

## Building a Career with Experience Internship Newsletter

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#### Career Services

Campus Center  
Room 008  
(508) 531-1328  
Internship Office  
Room 009A

#### WHERE TO START

- If you are seeking academic credit, meet with the faculty internship supervisor in your department.
- Research internship leads through your department, the internship database and other resources in Career Services.
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor, (508) 531-1328.
- Prepare a cover letter and resume; have it critiqued at Career Services

**Work 'N' Serve Expo**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**Campus Center Ballroom**



On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Bridgewater State College will host its Annual Work 'N' Serve Expo. The Expo will include over forty employers providing information on full-time, professional, entry-level positions for graduating seniors, internships for juniors and seniors, and community service volunteers for all year students. Over 200 students are expected to attend this year's event, learning firsthand from employers the importance of networking and making a positive, first impression.

Immediately following the Work 'N' Serve Expo Career Services, the Community Service Center and the Center for Sustainability will host an **Employer and Faculty Appreciation Reception**. All participating employers and Bridgewater State College faculty are invited to join Dr. Howard B. London, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Career Services staff for some light refreshments and conversation. This event will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Crimson & White Room, located on the second floor of the Rondileau Campus Center.

A sampling of some of the organizations planning to participate in this year's event include: 128 Alliance Financial | AFLAC | American Cancer Society | Beyond Benign | Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA | Boys & Girls Club of Brockton | Bright Horizons | Buckeye International, Inc. | Clarke, Snow & Riley, LLP | Commonwealth of MA | Community Care Services, Inc. | Department of Corrections | Department of Environmental Protection | Family Service Association's Big Friends Little Friends | Father Bill's & Mainspring | Horizons for Homeless Children | John Hancock | Kevin P. Martin & Associates, P.C. | Key Program, Inc. | Kirkland Albrecht & Fredrickson | Massachusetts Army National Guard | Massachusetts State Police | MEDITECH | Needel, Welch & Stone, P.C. | New Hope, Inc. | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Ocean State Job Lot | Peace Corps | Perkins School for the Blind | RetroFit Technologies | Seven Hills Foundation | Shaw's Supermarkets | South Shore Habitat for Humanity | South Shore Mental Health | The Children's Museum in Easton | The Traveler's Companies, Inc | Third District Court – New Bedford | Twin Leather Co., Inc. | U.S. Army and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



**Do Your Research** ♦ **Bring Resumes** ♦ **Professional Attire**

**By: Sasha Monahan '10**  
**Major: Criminal Justice**  
**Site: Brockton District Court Adult Probation Office**

During the summer of 2009 I was honored to be selected as an intern for the Brockton District Court in the Adult Probation Office. I was thrilled to be able to intern in this office, as becoming a Probation Officer is my current career goal upon graduation. Not only was this internship exciting because it was my first choice, but also it was in my life-long neighborhood. It provided me with an extremely valuable experience on which to build a career.



During my first few days at the courthouse, I had the pleasure of meeting staff in the Probation Office, as well as the Clerk Magistrate's Office and some of the judges for the various court sessions. I was shown the computer programs that are used by the Brockton Probation Office, as well as other probation offices throughout Massachusetts. I was shown probation files and taught how they are built and what they contain. I observed court sessions from the Attorney's area of the courtrooms, so I was able to not only hear the public functions of the court, which everyone in the courtroom can observe, but I was also able to view and hear the more private operations and discussions between Counsel, Probation and Judges.

Once I became acclimated to the court and its procedures, I was given additional responsibilities requiring me to perform some tasks independently. One of the tasks was conducting probation intake interviews. I initially conducted the interviews while being observed by a Probation Officer, but then was allowed to conduct the intakes alone. These intake interviews are given to everyone who is to be seen before a judge. This includes people who are scheduled and walk into court, people who appear at the court to remove warrants, and people who are in lockup and may have been arrested the day or weekend prior to appearing in court.

Other interns have had experiences that meant traveling across the country, as well as around the world. These experiences are fascinating but I feel that my internship was equally as exciting. My experience took place approximately 5 miles from my home and I learned so much and gained practical experience. I have built new relationships with people in my field who are available to mentor me as I enter my senior year. I hope to continue these relationships as I enter the workforce, perhaps WITH them! I think the internship program is a great opportunity for students to get a firsthand look at their field and/or major. I would recommend an internship to everyone!

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## Employer Profile

### Hill Holliday

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Boston, MA 02109  
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Contact person: Ms. Susan Gattozzi  
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Website: [www.hhcc.com](http://www.hhcc.com)



HILL HOLLIDAY

Hill Holliday's internship program is designed to offer interns a real-life learning experience by providing them with maximum exposure to the day-to-day business of a full service advertising agency. Students who wish to look into internship opportunities with Hill Holiday, Inc. should view BSC CareerLink accessible through [www.bridgew.edu/careerservices](http://www.bridgew.edu/careerservices). The application deadline for Spring 2010 is November 1, 2009.

