Coffee Mondays, 10/10/19 – 12/10/19

Weissman Graduate Studies and Career Services invited our students to drop in on Monday evenings before class for a cup of coffee, cookies, conversation, and to meet students from other Weissman graduate programs. On hand were Leslie Hunt, Director of Graduate Studies and Elyse Mendel, Director of WSAS Graduate Career Services to lend an ear. Coffee Mondays were well-attended and capped off on December 10th with cookie decorating activities!

Meet the Dean, 10/23/19

On October 23, Weissman graduate students joined Dean Aldemaro Romero and had a wonderful conversation about art, dolphins, and students’ experiences with their graduate program.

It was really nice to sit with Dean Romero and a small group of fellow graduate students from various programs. I appreciated the rare opportunity to hear from the Dean about his vast interests and the exciting initiatives he has planned for Baruch.

— Lorie Caval, MA, Arts Administration ‘20

Kip Therapy Information Session, 10/3/19

Kip Therapy presented to our Mental Health Counseling (MHC) graduate students their core philosophy and unique opportunities, intensive clinical experience and supervision with internships and practicums. They also spoke about clinical fellowships and mental health counseling (MHC-LP) programs—post graduation for New York State clinical licensure.

I found the information shared about how and when to apply for the practicum, internships and fellowships helpful. I also loved the fact that Kip offers free continuous training.

— Jhaneth Ojeda, MA, Mental Health Counseling, ‘21
Weissman Graduate Career Services sponsored Arts Administration graduate students to attend ArtTable NY’s Career Development Roundtable— the national leadership organization for professional women in the arts. Students had the opportunity to choose topics of interest and engage in conversations with leading professional women to learn about their diverse career paths, gain insights, network, and build future relationships with peers and mentors.

The Art Table career round table was a wonderful event. The facilitators at both of my tables were inspiring, informative, and spoke about real issues facing leaders in the arts. I plan to follow up with all of the facilitators and work my newly expanded network, especially as I look for internship opportunities in the coming semesters.

— Amy Williams, MA, Arts Administration, ’21

The office of Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement, the STARR Career Development Center and Weissman Graduate Career Services hosted a Corporate Communication Roundtable. Current graduate and undergraduate communication students were invited to meet with professionals in the field and have informal conversations. Four MA in Corporate Communication Alumni also participated as roundtable facilitators including Meeckel B. Beecher (’15), Director, Community Affairs Alitce USA; George R. Damalas (’17), Chief of Staff, New York State Senator Jose M. Serrano; Brandon R. Levesque (’18), Associate Vice President, M18 Public Relations; and Eric Lugo (’14), Director of Government and Community Relations, Baruch College.

I had the opportunity to talk to professionals who helped me understand the realities of their work, the structure of their companies and the critical role of communication in their organizations. It was great information that can be used when looking for an internship or a full time position, and a real learning experience attended by curious students, great facilitators and insightful alumnae.

— Imène Chikhi, MA, Corporate Communication, ’21

Metropolitan Museum Career Insights, 11/15/19

On November 15, graduate Arts Administration students attended the Met Museum Career Insights forum.

I was surprised to learn that there is room for internal growth available within the Met. I also had a chance to speak with current employees. It made a lasting impact on me and my perception of the working ecosystem there. Great event! Now it’s a time to apply.

— Anastasia Gudkdo, MA, Arts Administration ’19
Peter Sweeney, Senior Customer Success Manager, at LinkedIn, presented “Real Returns on Professional Branding”. Weissman Graduate Career Services hosted this event for all three Baruch graduate schools. Students asked great questions including “how do recruiters find you on LinkedIn?” “How do you know who you should connect with?” and “What should you include in your summary?”

Peter provided very useful and relevant information on how to enhance my personal brand via LinkedIn. He shared examples from his own experience to demonstrate the importance of networking, and tips on how to go about doing so. He also provided great advice on how to stand out as a top candidate from a recruiter and/or employer’s perspective. This, in turn, shed light on specific sections of my LinkedIn profile that I need to work on, as well as other activities I can do to increase my visibility to employers. Peter was truly of great help!

— Mehnaz Rahman, MS, I/O Psychology, ’21

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Thank you to Baruch College and Anu Upadhyay, MS, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, ’20 and the rest of the MS-IO Club for inviting me to speak at the 2019 Baruch MS-IO Career Panel Event. It was a pleasure to speak about my career among esteemed fellow panelists Traci Spero, Executive Director, Human Resources and Strategy, Cannon Solutions; Susan Rosengarten, AVP, Learning and Development Manager at MUFG; Nya Patel, Director, Talent Acquisition at Prudential Financial; and Geetika Saran, Managing Consultant, YSC Consulting, who are successful HR/OD professionals across various practice areas and industries! I am proud to support my graduate alma mater.

— Nabila Sheikh, MS, I/O Psychology, ’09, Senior Manager, Organizational Development and Talent Management, PepsiCo

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The United Nations One-on-One with the General Assembly’s 74th president, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, was an enlightening experience. As one of the 70 students invited by the NAFSA to participate in his Excellency’s address to the assembly, it was reinvigorating to see so many civil organizations advocating for a better place, and so many youth being active and concerned with our future.

— Maria Brandao-Sze, MS, I/O Psychology, ’21
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I/O Psychology 40th Anniversary, 10/10/19

On October 10, the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Industrial/Organizational Psychology programs. Over 100 people attended including founders of the program, the Dean, faculty, students and staff. It was a great celebration of the programs and the impact that Baruch has had on the profession. Kudos to Sandra Hartog, PhD, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, ‘91 and Nabila Sheikh, MS, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, ‘09 for their achievement awards!

New Initiative with MHC Graduate Students, Fall 2019

The WSAS Graduate Career Services Director kicked-off a new initiative with our incoming Mental Health Counseling students. Each student had a one-on-one appointment to review their resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, and interview skills in preparation for their Spring practicum. Students took great advantage, met with the Director and had many return visits!

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