure that you have selected ALTERNATE times for courses that you wish to take next semester.
- Be prepared to discuss your selections and a list of any questions you may want to discuss with your advisor.

Good Luck!

Erika Pinault Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship is awarded by Handi-Kids Chapter II of Bridgewater, The criteria for this award include evidence of scholarship, good citizenship and success in managing an individual disability.

<http://www.bridgew.edu/studentaffairs/scholarships/scholdetail.cfm?myIDNum=55>



Expect More. Achieve More.

Learning Assistance Hours

Adaptive Lab, AAC

Mon, Thurs, Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

Tues, Wed 8:00am - 8:00pm

Adaptive Lab, Moakley

Mon - Thurs 8:00am - 11:00pm

Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

Sat 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sun Noon - 9:00pm

Communication Lab

Mon 10:00am - 4:30pm

Tues 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Wed 9:00am - 7:00pm

Thurs 1:00pm - 5:00pm

The Writing Studio

Mon, Thurs 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tues, Wed 9:00am - 8:00pm

Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm

Math Services

Mon, Thurs 8:00am - 5:00pm

Tues, Wed 8:00am - 8:00pm

Fri 8:00am - 3:00pm

Study and Research

Mon 8:00am - 6:00pm

Tues 8:30am - 5:30pm

Wed 8:00am - 5:30pm

Thurs 8:00am - 4:00pm

Fri 8:00am - 3:30pm

Second Language

Mon 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Tues 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Wed 1:00pm - 4:00pm