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CAREER CONNECTIONS

CAREER SERVICES NEWSLETTER

MARTHA COAKLEY'S CONSTITUTION DAY CONVERSATION

On September 8th Career Services partnered with the Pre Law Society, the Political Science Department, the Law & Society Program and the Epstein Pre Law Fund to co-host Attorney General Martha Coakley. A full house of 150 students, faculty and staff were in attendance at the event in Tilton Hall.



Coakley's Constitution Day Address focused on two major topics involved in the current debate around constitutional interpretation: the role of citizens' rights in regards to both the Defense of Marriage Act and U.S. health care policy.

The Attorney General emphasized Clark's motto as she advised undergraduate and graduate students to "challenge what is accepted" and recognize the constitution as a document that includes a large umbrella of rights in a way that makes us a stronger nation. She also noted that college is an opportunity to work on thinking, writing, advocacy, and other skills that will aid in future career paths.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INTERNSHIP (CEV) FAIR

Over 280 students were in attendance at this year's Community Engagement and Internship Fair sponsored by Career Services and the Community Engagement and Volunteering (CEV) Center. At the fair, students had the chance to meet with 24 local organizations to discuss internship, volunteer and service learning opportunities.

Several Clark students and alumni were on hand to represent the various organizations at the event such as Connor Joyce, MPA '12, who is a current intern at Habitat for Humanity Metro West/ Greater Worcester. Joyce commented that "it was a great experience talking with Clark students about Habitat and our mission to build affordable homes for families in need. We had a lot of people sign up interested in volunteering at builds as well as the [Habitat for Humanity] ReStore."



Samples of participating organizations:

- African Community Education (ACE)
- ACLU Worcester Chapter
- Boys and Girls Club of Worcester
- Central Mass Convention & Visitors Bureau
- City Living Magazine
- Greater Worcester Land Trust
- Habitat for Humanity Worcester Chapter
- Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts
- Henry Lee Willis Community Center
- Jeremiah's Inn
- Mass Audubon Society



ACE SCHOLARS

Two weeks before the start of first-year orientation, 40 ALANA and first-generation college students arrived at Clark to participate in the Academic Clark Excellence (ACE) Summer Institute. Career Services worked with the ACE pre-first-year program to help students explore career paths by taking them on site visits in Worcester. The site visits included trips to Worcester City Hall, the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, the EcoTarium, and one of Worcester's Public Schools, Worcester Technical High School.

During the visits, students learned about each organization and gathered information on careers, internships and volunteer opportunities there. For in-

stance, Stacey DeBoise Luster, the director of Human Resources for Worcester Public Schools, talked with students about the underrepresentation of minorities in teaching professions. Stacey stressed the importance of having diverse and bilingual teachers to reflect the diverse Worcester population represented in the school system. The visit was a helpful start for those interested in teaching as students are advised to begin a teaching track in their sophomore or junior year of undergraduate study.

Visit <http://www.clarku.edu/offices/academicAdvancement/ace.cfm> to learn more about the Clark ACE program.

Where is the Class of 2011 Now?



- AmeriCorps, Volunteer
- Central MA Housing Alliance, Coordinator of Public Education and Advocacy
- Connecticut General Assembly, Legislative Aide
- Intrinsic Consulting, Account Representative
- Jewish Day School, Teacher
- New Delhi Parliament, Legislative Assistant
- New York State Psychiatric Institute, Psychology Research Assistant
- McLean Hospital, Residential Counselor
- Teach for America, Teacher (Miami)
- United States Peace Corps Volunteer, Latin America (Peru)
- Vermont State Police, Police Officer
- YMCA, Coordinator

Visit <http://www.clarku.edu/offices/career/outcomes/outcomes.cfm> for more information.

LAW SCHOOL PANEL

Career Services sponsored a Law School advisory panel on October 5th. Over 35 Pre-Law and other interested students heard expert tips regarding the law school application process. The event was one of the best attended law panels with a good representation of students from various class years. Panelists included admissions deans from Boston College Law School, Boston University Law School and Vermont Law School.

One of the most important take-aways from the panelists was that applications for law school are down nationwide. This is a benefit for students applying to law school as the decline in applications means applicants are getting accepted to schools that might have been out of reach in the past.

Career Services offers individualized pre-law advising services. For more information please visit <http://www.clarku.edu/departments/prelaw/>.



LARC BOSTON JOB FAIR



Approximately 25 Clark students attended this year's Liberal Arts Recruit-

ing Connection (LARC) Career Fair in Boston on November 4th. Students were able to meet with representatives from 37 organizations to gather information and discuss job opportunities.

Students also gained practice in networking and informational interviewing. Hannah Miller '13 attended the event and noted "I had to step out of my comfort zone to put myself out there for employers. It was a good learning experience and I am definitely going to contact a few employers." Likewise, other students,

like Elias Derian '12, commented that the event was a "positive experience."

Employers at the event gave some helpful advice for students entering the job market this spring. A representative from Citizen Schools noted that they value "entrepreneurship and teamwork" in job candidates. Another representative from Schneider Electric added that a candidate's initial delivery of their resume and qualifications is a crucial aspect of the hiring process.

G.O.L.D. EVENTS

Alumni Affairs and Career Services collaborated to organize three Graduates Of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) networking functions in the Northeast this fall. Events were held in New York City, Boston and Worcester and both alumni and recent graduates from the Class of 2011 were in attendance. The events were a great chance for Clarkies to mingle with fellow alumni to find potential work or to expand their contacts.

