



“Our mission is to guide, support, and retain our students so that they may successfully graduate from Bloomfield College.”

Jessica Demianicz (‘18): STAR On Campus and Abroad

STAR participants are busy! This summer, the program had numerous students in internships and fruitful employment. One student in particular, Jessica Demianicz (‘18), a Biology major (on left below and to the right), has been afforded opportunities both on campus and abroad. In her own words, Jessica gives us an idea of her personal and professional accomplishments:



In January 2016, I had an amazing opportunity to work with one of the Bloomfield College professors, Dr. James Murphy, Chair of the Science department. He also allowed me to work with him during the summer and to shadow the new assistants in the lab. My job was to train the new assistants and to work in the lab doing research. We did an experiment where we tested pea roots for the methionine synthase. We made gels, performing SDS-pages, Zoon cassettes, and developing the photos.

In the summer, I had an amazing opportunity to go to Ukraine not only for the first time but also to attend camp. My entire life I went to Ukrainian school to learn this beautiful language, culture, and history. Just being able to see everything in person,



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words can’t describe how beautiful and how far our country has gone to be where it is today. First I attended a camp counselor training at Vykhovno-Vyshkilniy tabir. The camp counselor training mostly focused on constructing educational topics and activities. After Vyshkilniy camp I began as a camp counselor at Vykhovno-Vidpochynkovyj

tabir, an arts and crafts camp located in the Chervonograd Lviv region. This camp had four separate camp names designed for different age groups - Sumenyata, under 6 ("Kotyhoroshky"); Junior Youth ages 6 - 9 years ("ants"); Intermediate Group ages 10-14 years ("Vyshyvany color") and Older Youth, ages 14 to 18 years ("UAMade"). Each camp had a different theme and as a camp counselor for girls from 10-12 year olds, I had to help and design lesson plans, sports, and arts and crafts. But with the amazing help from my junior camp counselors, everyone had a great time and the children

learned something new each day.

With all the amazing new friends I have in Ukraine, I look forward to visiting Ukraine again, going to camp, and seeing my new friends.



From Generation to Generation: Alumni STARS at Bloomfield College

In the previous newsletter, we highlighted Amanda Kibler ('12), a STAR alumna who taught WRT105 at the College. In this issue, we spotlight Gabrielle Louis ('13), a former STAR student who now helps all the students here at the College in another department.



Soon after graduation, Gabby became the Secretary of the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement (CSLE). Last year she was promoted to Coordinator of Service Learning and First Year Student Activities. In this position, she provides volunteer opportunities for the students as well as creates partnerships with local volunteer sites; maintains the Community Service Records, rules, and policies; creates activities for our first year students; and manages all aspects of the CSLE Work-Study staff: interviewing, hiring, scheduling, and meetings.

Gabby continues her career development while working and her career aspirations are to become a Midwifery Nurse, one that specializes in holistic integrative medicine.

Staff of the SSS-STAR Program are immensely proud of Gabby's success and look forward to her future accomplishments. Current participants can always stop by CSLE (located in Talbott Hall), say hello to Gabby, and maybe even find a mentor! One generation of STAR is always ready to help another.

Internship Corner

Are you interested in getting an internship? Interning at the College or outside company affords you experience in the business and academic world, real experience you can add to your resume. You might even get paid. Here are just some of the internships and opportunities available to SSS-STAR participants:

- Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) exposes students to a range of health professions to help aspiring health professionals and those interested in an advanced health degree. HOW TO APPLY—<http://www.shpep.org/>
- Northeast Regional Alliance MedPrep Scholars Health Careers Opportunity Program helps freshmen/sophomores interested in the medical profession a free six week summer enrichment program and continued support each summer until application to medical school. HOW TO APPLY—www.neramedprep.org
- University of Kansas Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Chemistry offers hands-on research experience. HOW TO APPLY—<http://chemreu.ku.edu/>
- Barnard College Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship works with Sociology sophomores/juniors on a research opportunity. HOW TO APPLY—<http://barnard.edu/mmuf/at-barnard>
- University of California, Berkeley The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) offers students an opportunity to conduct research under the direction and guidance of a UC Berkeley faculty member. HOW TO APPLY—<http://diversity.berkeley.edu>
- MIT Summer Research Internships allow juniors/seniors to work alongside MIT faculty to learn about a wide range of research in materials science. HOW TO APPLY—MPC-WWW.MIT.EDU
- The Syracuse University Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Research Program is a paid summer research opportunity in which students have the opportunity to conduct and present research over a ten-week period under the direction of a faculty research mentor at Syracuse University. HOW TO APPLY—See assigned SSS-STAR Coach for details
- The City of Newark's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides Newark residents with summer employment at BC with various departments this summer. HOW TO APPLY—<https://application.newarkwep.org/>
- University of Maryland Sociology Department offers research opportunities. HOW TO APPLY—<http://socy.umd.edu/research/centers-and-research-groups>
- University of Michigan The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) offers ten-week internships for sophomore/junior sociology students. HOW TO APPLY—<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ICPSR/internship/>

