Alumni Career Notes

career information for bucknell alumni

2 BIG NEWS ITEMS!

1. The Externship Program is successfully underway (over 225 sites have been confirmed). On Friday, all alumni and parents will be receiving a letter from Bucknell regarding the program very similar to the one that was sent to you a few weeks ago. There was no feasible way take your names out of such a huge database. We recognize that you are receiving multiple emails and we thank you for your patience. To those of you who were able to sponsor an externship candidate, THANK YOU! To those of you who were not able to, we appreciate your support, and to those of you who can support a candidate but haven't done so yet, there is still time!

2. Alumni Career Services is happy to introduce a new job search tool, powered by Experience.com called Beyond the BRIDGE.

Experience.com (formerly eProNet) is an exclusive network of alumni and employers offering job opportunities to graduates from the nation's top universities. Using Beyond the BRIDGE has some advantages over relying exclusively on the university’s portal to pass along job information.

Key Benefits:

- Access to thousands of jobs, from employers and alumni targeted to Bucknell
- Free alum to alum job postings (perfect for job seekers and hiring alum)
- Career resources from Hoovers, Salary.com and more
- Search agent emails
- Updates directly from Bucknell's Alumni Career Services

Whether you are an active or passive job seeker, Experience is the exclusive destination for professionals educated at the nation's top universities at any point in their careers.

Log In Information:

**Graduated between 2000 and 2006?**
Login using the information you received in an email on August 3, 2006 from Experience Inc.
[Log on Today!]

**Graduated before 2000?**
Use the "Create an Account" link located in the box to the left to create your Beyond the Bridge account. Your name and profile will go into a “holding tank” of sorts which is checked every weekday. Access to Beyond the Bridge will be granted after checking
Log on Today!

To Search for a Job Lead by Other Bucknellians:

Please contact acs@bucknell.edu if you have questions about your account.

Logging on to myBucknell is still the best way to find some alumni networking contacts, access career information, get access to assessments, etc. so continue to use it as part of your career resource kit!

We hope you find this information useful. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to other interested alumni. Requests to be part of the regular distribution list or personal assistance with any career questions or issues can be made at acs@bucknell.edu, (570) 577-1238, or through IM at bualumnicareer (Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-2pm and Wednesdays from 4-6pm). As always, should you need personal assistance with any career questions or issues, please feel free to contact us.

Note: To access the resources located in myBucknell, the university’s portal, use the username and password that all alums were given in January 2005. If you don’t remember or can’t find yours, don’t worry – just contact the Alumni Office (570) 577-ALUM (2586) or mybucknell@bucknell.edu for help.

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Career Tip:

Motto for 50+ Interviewing: Be Prepared

by John Rossheim

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If you're an older worker heading for an interview at a new company -- maybe for the first time in a decade or so -- it can feel like there's someone else in the room with you. Who is this doppelganger? It could be the hypothetical perfect candidate the interviewer believes he must find: A hard-working, eager to learn, street-savvy, not-set-in-his-ways type. Someone who is half your age. Many job seekers age 50 and older get discouraged by their situation, haunted by the ghost of their vanished, youthful working self. This discouragement, of course, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. The secret to avoiding self-
sabotage is to present yourself as an optimal combination of what you are and what the employer is looking for: An energetic, lifetime learner who knows his industry, keeps up with technology and can communicate effectively with colleagues of any age. Here's how to prepare. Read More

**Additional Resources:**
Senior Job Bank - [www.seniorjobbank.com/](http://www.seniorjobbank.com/)
Search for jobs open to those over 50
Links to information and resources for senior workers – both government and non-profit

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) - [www.aarp.org/](http://www.aarp.org/)
View information about career issues for older workers
AARP’s community service employment program
Job Resources links to Resources with a list of national job websites and descriptions of each

Quintessential Careers - [www.quintcareers.com/mature_jobseekers.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/mature_jobseekers.html)
Links to organizations and websites that specifically relate to working women
Many of them have career search resources and job banks

Canadian article that outlines some of the special challenges faced by workers who are older or out of the job search market for a long time.

**Resources Available on Career Services tab on myBucknell:**
- CareerNet – Networking database of Bucknell alumni and parents.
- Access to The Vault – referred to by Fortune as “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.”
- PDF pamphlets - research a variety of career topics
- Career Assessments – learn how to pair your skills, interest, and experience with career choice
- Career Search – same tool available to students to research employers is also available to alumni
- Bucknell Alumni Clubs – network informally!

**Job Leads from the Bucknell Community:**
The following are job leads that have been presented to alumni by members of the Bucknell community – alumni, parents and friends of Bucknell. To view entire description, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE. **NOTE:** For best search results, LEAVE OUT SPACES of company name in the “Keyword” section of your search criteria. (e.g. type “collegeconnections”)

[College Connections 1 - EXECUTIVE ASSOC, SPECIAL EVENTS &](http://example.com)
Job Leads from Outside Bucknell:

The following are job leads that have been presented to alumni by members outside the Bucknell community since the last issue of Notes. To view entire description, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE. NOTE: For best search results, LEAVE OUT SPACES of company name in the “Keyword” section of your search criteria. (e.g. type “americancapital”)

American Capital - Jr. Analyst
ARBOR E&T, LLC - Entry Level Workforce Analyst
Asia International - Account Directors (bilingual in eng/spanish)
Blair Corporation - Industrial Engineer
Boston Scientific - Industrial Engineer II
CORNING-PAINTED POST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT - Teacher - SPANISH (Grades 6-8)
DBTS, Incorporated - part time computer support provider
First Investors - Registered Representative
Go2Teach English - ESL Teachers
Guidester, Inc. - Content Development and Research Specialist
Helbling & Associates, Inc. - Project Engineer / Assistant Project Manager
Knowlede Source - Teachers
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION - Science Assistant, AD-1 (Multi-disciplinary)
Omega Engineering - Sr. Tax Analyst and Tax Analyst
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory - Risk and Decision Analyst/Scientist I/II
PennTerra Engineering, Inc. - Design Engineer
Pfizer, Inc. - Entry level Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
PPL Corporation - Entry-Level Engineer
PROS - Sr Software Developer
PROS - Quality Assurance Analyst
PROS - Software Developer
Schoor DePalma Engineers & Consultants - Geologist
Simumcad Design Automation - EDA APPLICATIONS ENGINEER
Spotsylvania County Schools - Teachers - various positions
The Hartford Financial Services Group - Small Commercial Sales Rep. Trainee
The Network Group - INTERN ARCHITECT
Alumni Career Resources Can Help You:

- Think through a career change and making career decisions
- Network effectively
- Search for a job
- Effectively use the Internet in job and career exploration
- Transition into a new career
- Assist you in improving and targeting your resumes and cover letters
- Identify your interests, values, goals, and preferences
- Plan for graduate or professional school

Programs/Events:

Bucknell Alumni Connect: Welcome to Boston! Tuesday August 23 The Place (Boston Financial District) [http://www.theplaceboston.com](http://www.theplaceboston.com/) 6 pm - 8 pm Contact: Peter Rovick BU'91 h: 781-237-8462 w: 617-760-2111 e: provick@hotmail.com or Peter.Rovick@Mercer.com

Teleseminar - Creating Effective Communication Tools - August 30th
Presenting yourself on paper isn't always easy, yet doing it effectively is essential to your success. During this session you will learn how to:

- design a catchy summary of qualifications to get the employer's attention
- create a dynamic resume and cover letter that represents who you are and what you have to offer
- craft a thank you letter that sets you apart

Contact us for more details acs@bucknell.edu