The importance of reaching out to those you know (peers, family, friends and professors) for employment networking was a common theme emphasized at each G.O.L.D. event. Along with personal connections, LinkedIn was another resource that alumni recommended for those seeking employment. Specifically, a few alumni discussed how strategically joining groups and using keywords in your profile are great ways

to increase visibility on LinkedIn in attracting employers.

In the spring, more G.O.L.D. events are expected to take place on the West Coast. Additional alumni networking events will also be occurring in Boston and New York City for interested undergraduate and graduate students.

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM—YOHAN SENARATH '14



Yohan seated with the Environment Minister of Sri Lanka

This fall semester a number of students are taking advantage of Clark's academic internship program. One of these students is Yohan Senarath '14 who is interning at the United Nations in New York City. Born and raised in Sri Lanka, Yohan is working with the Sri Lankan delegate at the General Assembly's Third Committee which deals with social, cul-

tural and humanitarian affairs.

In regards to his internship experience, Yohan notes how Clark University's internship program is "a remarkably effective educational tool." As part of the academic component of his internship, Yohan must complete a reading list, communicate weekly with his internship faculty sponsor, Professor Michael Butler, and hand in written assignments pertaining to the items that are being discussed in the Third Committee's agenda. The academic work has helped Yohan with his internship as he finds himself "better positioned to make a respectable contribution when working in tandem with my country's delegate."

Yohan also expressed what an overall benefit the program has been to him: "Thanks to the Clark Internship program I get to apply the knowledge that I gained through the many readings and conversations with Professor Butler at the highest

echelon of multilateral diplomacy while at the same time receiving academic credits and a grade..."

To learn more about the Academic Internship Program at Clark visit the Career Services' website or schedule an appointment with a Career Counselor.

Fall 2011 Student Internships Sample List of Organizations

Abbott Bioresearch Center
American Antiquarian Society
Bistol Voice and Recording Studios
Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce
Devereux
Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.
EcoTarium
Fruitlands Museum
Habitat for Humanity
Mass Trial Court Probation
Preservation Worcester
Schiltkamp Gallery, Clark University
UMASS Memorial Medical Center
Worcester County District Attorney's Office
YOU, Inc.

ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE

This year's Alumni in Residence program, hosted by Career Services and Alumni Affairs, took place on November 7th. Students were able to meet with 18 Clark alumni from various professional fields for career advice and networking opportunities. The full day of events included 4 alumni panels that addressed careers in management, law, finance and IDCE—related fields.

In their individual discussions with students, alumni reflected on Clark's motto and mission when pursuing a career.

David H. Brennerman '73, Unum's Vice President of Government Affairs, remarked how it is important to find your passion and then see how that passion relates to a career. George A. Russell, Jr. '72 Executive Vice President of the State Street Corporation and President of the State Street Foundation, Inc., advised on the importance of giving back to those who are underserved within the community.

The event was well attended with a showing of 76 students. Alumni network-

ing is especially helpful for students as it allows them to conduct informational interviews with professionals that share the same Clark experience. Alumni networking is not only restricted to networking events. More commonly, LinkedIn can be another tool to connect and set up informational interviews with Clark alumni around the country and the globe. Career Services offers a variety of resources for help with networking, informational interviews and using LinkedIn.

CAREER SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Job and Internship Search Workshops

11/16/2011
2/8/2012
1:30 -2:30pm
Goddard Library
Fuller Music Room

Evening Quick Question Hours

Wednesdays: 11/16/2011
and 11/30/2011
5:00 -7:00pm
Academic Commons

Undergraduate Internship Info Session

1/19/2012
3:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Career Services Office
3rd Floor

Spring 2012 Internship Application Deadline

1/20/2012
12:00pm
Career Services Office
3rd Floor

Career and Summer Internship Fair

2/15/2012
12:00pm - 3:00pm
Higgins University Center
Tilton Hall

Colleges of Worcester Consortium Career Fair

3/27/2012 12:00pm-3:00pm
Beechwood Hotel
363 Plantation Street
Worcester, MA



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DROP-IN HOURS

Don't have an appointment? Stop by during Career Services' Drop-In Hours and have your quick questions answered by one of our Graduate Assistants. The office is open every Monday through Friday from 12 to 4 p.m. for drop-in questions. Meet for 15 minutes with a Graduate Assistant to get a critique of your resume, learn to write a cover letter, and discuss job and internship possibilities. The process is quick and helpful.



Quick question sessions are staffed by one of two Graduate Assistants. Both are alumni from the Class of 2011 and are now working on their Master's degrees through the BA/MA Accelerated Degree program. **Heather Goodale** is completing a Master's of Public Administration and **Himal Jayasekara** is completing a Master's of Business Administration. Drop in to meet them and use their resources.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW CAREER SERVICES STAFF

Career Services is happy to welcome three new staff members!



(From Left to Right)

Susan Priest - Office Manager

Barbara Zerillo '06/'07 - Assistant Director / Employer Relations

Lee Goldstein - Assistant Director/ Internship Coordinator

Q & A

**If you could give one piece of Career Advice
what would it be?**

Susan: "Just never think you can't."

Barbara: "Take advantage of internship opportunities during your college career."

Lee: "Be patient, do your research, and be the best you can be in your career search."

For full bios of Career Services staff please visit
<http://www.clarku.edu/offices/career/contact.cfm>.