Featured Student: Drew A. Kaplan

Year in School: First Year, BHSA class of ’18  
Hometown: Elyria, Ohio  
Track in the Program: Concentration in Information Management

Why you chose BSHSA:
I chose BSHSA for several reasons. Hospitals & health systems have always been of interest ever since I was young. After shadowing a close family friend and getting the inside look at the life of a VP administrator, I enjoyed the atmosphere and structure that healthcare provides. My second interest is business; coming from a very business-oriented family, I feel like I’ve grown to appreciate business as I’ve had more exposure to it. Later on, I realized that I wasn’t interested in being on the clinical/doctor side of hospitals and that Health Services Administration was my calling, which was what I really wanted to study at Xavier.

Interesting Tidbit:
I am the freshman class officer for Xavier’s Health Services Club and starting in January this year, I will be volunteering at Mercy Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati in the human resources and infectious control unit. My other involvement at Xavier is for the Student Activities Council on the Life & Culture committee. I am also involved in outdoor club that had taken an overnight trip to the Smokey Mountains.

Faculty Award

Dr. Rick Browne, assistant professor, health services administration and director, undergraduate BSHSA program, was recently notified that he was selected as the inaugural recipient of the “CINCO Innovative Educator Award”. This new faculty award was established by the CINCO Credit Union and was presented during halftime at the December 6, 2014 XU Men’s Basketball game vs. Alabama at 8:00 PM at the CINTAS Center. The award is themed on this quote by Albert Einstein: “It is the superior art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.” Our Health Services Administration students, faculty and staff congratulate him for being selected as the faculty recipient from several hundred faculty members in the university.
Spring Classes

If you are not registered for all of your classes for spring, contact Ms. Janzen at Janzen@xavier.edu immediately. She will ask your academic advisor to review your course load and respond back to you with recommendations.

Deadline for May 2015 Graduation

The Registrar has set the deadline of Friday, January 23rd, for all students to submit the Degree/Walker Application for May 2015 graduation. There is a mandatory graduation fee for all students which will be applied to the bursar bill late February. Applications submitted after January 23rd will be charged an additional $50 late fee so apply soon.

You can apply for May graduation through the Self Service menu of the Xavier Student Hub: www.xavier.edu/students. After choosing Self Service, click on Student Services, and then click Student Records. The Graduation Application will be at the bottom of the menu. After submitting the application, you will receive a confirmation at the email address provided on your application.

For more information: http://www.xavier.edu/registrar/students/Graduation-Information1.cfm

Internships and Volunteer Opportunities

Summer internships and volunteer opportunities will be coming up quickly. Begin putting some thought into what you would like to do and where you would like to intern or volunteer. It may seem early to begin the process now, but a little bit of research now can make a huge difference later when you are close to exams and projects. You may begin to start planning and researching your options by exploring the organizations’ websites, doing informational interviews at the organizations and keeping good notes to refer back to help you make your decision on where you would like to do your internship or volunteering.

As a reminder to those students who will be undertaking HESA 371 Internships: Be actively collaborating with Dr. Browne and Dr. Alexander as your internship advisors. You are welcome to access any HSA faculty for assistance without worry – they are not territorial! They will all pool resources to assist you.

Christ Hospital Opportunity

Title: Information Desk Volunteer
Summary: Volunteers would staff the information desks in the new Joint and Spine Center that opens in 2015. Staffing the information desks gives an overview of hospital activity. The desks act as the hubs of the buildings assisting and directing visitors, staff, and patients throughout the campus. It is an ideal setting for students as they can study during any downtime. Please see attached flyer which is the application which details overall expectations and requirements for the position.
Contact: If you have any further questions you can contact the Manager of Volunteer Services at The Christ Hospital, Ann Blocksom, at Ann.Blocksom@thechristhospital.com or 513-585-2245.

TriHealth/Good Samaritan Hospital Opportunities

Summary: TriHealth is interested in BSHSA volunteers to work at a number of positions. For those of you who are interested, refer to the attachments for more information, the applications and position descriptions. The mailing address is listed on the application for submission.