Featured Student: Haley Beavers

Year in School: Junior
Hometown: Wadsworth, Ohio
Track in the Program: Information Management

Why you chose BSHSA: I wanted to work in healthcare, but was unsure about pursuing a career in clinical care. I discovered BSHSA and thought it would be a good way to establish a career in healthcare.

Interesting Tidbit: I spent two months this summer working and traveling in Costa Rica. It was the most difficult thing I have ever done, but by far the most rewarding!

Message from Your Director

Greetings! For those of you continuing with BSHSA, welcome back! For those new to our programming welcome to the program! For those completely new to Xavier, a very hearty WELCOME! I am Dr. Rick Browne, your Director for the BSHSA program at Xavier. I am pleased to be working with you all as you pursue or consider your future career as a healthcare administrator.

For those of you who don’t yet know me, here is a little bit about me. In terms of healthcare, I’m a licensed psychologist and have worked in virtually every kind of setting you could think of – from college counseling centers to inpatient hospitals to correctional facilities. I have a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Indiana University. I teach HESA 101, HESA 120, HESA 370, and HESA 390. I teach the Ethics course to our graduate MHSA students as well. I also am in charge of this wonderful BSHSA program!

I am thrilled to be working with you all, and eager to get to know you. Please come by and introduce yourself if we haven’t yet met, my office is Schott Hall 405. If you have any questions about the program and would like to schedule an appointment with me, please contact Ms. Judy Janzen, BSHSA administrative assistant, at 513.745.3391.
Mentoring Program

HSA “Student Connections” Program

We will be kicking off the HSA Student Connections program in early October. This is a mentoring program where students in the Master of Health Services Administration Program will serve as mentors for students in BSHSA. This program is voluntary, but your Director highly encourages you to participate. Our MHSA students are a step ahead of where you all are and can help you navigate this step better than just about anyone else! Mentors can help you with professional development advice, information about graduate studies in HSA or other fields, and lots more. Application materials (very brief) are available in the attachments of this emailed newsletter.

How to Join:
Both mentors and mentees fill must fill out a brief “application” to enter the program, which is used for the purpose of matching pairs effectively. Applications are also available through the Director of the Undergraduate Program in HSA or the MHSA Community Services Chairs, and can be emailed directly to you (contact information below). Matches are made by the Connections Student Leaders of this program, with consultation from faculty. Once matches are completed, students are informed via email and provided with contact information for their mentor/mentee such that they can arrange an initial meeting.

Connections Program Leaders:
- Mike Cirino – cirinom@xavier.edu
- Zach Oglesby – oglesbyz@xavier.edu

The application is due back to the Connections Program Leaders, Mike or Zach by September 28, 2015.

ACADEMICS

Academic Advising Fall 2015

You will be assigned an academic advisor from Health Services Administration whom you will be required to meet with for academic advising per departmental policy. This will be the individual you will meet with each semester prior to the selection of your courses in order to keep you on track for graduation. Your advisor is of course available to meet with you more often, and we encourage you to get to know them well. They can help with many things outside of course selection. We will contact students through email when it is closer to Academic Advising time. To find your assigned advisor, look on the Xavier University HUB. Here are instructions to find your advisor’s name and to check account Holds:

1. Click the Self Service icon, go to the Student Tab.
2. You will be on the Main Menu. Click on Academic Records/Registration Information.
3. Click on View Student/Advisor Information
4. Also check for Holds on your account on Academic Records/Registration Information, then View Holds. These must be cleared by the posting department in order to register for your classes.
BSHSA GPA Requirement Policy

The purpose of having a BSHSA GPA requirement policy is to identify students who are unlikely to be successful in the Health Services Administration major. It has been structured to identify such students early in their curriculum when possible (i.e. after introductory courses), such that they avoid completing a large number of HESA courses and have a better chance to remain on track to graduate from Xavier on their intended time schedule.

Policies of this nature are common among undergraduate programs in Health Services Administration, and are often seen in programs certified by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). In order to remain in good standing with and graduate as an undergraduate major from the Department of Health Services Administration, student must meet the criteria. A copy of the policy has been sent as a PDF attachment in this newsletter edition for BSHSA students to review the document and know the expected requirements for this program.

We encourage all students having academic difficulty to meet with their course instructor and academic advisor. Be proactive early on to prevent significant issues should you have difficulty with your academics.

Internship and Volunteer Surveys

By this time BSHSA sophomore and junior students should have received two surveys in their email. These are two distinctly different surveys. The first survey that was recently sent to your Xavier email concerns internships. A second survey request was sent out about a week later for volunteer position information. Timing includes Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015...it does NOT include this past summer (Summer 2015). Be sure to respond to both of these surveys which not only support the BSHSA program directly but students who may follow in your footsteps.

EVENTS

HSA Club

Xavier’s Health Services Club is an outstanding organization that all BSHSA students should join. This organization hosts speakers and networking events, takes trips to healthcare organizations, participates and organizes charity events, and much more. It is open to all undergraduates, but focuses on careers in health administration.

Upcoming Health Services Club events will include:

- **Cincinnati Children’s Heart Institute 4th Annual Hearts and Health Race**: Saturday, October 17 at 8:30 – 11:45 a.m. at Otto Armleder Park.
“Squashing out Cancer” fundraising event for October 30th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Green Space area by Husman Hall. The event is benefitting the John Paul II Research Foundation for Cancer Research. It will be an Olympic Day of events with food and fun! Representatives from Coldstone, Skyline and Marco's Pizza are being planned. Also, Cincinnati Children's Oncology, The Christ Hospital Breast Cancer Oncology Unit and UC Health Oncology being present as well to increase awareness. HSC is working with the MHSA HASPS group to coordinate participation in the event, and to work together on t-shirt sales too.

The Annual Student Internship Panel on October 14th at 8:45 p.m. in Smith Hall G27.

- Join the HSA Club if you are interested in the world of healthcare to understand more about internships in the health setting today. Students that have worked in hospitals, long term care facilities, and healthcare organizations all over the country are coming together for the evening to share their experiences and opportunities of their enriching work in the past year. Keep in mind, it does not matter what your major is!
- This is an amazing opportunity to speak with students about directions that you may wish to go in the healthcare field. Also, you may just want to get a better understanding of what kind of jobs and internships are actually out there today! Sign up on OrgSync.

You can log on to https://orgsync.com/login/xavier-university for more information and to sign up if interested in any of the events listed. Regular HSA Club meetings are currently held on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Smith Hall G27.

Save the Date: Professional Networking & Etiquette Dinner

- Monday, November 2, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Hosted by the Career Development Office, 519 Conaton Learning Commons, Phone: (513) 745-3141
- Tickets will be available beginning October 5, 2015
- Advanced ticket purchase required ($30/person)

More formal information and flyers will be distributed soon.