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**By: Katie Sagarin '03**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Placement: House Committee on Education and the Workforce**  
**Fall 2001**

It's hard to believe that my semester as an intern in Washington, DC with The Washington Center was eight years ago. It was such a formative time for me; the semester helped give me the confidence, experience, and opportunity to become the passionate advocate I am today.

In the fall of 2001 I was fortunate enough to spend the semester interning for the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. There were lots of unique challenges and opportunities that fall in DC and in our country. Just twelve days after moving to Washington, the nation experienced its worst terrorist attack in history. I was in the Capital that morning, my apartment building was a mere three miles from the Pentagon, and I was just getting to know my fellow interns who had also traveled from far and wide to spend the semester in Washington. It was a scary, confusing time, yet I couldn't have felt safer. Capitol Hill and Pentagon police swarmed our neighborhoods. I bonded in ways I never could have imagined with my new friends, forced to form instant friendships out of proximity and necessity. I remember just a week after the attacks Senator Kerry took an hour out of his schedule to come speak to our group of interns. His message was that public service had never been more valuable and that the young people of this country had never been needed in our nation's capital more.

After September 11 many pieces of legislation not related to terrorism or the impending war were put on hold. One of the exceptions was No Child Left Behind, the landmark piece of education reform passed by a bi-partisan group of legislators designed to raise accountability and standards to help all kids succeed. I interned for the House committee that was writing the bill, and I joined their team right when the conference committee process with the Senate began. I was given the opportunity to sit in for hours on meetings with "The Big Four"- including the late, honorable Senator Ted Kennedy. I'll never forget the image of Senator Kennedy banging his hand on the table, red faced and agitated, yelling in his thick Boston accent that we needed to "stop this bipartisanship" and "do what's right for kids."

I arrived in Washington, DC in late August of 2001 with many of the same fears I'm sure most of the interns had. Could I live so far away from home? Would I make friends? Would I have a good internship placement? Would I like Washington?

I left Washington, DC knowing I couldn't wait to go back. The friends I made were invaluable and are still a big part of my life today. The experience I had on the committee left me with an unquenchable desire to do more. And the city, for someone who's a political junkie like me, couldn't have been more perfect. I went back to Washington in the fall of 2003 to pursue a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from the School of Political Management at George Washington University. Upon returning to Boston in the fall of 2006 I began a career as an Organizer with Stand for Children, an advocacy organization committed to using the power of grassroots action to improve educational opportunities for all children.

The Washington Center set many of these wheels in motion for me. It was the perfect out of the classroom introduction to the world of politics and policy I have grown to love. I'm a proud alumni, and forever grateful for the opportunity.



**Katie Sagarin '03**

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*For Internships and  
 Academic Seminars*

Application Deadlines:

Spring '10 = 11/ 01/09  
 Summer '10 = 2/26/10  
 Fall '10 = 05/12/10

The Washington Center has scholarship money available for Students with Disabilities.

Visit [www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu) for pertinent early deadlines, scholarships and application information.

Reminder: When completing the online TWC application you must present a hard copy and discuss credit allocation with Dr. G. Serra/Chair of Political Science prior to having your documents sent to the Washington Center.

**News & Events**  
**Be a Spring Intern**

**Use FOCUS:**

Undecided about choosing a major? Consider using FOCUS, an online career system that allows you to learn about which occupation best suits your interests. Contact Career Services for more details.

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Bring plenty of copies of your resume.

Interview attire strongly recommended.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Any Accounting major interested in a full-time Summer 2010 internship with PWC as an Assurance Core Intern and/or Tax Core Intern should apply at

[www.pwc.com/GetStarted](http://www.pwc.com/GetStarted).

**Use CareerSearch**

CareerSearch is a powerful online database offering users access to information about employers including contact names, addresses, phone numbers and company background information. Visit

[www.bridgew.edu/careerservices](http://www.bridgew.edu/careerservices)

today to access this great tool.

Shadow a professional for one day over Winter Break: Explore careers, network and learn about internships and jobs.



Job Shadows are available in:

- Corporate
- Non-profit
- Accounting and Finance
- Management
- IT
- Graphic Design
- Environmental Sciences
- Criminal Justice
- Social Work and Counseling
- Broadcasting
- Marketing and Public Relations

**Deadline for Applications:  
 Friday, November 13, 2009**

**To apply for the Job Shadow Program go to:  
[www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/  
 jobshadowprogram.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/jobshadowprogram.cfm)**

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

A special thanks to Sasha Monahan and Katie Sagarin for submitting articles about their internship experience. A special thanks to Hill Holliday for agreeing to be featured in our Employer Profile section.

We're looking forward to working with all new employers who recently listed their internship openings with us.

**BSC CAREERLINK**

View over 200 internship opportunities through Career Services BSC CareerLink on-line system. Search for internships by career field, as well as paid and non-paid opportunities.

[www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/careerlink.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/careerlink.cfm)

**NACE 2009-2010**

Employers expect to trim their college hiring by 7 percent, according to results of NACE's *Job Outlook 2010 Fall Preview* survey. Overall, employers hired an average of 115 new college graduates from the Class of 2009. They anticipate hiring 107 Class of 2010 grads on average.

National Association of Colleges & Employers