For more internships and information, contact the SSS-STAR Office

MSW Interns Join the STAR Constellation

This year, the SSS-STAR Program has begun offering internships to graduate students pursuing their Masters in Social Work. We are lucky enough to have two bright interns with us this year, and we highlight their biographies, interests, and education below.

Patrick Vera is one of the SSS-STAR Program's MSW Interns this academic year. Currently he is a graduate student at Rutgers-Newark in his last semester of the Masters in Social Work program. Before that, he graduated from Montclair State University with BA in Psychology. Patrick also works weekends as a Social Services Counselor for individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Patrick says he has always been interested in the field of helping people, but it was not until he started his first internship at a high school that he realized he wanted to make a career out of working with adolescents and young adults. Patrick's story shows STAR participants the importance of college internships!

When asked about his time here, Patrick said, "What I like best about the TRiO SSS-STAR program is the relationships I have built during my time here with both the staff and students. As a student myself, I know just how stressful and never-ending the workload and different responsibilities can seem. At times these things can become overwhelming and sometimes you can feel like you are alone, but with programs like SSS-STAR, students are provided with a hand to help them get out of the ditch they find themselves in and discover that they are in fact not alone in this journey after all."

The staff and students will be very sorry when Patrick's internship ends April 21st, 2017.

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Jessica Boles is one of our TRIO SSS-STAR interns that will be working with our Freshman cohort this academic year, 2016-2017. Jessica originally comes from Northern NJ. She graduated in 2007 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from East Carolina University, and is currently in her second of three years in the Master of Social Work program at Rutgers University. Formerly, Jessica began her career by assisting homeless youths in Newark, NJ, at a Community Program & Shelter. Since then, she has worked primarily in the mental health/substance abuse and healthcare profession. Jessica is enthusiastic about being a STAR Academic Coach and even more excited to work with the Freshman TRIO SSS - STAR students as they learn and grow through the first year Bloomfield College experience.

When asked about her time here, Jessica said "The best part of TRIO SSS - STAR is how much each student truly shines in their own unique way. It's been a joy working with an all-STAR group like the members of this program!" Jessica is with us until April 5, 2017.



Get to know the staff here at the SSS-STAR Program! Not only can they assist with your academic career, but they can also help you understand your own potential.

Internship Success Story: Cristy Huiracocha ('17)

Cristy Huiracocha ('17), a Sociology major, will begin her internship at Bloomfield Police Department this semester. She is working closely with the Office of Police Assistant Director and Director. Her duties include handling confidential documents, disseminating information to command staff, reviewing department accounting documents, understanding administrative police procedures, reviewing agendas for council meetings, and completing other clerical functions as assigned. Cristy also works outside the school in a similar occupation. Her future plans after graduation include receiving her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from either Rutgers University or John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Highlighting her achievement, Cristy was featured on the Bloomfield College website.



SSS-STAR Program Schedule of Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
FEB	8 TH			STAR Coaching Appointments – Pre-Advisement
	7 TH	3:00 – 3:00 p.m.	College Hall, Room 016	Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) & the Northeast Regional Alliance Program (NERA) Info Session
	9 th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Learning Resource Center 201	Time Management Workshop
	16 TH	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Arts Center	<i>For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf</i>
	23 RD	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Library HUB	FAFSA Workshop
	27 TH	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	SSS Computer Lab	Financial Aid Meeting to Discuss SOP
MAR	2 ND	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Talbot Hall , Room of Excellence	How to Find and Apply for the Perfect Internship
	15 TH			Bloomfield College FAFSA Priority Deadline
	16 th	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	SSS-STAR Lab	Plagiarism/Research Paper Workshop
	**			Dress for Success Part II Trip to Madison
APR	5 TH - 11 TH			Pre-Registration Coaching Season
	17 TH			FAFSA DUE!
MAY	2 ND – 4 TH			De-stress Fest (<i>exams: May 2-8</i>)
	6 TH			Jersey Cares Volunteer Project
	14 TH		SSS Computer Lab	Senior Graduates Decorate Your Caps
	19 TH			Commencement

