Meet Your Fellow Students:  

**Featured Student:** Sara Sweeney

**Year in School:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Clifton Park, NY  
**Track in the Program:** Long-Term Care (Probably!)

*Why Sara chose BSHSA:* She knew she would enjoy a career in the business field, but she also knew she wanted to help others while doing so.

*Interesting Tidbit:* She is a twin! Sara has a twin brother.

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GET INVOLVED

**Events:**

**Health Services Club Event:**
Health Services Club will be making “comfort quilts” and donating them to the Ronald McDonald House. A health related movie will be shown while making the blankets, along with ice cream, toppings & goodies! Details are:
- Wednesday, February 20th at 7pm  
- Hailstones 2

**Healthcare In Practice (HIP) Event:**
“Hopefulness Ahead: Interdisciplinary Redesign of US Healthcare”
Presentation by Mr. Charles Barnett, MHHA ’78, President, Healthcare Operations and COO, Ascension Health System, St. Louis, MO, Chair, Seton Healthcare Family Board of Trustees, Austin, TX. Details are:
- Tuesday, April 9, 11:30-12:45pm  
- Kelly Auditorium, Alter Hall
This is a great event to get on your calendar now.

**Speaker Lunch Event:**
Presentation by Dr. Bill Cron, a Xavier BSBA Alum and Associate Dean of the Neeley School of Business at TCU, will be coming to campus to speak specifically to HSA students. Event details are:
- Tuesday, April 16 from 11:30-12:30pm  
- Joseph Hall, Room 206  
- Pizza lunch will be served
Another great event to get on your calendar now!
Volunteer/Internship/Getting Involved:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):
The following internships are available and open to undergraduate students:
- Student Trainee (Information Technology) https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337092900
- Student Trainee (Health Insurance) https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337079400
- Student Trainee (Administrative) https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337096300
- Student Trainee (Administrative) https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337099600

Every Child Succeeds (Cincinnati Children’s Hospital):
Thanks to all of you who signed up, we have 7 students who will be volunteering!

Summer Internships:
Please let Dr. Browne know about your summer plans (if you are planning to have one, if you are planning to take classes, etc.). This will help in knowing what types of help students need for their summers! Just email at brownef@xavier.edu.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Volunteering in Healthcare
You are interested in a career in health administration, but how do you start getting experience outside of the classroom? Formal internships are tricky to get if you are a freshman or even sophomore, but experience will matter for your job search. What do you do?

Consider volunteering. This is a great way to get in the door at a healthcare organization, and will allow you to build a network. If you do a good job, word tends to get around, and you may find yourself with an internship you weren’t even looking for. It has already happened to some BSHSA students, and is common with MHSA.

What should you look for?
- Anything that gets you in the door where you would like to work or intern eventually. Even if it seems a far cry from administration, volunteering gives you the chance to meet people and demonstrate your potential value to the organization.
- Patient experience. This is valued in healthcare, as administrators who don’t know what it is like to work with patients and families have low credibility with healthcare providers.
- Areas that are “gateways”. Things like records and registration are hubs of healthcare organizations that touch most other parts of the organization. They are great places to make contacts and network.
- Something you care about. You’ll work harder and make a better impression if it matters to you.

Remember, you don’t have to work lots of hours per week often when you volunteer. Even 3-4 hours will give you great experience. Healthcare is about helping others, so volunteering is valued in our industry.

Looking for possible experiences? Visit any hospital website and you’ll find a volunteer department. Need ideas? Talk to Dr. Browne, Professor Kent, or any Xavier HSA Faculty Member. We’re here to help.