

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010

Dear Parent(s) of Sophomores at Bryant University,

I am hoping that your son or daughter has begun to think about career plans and how to best utilize his/her Bryant education. He/she may still be uncertain about selecting a major. It is very important that students select a major based on three factors: (1) interests (2) abilities and (3) values. We can help your student assess these factors. Please encourage your student to stop by our office to make an appointment with Jennifer Edwards or Kelly Kochis, Assistant Directors.

Once a major has been determined, the next step in the career development process for students is to explore the various career options that are available to them upon graduation. We assist with this process by offering programs for students to listen to alumni speak about their careers, by providing networking opportunities and by offering resources.

The content of this newsletter will familiarize you with the programs and services that we provide for Bryant sophomores. We ask that you encourage your Bryant student to participate in all that we offer. Success in securing a good career position upon graduation depends on how well students prepare for their career. We can help! And, so can you!

Please contact me at 401-232-6090 or jclare@bryant.edu if you have a question or comment. Also, I invite you to stop by the Amica Center for Career Education. It will be a pleasure to meet you.

Sincerely,

Judy

Judith Clare, Director

CAREER PLANNING 101

This five session, non-credit **Career Planning Course**, offered in the fall and spring semesters, is a great way for first through third year students to “get on track” early. Topics include: personality, interest & values assessment; skills assessment and resume building; navigating the resources in the Amica Center; learning about internships and career exploration programs; utilizing the Bryant Alumni Career Link online database.

Three schedule options are offered: Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 3:30 pm—4:30 pm, beginning September 20. **Please encourage your son or daughter to sign up ASAP upon returning to campus, as enrollment is limited.**




SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICES

- Career Counseling
- Career Resource Library
- Resume Critiquing
- Mock Interviews
- Workshops
- Panel Presentations
- Career Fairs
- Site Visits

For details regarding these services, please refer to our website at www.bryant.edu/career



TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH ALUMNI FOR CAREER ADVICE!

-  **Bryant Alumni Career Link:** An online alumni-student career network. Students can contact alumni in a wide variety of career fields and geographic locations to gain career and job search advice. The “Link” is available to Bryant students from our homepage. Sophomores will greatly benefit from alumni advice!
-  **Student/Alumni Shadowing Program:** Winter break is an ideal time to spend a day with an alumnus in a career field of interest. Students should watch for information sessions in late October and won't want to miss the opportunity to apply for a hands-on observational experience in a field of interest. Shadowing leads to enhanced career knowledge, contacts and more.
-  **New York/Boston Career Nights:** Terrific opportunities for our students to attend a reception with alumni working in the Boston and NYC areas. They will learn about a variety of career fields and get real world advice about how to break into their industries. This will be a valuable event for any sophomore interested in working in the Boston or New York City area. Career Nights will take place in early January.

HAVE CONTACTS?

Help us to connect Bryant students with opportunities!

We continuously strive to increase the number of employers recruiting on and off campus and to expand the geographic base of opportunities.

If you think your company or organization may be interested in participating in our Corporate Recruiting Program, please contact Kathy Clarkin at kclarkin@bryant.edu or 401-232-6091.

As you know, our talented students offer a well-rounded background in business and the liberal arts, typically enhanced by internships, leadership and student involvement, as well as Bryant's reputation for academic excellence.

We look forward to partnering with you to expand opportunities for our students!

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

The Amica Center offers many valuable online resources to help your student move ahead in his/her career planning and job search process. Here are a few helpful tools available to your student @ www.bryant.edu/career

Going Global: An online database with over 30,000 pages of country specific career and employment information.

Vault.com: Cutting edge information on industries, careers, companies, job search topics and more...excellent!

Career Search.net: Identify organizations in career fields and geographic areas of interest. Whether the interest is in communications, finance, IT, non-profits, or other industries, this resource can help identify employers for outreach.

Facebook: Find us on Facebook! We now have a Facebook Fanpage. Join our page for news and updates!



Interview Stream: An online practice interview system.



MANY MORE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE!

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

► CAREERS IN...SERIES:

- A panel of professionals speak about their careers.
- Careers in ...Accounting, TBA
- Careers in ...Management, TBA
- Careers in ...Human Resources, November 2
- Careers in ...Marketing & Communications, TBA
- Careers in ...Consumer Goods/Retail, TBA

► CAREER CONVERSATIONS SERIES:

- Featuring professionals in the following fields:
- Allied Health
- Nursing
- Law
- Behavioral/Social Science Research
- Statistics/Math

► **APPLYING TO GRAD SCHOOL:** September 23

► **GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR:** November 4

► **ARTS & SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE:** October 4

► **NEW YORK/BOSTON CAREER NIGHTS:** Early January

Complete program details will be in the events section of our website and are updated throughout the semester.