Please Note: Times designated ** represent times and/or dates that are to be announced and will be announced via Blackboard upon scheduling. If you have any questions, please see your assigned Academic Coach.

Dean's List Fall 2016

The program is happy to announce the twenty-three SSS-STAR students who were honored for Dean's List this past Fall 2016.

High Honors – 3.8 or Higher

Shawniece A. Bascom
 Breonna J. Childs
 Gabriella M. Collado
 Rosamaria Colon-Merced
 Jonathan S. Johnson
 Ariel Madera
 Lisbeth A. Maldonado
 Rachael J. Neilan
 Mariah L. Nelson

Precious O. Olubiyi
 Shanicquah M. Reynolds

2016 Honors – 3.5 or Higher

Stephanie Beauvais
 Yessenia Castro
 Jocelyn Galicia
 Shennel J. Green
 Awtum P. Johnson
 Lynn A. Milien
 Chelsea M. Nichols
 Rocio M. Paulino
 Deborah A. Persaud

Isaac J. Rodriguez
 Lakeisha C. Vassell
 Iman R. Williams

Congratulations to D'Liyah Brown-Florence ('18) for being accepted as an intern with the Bloomfield Center Alliance—a non-profit community development organization—for Spring 2017!

From Intern to Law Clerk: Shanicquah Reynolds ('17)

After being accepted into BC's Sociology Department Internship course, double-major and STAR Shanicquah Reynolds ('17) began looking for experience in her future career—law. Quickly, Shanicquah was brought on as an intern for the Montclair law office of



Goodson Law Offices. Her duties included secretarial assistance, sending payoffs to tax departments, and drafting conveyance documents for real estate properties. Her favorite part of interning was learning new things and interacting with the staff.

Our dedicated Sociology and Philosophy student, who also tutors on campus for Logic and Effective Reasoning philosophy courses, obviously showed the law office what our STARS are made of because, after her internship ended, Shanicquah was offered a paid position as law clerk. Now, Shanicquah handles a larger case load, creating Housing and Urban Development (HUD) forms and reviewing title binders that contain the history of real estate in addition to her internship duties. Shanicquah was even able to create an LLC without assistance. This job allows her to take the skills she has learned and apply them to real experiences (while enjoying her own desk).

Shanicquah's experience demonstrates the value of internships and how participation can leverage real career opportunities.

For information on possible scholarships, look at page 4 of this newsletter and make an appointment with your SSS-STAR Academic Coach. Be proactive in your education and your career plans.

December Graduates

Please join the SSS-STAR staff in congratulating our eight December 2016 graduates!



Shaddy Fernandez

Alana Abraham
 Shawniece Bascom
 Paige Di Maria
 Shaddy Fernandez
 Amir Givens
 Sharae' Harvey
 Kalimah Ransdell
 Iman Williams

Sharae Harvey



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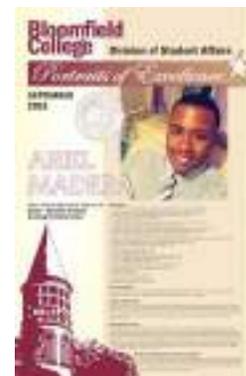
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CSLE Again Honors SSS-STAR Students for 2016-2017 Portraits of Excellence



Ariel Madera and Rachel Neilan—SSS-STAR participants—were recently chosen for CSLE’s Portraits of Excellence. Portraits of Excellence showcase the stories students have written during their time at Bloomfield College. The Portraits accent students’ stories of achievements, including academic, leadership, employment and internships, community service and volunteerism. Recognition is awarded on the basis of distinguished service/volunteerism, major involvement in leadership, distinguished intellectual activity; or direct participation in activities reflective of the College’s Mission.



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STAR PROGRAM FALL HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am—6:00 pm

Computer Lab Hours

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