

Experiential Education Center (EEC) Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Welcome back, Bayhawks! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer and that your fall semester is off to a good start. At the EEC, our mission is to create opportunities that enhance student learning through collaboration and the integration of classroom theory with real-world, practical experiences. By engaging with EEC's Civic Engagement and Internship Programs students will:

- Gain valuable experience in their field of interest
- Develop awareness of community challenges and resources
- Enhance communication and interpersonal skills to work effectively with others
- Create connections to expand personal/professional networks
- Develop practice of critical thinking/reflection for life-long learning

Each month throughout the fall semester, an EEC newsletter will be released to keep you informed and up to date on EEC events, spotlight Bristol students, faculty and organizations that have engaged in the EEC's Civic Engagement and Internship Programs. Each edition will also include information on Bristol's College Central Network platform, which provides students and alumni with access to volunteer, service-learning, internship, and job opportunities.

EEC Staff Spotlight



*Maria Friedman, MSW
Internship Program
Coordinator*

Maria joined Bristol this November 2021 as the new coordinator for internships at EEC. Maria has a Bachelor's of Individualized Studies in Cultural Studies, Leadership, and Psychology with a Minor in Spanish from University of Minnesota and a Masters of Social Work from Rhode Island College. Maria has worked in a variety of settings, including in higher education, domestic violence, community organizing, youth development, and in the field of non-profit leadership. Maria found out she has a passion for helping college students build career skills in real-world settings after recruiting, training, and supervising student interns at the RI Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in her previous role, and is excited to continue this work at BCC!

Student Spotlight



*Sumedha Welgamage,
Computer Programming and
Web Development*

Semester: Spring 2021

Service-learning sites: Bristol Bird Club & CONNECT

Service-learning classes: PSY 295 & CIS 272

Alumni Sumedha participated in a Bristol class with a service-learning component during the Spring '21 semester. Here's what he had to say about his experience and the impact it had on his professional development: "Participating in a service-learning class gave me the ability to make connections in the community and experiment with what I was learning in the class and apply it to a hands-on project." To watch him discuss what he did for his service-learning projects, watch this video: <http://tiny.cc/nxbluz>



*Dakota Chixarro,
Criminal Justice*

Semester: Spring 2021

Internship site: New Bedford Police Department

Alumni Dakota participated in a Bristol internship during the Spring '21 semester. Here's what he had to say about his experience and the impact it had on his professional development: "I had an amazing experience in this internship, from meeting with victims, processing emergency restraining orders, and even scrambling to finish paperwork on time on busy nights. In this position, I learned a lot about myself as a worker, and further strengthened my skills in time management, decision making, and communication." To see the work he did as an intern and to read about other student's experiences, visit <http://tiny.cc/tulluz>

EEC Happenings



We're going Live!

December date for next event coming soon

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This December EEC will be hosting another Facebook Live, which will feature information regarding an Unpaid Internship Scholarship opportunity. This will be available to Bristol students hired in an unpaid internship experience during the Summer 2022 semester. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage experiential learning opportunities that help students prepare for their careers while reducing financial challenges of participating in an unpaid internship. Selected students will be reimbursed for the total cost of their 3-credit summer internship course. Application opens, Tuesday, February 1st, 2022. Follow us on Facebook at @eecbristol for more information.

VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PREP WORKSHOPS

Students interested in participating in the internship program must attend one of the following workshops. To register, please follow the steps below.

1. Go to collegecentral.com/bristolcc.edu
2. Click the green student icon, then select "Activate" below log-in area (if you've already activated your account, just log-in)
3. Once logged in, click "Events & Programs" from left menu
4. Select the month or calendar tab to sign-up for an available workshop date that you'd like to attend

Below are the available dates and times:

Date	Time
Tuesday, November 23 rd	5pm-6pm
Wednesday, November 24 th	12pm-1pm
Monday, November 29 th	5pm-6pm
Thursday, December 2 nd	11am-12pm
Monday, December 6 th	12pm-1pm
Wednesday, December 8 th	6pm-7pm
Tuesday, December 14 th	4pm-5pm
Thursday, December 16 th	12pm-1pm

Questions? Contact us:

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Looking for a Spring 2022 internship? Check out these upcoming December workshop dates in November. Preparedness is key when seeking and obtaining an internship.

Within a 1-hour Internship Prep Workshop, students will work with EEC staff to:

- Review policies and procedures of the Internship Program
- Learn what to expect at the internship site
- Begin the process of developing a resume & identify internship sites of interest

To enroll in the Internship Program students must attend one workshop.

College Central Network (CCN)



CCN is a platform to search for volunteer, service-learning, internship and job opportunities posted specifically for Bristol Community College Students and Alumni. Use built-in tools and tips to create an eye-catching resume and career portfolio. View upcoming EEC and Career Services events and programs, access a multimedia career resource library and more!

*All Bristol students and faculty have a pre-registered account, to activate your account go to collegecentral.com/bristolcc

Check out the following resources from CCN's Multimedia Library:

- Video: [Interviewing Basics: Smart Strategies for Smart Students](#)
- Video: [Tips for Job Hunting](#)
- Podcast: [Keywords: Key to Better Résumés](#)

Find more resources like this in your CCN account by accessing the "Career Document Library" on your dashboard.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CCN

For additional details on the jobs below, visit CCN at www.collegecentral.com/bristolcc

- Bank Five-6598017-Internship-Fall River, MA
- MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board-6599022-Program and Events Assistant/Intern-New Bedford, MA
- JAG Painting Contractors Inc.-6596152-Business/Office Manager-Fall River, MA
- Bristol Veteran's Center-6560124-Event Planner-Fall River, MA
- Bristol Veteran's Center-6560126-Liaison Officer-Fall River, MA

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