Students Compete for National Internships

The Career Services Center hosted its annual Fall Internship Forums in the East Dining Room. More than 125 students participated in the Fall program and were able to network with 23 community partners and organizations about potential internship opportunities.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera, whose constituency includes the Lehman community, shared insight into the importance of internships for Lehman students. He was accompanied by alumnus Miguel Rondon, a former intern in his office who now works full-time with the Senator.

Through partnerships the Career Services Center has forged over the years, Lehman students are now able to access opportunities on the national level. For example, Accounting major Kenyatte Marshall will intern with the FDIC’s Financial Management Scholar Program in Knoxville this summer.

"The interviewing workshops that I was required to attend from Career Services were very helpful," says Marshall. "They prepared me to answer all of the questions that were asked of me during a formal telephone interview."

The Career Services Center continues to make a strong effort to partner with competitive national internship programs such as the FDIC. The Center most recently was pleased to welcome the New York State Housing Finance Agency and the St. Barnabas Hospital Health System to its Spring Internship Forum on February 24.
The Urban Male Leadership Program (UMLP) hosted a Red Carpet Fall Finale event on December 5 for its current cohort, which includes incoming freshmen, new transfer students, and continuing active program participants.

The holiday-themed breakfast event in the Faculty Dining Room provided an overview of Fall semester achievements and a springboard to continued student enrichment and retention for the current semester. Some 150 invited guests attended.

Urban Male Leadership Program Director Michael A. Deas gave opening remarks followed by a welcome by José Magdaleno, Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs.

Students and their parents had an opportunity to preview the Spring calendar of events and receive specific information to help strengthen students’ UMLP Passport to Success.

Lehman alumnus Elias Alcantara ’08 gave the keynote address. He is Associate Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. Previously, he was a U.S. Fellow for the Organization of American States in Santiago, Chile for two years.

Special recognition was given to Dr. Mark Christian, Chair and Professor of the Department of African and African American Studies, for his exemplary leadership and commitment to the 2014 UMLP Freshman Seminar.

The UMLP also recognized students in the following areas.


—Circle of Support Mentorship Awardees: Bianca Ruiz, peer mentor, and Tanaza Bullock and Joshua Gomez, mentees.

—UMLP Service Awardees: Joseph Fordyce and Naraly Garcia, for Fall 2014 semester exemplary leadership.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance enrollment began on November 15 at the Lehman College Student Health Center. A health navigator was available through February 15 from 9:30 to 4 pm Monday to Thursday to assist students. ACA enrollment will continue to be available for students who are Medicaid eligible.
Lehman Athletics Return for Alumni Day at the APEX

Alumni Day is always a special event for the Department of Athletics at Lehman, and in 2015 it lived up to its billing. In addition to the annual Co-ed Alumni Basketball Game, the College honored the men’s varsity teams that won back-to-back CUNY Athletic Conference championships for the 1973-74 and 1974-75 seasons.

During halftime of the varsity men’s basketball team’s victory over Medgar Evers College, the assembled group of former players helped unveil a commemorative banner that will hang in the rafters of the APEX Main Gym.

“On the 40th anniversary of their accomplishment, we wanted to especially recognize these teams,” said Director of Athletics Dr. Martin L. Zwiren. “These guys have always been very supportive of Lehman College, and they are an important part of our history.”

During the halftime ceremony, Steve Rolston ’74 and Stan Brown ’76 made brief remarks about their time at Lehman. “Even 40 years later, we are still a family,” Brown said.

Under the direction of head coach Edwin Kramer, the Lehman Lancers won the 1974 championship with a 60-58 victory over Medgar Evers College, with Nick McNickle named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. In 1975, Lehman defeated City College, 54-51, as Stan Brown earned MVP honors.

Most of the players on those teams returned to the Bronx for the celebration, which began with a brunch in the morning. The team members include: Stan Brown, Andre Bullock, Jeff Bucholtz (Assistant Coach), Brendan Burke, John Conboy, Rich Cooper, Bob Fletcher (Athletic Trainer), Pete Gartlan, Ted Hurwitz (JV Coach), Greg Jones, Kenny Jones, Matt Kilcullen, Edwin Kramer (Head Coach), Kendell Lide, Nick McNickle, Ron Parker, Billy Pope, Bob Ramos, Ralph Rangel, Ray Rankis, Steve Rolston, Perry San, Simon Steckel, and Ed Sullivan.

Lehman Presenters at Metropolitan Counseling Conference

Dr. Norma Cofresi, Director of the Lehman College Counseling Center, and Dr. Lucinda Bratini, a new addition to the counseling staff, made a presentation at the annual Metropolitan Counseling Center Conference hosted by Pace University on January 14.

The event was well attended by metropolitan-area university administrators, counselors, social workers, psychiatrists and psychologists who are interested in learning how to more effectively serve Latina and Latino college students.

The Lehman counselors’ presentation focused on the complexity of the college experience for many Hispanic students. For example, going to college often includes negotiating family and collectivistic cultural values, managing prescribed gender-based caretaking roles, and overcoming racial and social class structural barriers.

Clinical cases were shared, as well as clinical considerations for counseling immigrant, first, and second-generation Latina and Latino students from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Conference participants were encouraged to discuss their own encounters with students in an effort to tease out the multiple and interrelated aspects of the topic.
Student Affairs Hosts Family & Friends Spirit Day

The Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs hosted the first-ever Family and Friends Spirit Day on December 6. The holiday-themed event was designed to enhance communication between the College and families and friends of students and alumni. It was a collaborative effort with support from offices and departments across the campus to promote understanding of the Lehman student experience.

Guests had an opportunity to meet Lehman administrators including President Ricardo R. Fernández, Vice President of Student Affairs José Magdaleno, and Dean of Student Affairs John Holloway.

The Career Center, Counseling Center, Instructional Support Services, Study Abroad and Lehman L.I.F.E. (Leaders Involved for Everyone) hosted informational workshops. Guests also created cards for U.S. troops, decorated holiday cookies, and enjoyed music played by the College Radio station. Younger guests had their faces painted by Jack Frost.

A Lehman L.I.F.E. “India 2015” table offered free henna tattoos and sold upcycled products from artisans in New Delhi and Mumbai to raise funds for the L.I.F.E.-planned service trip to India.

The Office of Alumni Relations cohosted the afternoon program featuring alumni keynote speakers Katherine Mateo and Edward Gonzalez, both of the Class of 2011. There were also performances by Sudden Chemistry, the Bollywood Team and Sigma Phi Rho fraternity.

The Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs will continue to plan events for Lehman’s family and friends community.

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