Dear Parent(s) of Bryant Juniors at Bryant University,

As the summer is drawing to a close, you are probably thinking about your student returning to Bryant University and the beginning of his/her junior year. We hope that you and your student spend time discussing the career piece of your student’s education.

Junior year is the time to consider participating in an academic internship. It is critical that students gain practical experience prior to graduation. Internships often lead to full time employment as well as help individuals gain an advantage in applying for positions during senior year. Your student must do all that is possible to be competitive when the time arrives!

In addition to achieving good grades, obtaining an internship, and getting involved with activities on campus, junior year is a time for students to engage in career exploration. This is a process by which students explore and learn about the various job titles, industries, and career options that may be available given their specific major. 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.

Please take the time to read this newsletter. It will acquaint you with the workshops, special events and programs that the Amica Center for Career Education offers to support the career exploration process for Bryant University juniors. Then, I ask that you encourage your student to participate in all that we offer. Success in securing a good career related position upon graduation depends on how well students prepare for their job search prior to senior year. Now is the time for them to get involved!

Please contact me at 401-232-6090 or jclare@bryant.edu if you have a question or comment. My staff and I look forward to getting to know your son or daughter.

Sincerely,

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Judith Clare, Director

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

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 @ [http://career.bryant.edu](http://career.bryant.edu)

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

**Career Shift:** A one-stop center for searching, selecting and storing job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. It also provides up-to-date contact information, including email addresses for millions of companies!

**Candid Career:** Provides career advice from thousands of industry professionals that students can watch through video.

**CareerSpots:** Features over 50 videos with career advice on how to find a job/internship and more

**Facebook:** Find us on Facebook! Join our page for news and updates!

**Twitter:** Follow us on Twitter this Fall!
We encourage all Bryant University students to consider participating in at least one internship prior to graduation. Juniors typically are eligible to earn academic credit during the fall, spring or summer semesters. The program provides the student with the opportunity to be assessed and graded by a faculty member within his/her area of study, while being trained and evaluated by an employer during a semester.

To prepare for an internship search, students are required to attend an Orientation to Academic Internships offered throughout the Fall 2013 semester. The orientation provides the resources available and provides info about searching for an internship that provides experiential education within a student’s area of study and interest. A demonstration of the Career Center’s website and Bryant Career Connection (BCC) is given. Students MUST attend prior to applying to BCC for excellent internships offered in a variety of industries by small, mid-size and large organizations within and outside of the New England area. Deadlines to apply for a spring internships range from October 2013—January 2014; and summer from October 2013—May 2014.

Two Outstanding Internship Programs!

Washington Center Internship Program provides an internship experience in Washington, DC during the fall, spring or summer semesters. Students may earn nine academic credits during the summer or twelve to fifteen credits during the spring or fall while living and learning in DC. Weekly seminars and an evening class taught by a local university professor enrich the experience that a student can obtain by participating in this program. Sample internships of previous students: The White House, Environmental Protection Agency, The US Naval Museum, and legislative, law and lobbying firms.

EUSA Summer Internship Program provides a ten week, six credit internship experience in a European city. A 3 week course will be taught by a Bryant professor in a European city on a topic relevant to international and cultural issues. The program includes one week of orientation of the city, six weeks interning within an organization, and the class. Previous students have interned in London and Dublin. Previous internships were done with at Elizabeth Arden, Barclay Wealth Management, and Universal Studios.