Career Services has moved! You will now find us in the Liberal Education and Effective Practice (L.E.E.P) Center at Dana Commons on the corner of Maywood St. & Florence St.

This geographic move is indicative of the changes that are happening around Clark as part of our University’s new L.E.E.P initiative. Other evidence of L.E.E.P.’s impact is the L.E.E.P. Pioneers: a group of students working on specialized projects that connect their academic interests to practical research, internships, and learning. As a key player in making the connection between academia and students’ work experience, Career Services is excited to see how L.E.E.P. will engage all facets of the university.

This year’s Community Engagement and Volunteering (CEV) Fair was a huge success. Three hundred students were in attendance eager to learn about internship and volunteer opportunities in the Worcester community.

Twenty-five organizations were present at the fair, representing a broad spectrum of job fields. These non-profits, government organizations, and community development agencies provided students with a wealth of information about available internships and volunteer opportunities in their organizations. As Clark is known for its strong commitment to the community, Career Services was happy to help facilitate this connection.

Sample of participating organizations:
Alternatives Inc.
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
International Center of Worcester
Jeremiah’s Inn
Mass Audubon Society
LGBTQ CAREER INFORMATION SESSION

After recently becoming an “LGBTQ Certified Career Center,” by Out for Work, Career Services hosted an LGBTQ career information session. Barbara Zerillo, one of Clark’s career counselors, led the session and talked about strategies and resources available for LGBTQ individuals heading into the workforce, including LGBTQ rights in different states, websites where one can search for LGBTQ-friendly jobs, and things to consider when writing a resume or cover letter. If you were not able to attend the information session you can call Career Services to make an appointment or e-mail Barbara Zerillo at BZerillo@clarku.edu. All of the Career Services staff are able and willing to meet with students who have LGBTQ specific questions.

CAREER SERVICES VISITS THE RESIDENCE HALLS

In September, Career Services Graduate Assistant Nina Eichner worked with Dana Hall Resident Advisor Tanya Jung to create a Career Services program for her residents in Dana residence hall. Nina created a program designed to introduce students to the basics of resume writing. The workshop addressed the things that should and should not be included on a resume as well as tips for layout and formatting. The group reviewed the Career Services resume packet and also edited a sample resume to search for mistakes. Several students visited the Career Services drop-in hours for individual resume critiques following the residence hall presentation. The Career Services Graduate Assistants plan to offer additional programs in residence halls this year to familiarize more students with the assistance available in Career Services.

LARC BOSTON JOB FAIR

On November 2, twenty Clark University students participated in the 2012 Liberal Arts Recruiting Connection Career Fair at the Boston Tremont Hotel. Over fifty organizations were present representing a broad spectrum of employers and business schools. Many students said that the fair was helpful for them and was a good chance to practice their networking skills. One student mentioned that she was able to set-up an interview with an employer as a result of meeting him at the fair. For any student considering attending a job fair, Barbara Zerillo recommends researching the companies ahead of time and being prepared to talk to the employers you are most interested in.
On November 12 and 13 Clark held its annual Alumni-in-Residence event. Alumni from all over the country returned to Clark to advise, inspire and perhaps learn from the current generation of Clarkies. Alumni participated in class discussions, sat on career-related panels and met informally with faculty and students. They also participated in a networking lunch for students. This event was highly informative both for alumni—who were interested in understanding how Clark had changed over the years—and for students—who were able to learn from and network with successful and passionate alumni. Clark students are encouraged to network with alumni throughout their Clark careers by joining the Clark Alumni Networking Group on LinkedIn.

Where is the Class of 2012 Now?

• AmeriCorps, Volunteer
• Sioux YMCA, Community Development Coordinator
• The Bridge of Central NH, Counselor
• University of Versailles, France, Teaching Assistant
• Nuance Communications, Language Specialist
• Applied Interactive, Director of Operations
• Cardinal Health, Laboratory Technician
• Friends National Committee on Legislation, Lobbyist
• Software Developer, Amazon

LAW SCHOOL PANEL

On September 19 Career Services hosted its annual law school panel in conjunction with the prelaw program.

Admissions deans from Boston University, Harvard University, the University of California at Davis and American University came to educate forty of Clark’s prospective law students. They covered a variety of topics including the law school application process, the LSAT, and the personal statement.

Facilitated by Mark Miller, the advisor for the prelaw program, this panel provided valuable insights to our students interested in applying to Law School, contact Professor Miller in the Political Science department.

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM — BRITTANY MURPHY

Brittany Murphy, an ambitious senior interested in pursuing a career in Clinical Psychology, is currently completing an academic internship at the Worcester State Hospital and Recovery Center. At the hospital, Brittany assists with group therapy sessions and informally counsels patients through individualized contact. By working at the hospital Brittany has been able to practically contextualize what she has learned in classes like Abnormal Psychology and Psychology of Personality. Brittany hopes that this hands-on experience will give her valuable insight into the world of Clinical Psychology.

Serious students interested in this field should contact Brittany for more information about interning at the hospital.

Fall 2012 Student Internships

Sample List of Organizations

• The Polus Center for Economic and Social Development
• Let’s Get Ready SAT Prep Program
• Worcester State Hospital
• Nuestro Huerto Community Farm
• Smith & Jones Idea Agency

ALUMNI-IN-RESIDENCE
Barth Intern Dan Deutsch — Jeans 4 Justice

This past summer Dan Deutsch, a senior at Clark, was one of eight students to receive a Barth internship award. Dan’s Barth funding allowed him to move to San Diego, CA for the summer and serve as an intern with Jeans 4 Justice, a non-profit organization that works to raise awareness about sexual violence through campaigns that mobilize young people. Dan spent the summer expanding and maintaining the organization’s social media presence through posting daily blogs and doing publicity via Facebook and Twitter. Dan found this opportunity to be life-changing and is continuing his project this school year back at Clark. Dan is organizing a fashion show, art gallery show, and Difficult Dialogue conversation at Clark for the month of April, in an effort to expand the conversation about sexual violence on the Clark campus. When asked why interning is important, Dan said that it is an extremely valuable way to make connections and get real world experience. To learn more about the Jeans 4 Justice movement go to Jeans4Justice.org

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. Quick question sessions are staffed by one of two fifth year graduate students. Nina Eichner is completing a Master’s of Public Administration and Lisa Johnson is completing a Master’s of Business Administration. Drop in to meet them and take advantage of this valuable resources.

Upcoming Events

How to Make the Most of Your Winter Break
December 11, 2012
6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Grace Conference Room

Clark’s Career & Summer Internship Fair
February 13, 2012
12:00 PM-3:00 PM
Tilton Hall

Planning for Graduate School Workshop
March 13, 2013
1:30-2:30 PM
Lurie Conference Room

COWC Career Fair
March 18, 2013
12:00 PM-3:30 PM
Beechwood Hotel