

## Experiential Education Center (EEC) Newsletter

*Stay informed on what's happening in the EEC*

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## What's New

We hope everyone is enjoying the spring semester! In this March edition, we spotlight a Bristol alumni and a representative from United Neighbors of Fall River who share their experiences with EEC's Service-Learning and Internship programs. Check out page 2 to read their stories and learn more about our programs.

Also included in this edition is the upcoming **Virtual Opportunity Fair, which will take place from April 5-8, 2021.** This event will provide Bristol students and alumni with the chance to virtually network with representatives from a variety of organizations offering job, internship, and volunteer opportunities. By attending this event, you will also have the chance to learn about career paths and receive career and professional development advice. See page 3 for event details; we hope to see you at the fair! To stay up to date on EEC happenings follow us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook at @eecbristol.

# EEC Spotlight:



*Andrew Lacouture, '19  
Business Admin.  
Bristol Alum*

Andrew joined our Facebook Live to discuss the impact that participating in Bristol's Service-Learning and Internship Program had on his career path. To see what he had to say, click [here](#).

A highlight from our chat with Andrew:

**Q: What skills did you gain from your Service-Learning project?**

A: "Communication and teamwork were definitely skills I improved on greatly due to my service project. We completed our project successfully by effectively communicating with classmates. We developed a strong plan of action that helped PHENOM increase awareness of their mission on campus. These are skills I still use today in the workplace and during school projects."

**Q: Did your internship influence your career path?**

A: "My internship gave me valuable clarification on the direction I wanted to go professionally. It made me realize that I didn't want to be a tax accountant, which was fine. Especially as a student, I didn't know what I wanted out of my professional career but the internship program really helped me focus and refine what I wanted out of my life. It continues to benefit me today as the valuable soft skills I learned in my internship are still with me."



*Wendy Garf-Lipp  
Executive Director at  
United Neighbors of  
Fall River*

Wendy hosted Bristol students in Service-Learning projects and Internship opportunities. To learn about the impact hands-on learning has on student and organization success, click [here](#).

A highlight from our chat with Wendy:

**Q: What are the benefits to a student who engages in Service-Learning class or an Internship before graduating Bristol?**

A: "When you intern or volunteer at a place, you have this networking ability to connect with all the different people that I'm connecting to inside and outside of the organization. I'm connecting with the movers and shakers in the community and you get to be part of that and make a name for yourself. So when you come back after your education is complete, people say "Oh yeah, I remember you" and all of a sudden you have a foot in the door that other people don't have. "

# EEC Happenings



Career Services and EEC are pleased to invite all students and alumni to Bristol’s Virtual Opportunity Fair, that will run from April 5th-8th 2021. Employers from a broad range of industries will provide information sessions via Zoom. Attendees will learn about organizations offering job, internship, volunteer opportunities, career paths, and more—all right from home! Students still exploring majors or career paths are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For event details and registration information, click [here](#). To watch the event video, click [here](#).

**SPRING 2021 VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PREP WORKSHOPS: MARCH SCHEDULE**

Date	Time
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	9am - 10am
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	5pm - 6pm
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	10am - 11am
Thursday, March 18, 2021	2:30 - 3:30pm
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	9am - 10am
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday, March 29, 2021	5pm - 6pm
Wednesday, March 30, 2021	10am - 11am

All Internship Prep Workshops will be held in **Zoom**.  
 To register for an upcoming workshop, visit <https://collegecentral.com/bristolcc/>  
 For questions, please contact EEC staff via email or phone [EEC@BristolCC.edu](mailto:EEC@BristolCC.edu) | 508.974.3418

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. Click [here](#) for more information on dates/times.

*\*April dates coming soon*



The Civic Engagement program values service to the community and seeks to find ways to recognize students, faculty, and staff for making a positive social change. The President’s Volunteer Service Award is a form of recognition given to members of the Bristol community that completed a minimum of 100 hours of community service during the one-year period of April 1st, 2020-2021. Students Clubs and Organizations can also be recognized as a group for completing a minimum of 200 hours of community service during the same calendar period.

**President’s Volunteer Service Award – applications due by Friday, April 2nd, 2021**

To apply and for more information, click [here](#).

# 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](http://collegecentral.com/bristolcc)

Check out resources from CCN's Multimedia Library:

- Article: [How to Make Job Fairs Work for You](#)
- Podcast: [Virtual Job Fairs: When In-Person is Out](#)
- Podcast: Job Fairs: [The Basics](#)
- Podcast: Job Fairs: [A Day at the Fair](#)

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

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## CCN MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY



Interested in accessing more of CCN's free resources ?

Check out their list of articles [here](#).

Check out their list of podcasts [here](#).

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