Dear Parent(s) of Bryant Seniors,

Although the labor market is still tight, there are many opportunities for the Class of 2014. However, seniors must be prepared for a challenging senior year job search. We offer a robust recruiting program, but many of these opportunities are competitive. Students cannot simply sit back and expect that a good job will be waiting for them on graduation day.

Job searching, preparing a resume, developing interview skills, purchasing a business suit – you’ve probably heard your son or daughter express some anxiety over these thoughts while they've been home during this summer. Your student is not unique! As students enter their senior year, they begin to realize that within eight months they will be leaving the secure Bryant environment and beginning their careers or post-graduate education.

Success in securing a position upon graduation will depend upon how well prepared your student is and whether he/she is an active participant in the senior year job search process.

We recommend that your student:

✦ Be focused and directed
✦ Take initiative in managing his/her job search
✦ Take advantage of all resources offered by the Amica Center for Career Education
✦ Engage in networking – use connection of parents, alumni, family and friends

Please know that my staff and I are committed to helping Bryant seniors achieve success. We are here to help, but every graduating senior must make the commitment to work hard and take advantage of the resources that the Amica Center for Career Education has to offer. Highlights of upcoming programs, workshops and events that we are providing for seniors are listed in this Parents’ Newsletter. Also, the calendar of events is regularly updated in the events section of our website at http://career.bryant.edu. Please take the time to read this newsletter and have a discussion with your student regarding his/her plan for participating in the senior year job search or graduate school application process.

You may contact me at 401-232-6090 or jclare@bryant.edu should you have any questions. My staff and I look forward to getting to know your son or daughter in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Judy
Judith Clare, Director

Recruiting Program

The Amica Center for Career Education is very proud of the excellent reputation our Recruiting Program maintains for offering our students opportunities to interview with employers during their senior year.

Last year 454 organizations participated in this program, representing 565 employment opportunities. All full-time seniors, upon registering with our office by attending a mandatory Senior Orientation Workshop, are invited to participate in the Recruiting Program.

Orientations are conveniently scheduled at a variety of times throughout the month of September. Please encourage your student to attend!

Lauren Giardino, Manager of Recruiting, markets Bryant seniors to employers and oversees this program’s daily operations.
RECRUITING KICK-OFF EVENTS!

....BE PREPARED!

Resumania... Resume Critique from an Employer
Wednesday, September 11
12:30 to 3:00pm, Amica Center

Students can meet with a recruiter to get professional feedback on their resumes. Reviews are available on a first-come, first-served basis; sign-in on arrival.

Practice Interview Day with Employers
Friday, September 27
9:30 to 3:30—sign-up on BCC required

Practice interview skills with an employer...Get feedback on strengths and areas to improve!

Sign-up and details will be listed on BCC (Bryant Career Connection), in promotions to students, and on our website. Advance sign-up and resume submission through BCC is required.

Professional Dining Etiquette Dinner
Thursday, October 24
4:30PM – 6:00PM | Heritage Dining Room

Students will learn how to handle the formal or business casual meal and avoid etiquette blunders that may impact their candidacy. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from a professional speaker.

Seating is limited. Students must register in the Amica Center.

Fee: $10 for the 4-course Meal AND Speaker

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The following workshops & orientations will be offered on multiple dates

Orientations to Recruiting — mandatory One Hour Session for participation in the recruiting Program and applying to jobs posted on BCC. Multiple workshops offered September 5-19.

LinkedIn Lab — Bring your laptop and learn first-hand how to create a winning profile, make connections and maximize searches for jobs...sign on BCC

Considering Graduate School — Plan ahead & learn what you need to do to get ready for grad school.

Finding Opportunities in the Federal Government — Learn strategies and resources for finding & applying for jobs with the Federal Government.
TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH ALUMNI FOR CAREER ADVICE!

Student/Alumni Shadowing Program: A day on the job during winter break. 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 held 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 New York areas. Students will learn about a variety of career fields and get real world advice about how to break into their industries. These networking events will be valuable for any senior interested in working in the Boston or New York area.

Special Events & Programs

► GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR: Learn about career options for all majors. Competitive salaries! Meet recruiters from government agencies and find out how to manage the application process. Sponsored by Bryant & other RI Colleges. Location: R.I. College on November 7.

► FALL CAREER & GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR September 24, see details on page 1

► STUDENT/ALUMNI NETWORKING NIGHTS IN NYC AND BOSTON Dates and Locations TBA: January, 2014

► WALK DOWN WALL STREET Finance Students travel to NYC by bus to hear from successful alums in the field of finance. October 16 (tentative)

► NYC FASHION & BUSINESS TOUR Meet key players in the fashion industry and learn about the different aspects of this exciting industry. January, 7-9, 2014

► INDEED.COM VISIT All students welcome. Covers how to use Indeed.com and careers at Indeed.com October 9

WORKSHOPS FOR SENIORS

► HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAREER & GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR September 19-23

► FINDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT October 22 and November 6

► INTERVIEWING SKILLS September 5, 11, 16 & 26

► FINDING JOBS IN THE USA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Date: TBA

Have Contacts?

Help us to connect Bryant students with opportunities!

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

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

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 videos.

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 an academic internship prior to graduation.

Seniors who have attended an Orientation to Academic Internships last year are currently applying for fall internships through the Bryant Career Connection (BCC), our electronic e-recruiting program. The deadline to apply to BCC is September 13. Non-credit internships are also available.

Deadlines to apply for a spring 2014 internship range from October 10 - January 25, 2014 based on academic area of study and industry interest.

Academic Internship Orientation dates:
- September 11
- September 17
- September 19
- September 20
- September 26

Please contact Barbara Gregory, Associate Director/Academic Internship Manager if you have any questions about the program. She can be reached at 401-232-6355 or bgrego-ry@bryant.edu.

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**Checklist for Parents of Seniors**

- Encourage your student to participate in the Recruiting Program and attend company information sessions. To be eligible, students **must attend a mandatory orientation session**, held in early September.
- Stress the value of attending the Career & Graduate School Fair on Sept. 24.
- Remind your student to participate in all that the Amica Career Center offers — workshops, career panels, career nights, etc.
- Have a discussion with your son/daughter and ask about his/her career plans.
- Check out web resources and workshops to obtain information on applying to Grad/Law School.
- Encourage your student to do a mock interview with a career counselor or during Employer Practice Interview Day on September 27.
- Make an investment in essential clothing needed for a successful job search (business suit, shoes, etc.). Help to select professional and conservative attire.
- Don’t nag or put pressure to “get a job” by graduation — remember positions in some industries are more difficult to get than others and will, thus, take longer.
- Provide introductions and networking opportunities to professionals within your student’s field of interest.
- Be a partner in your student’s job search - - this doesn’t mean finding the job for them; but it does mean showing an interest and being supportive throughout the process.

**And, finally, remember to separate your dreams from your child’s dreams!**