

THE ALUMNI CONNECTION



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Alumni Services hosted the Annual Alumni Reunion this July

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Alumni Spotlight: Lauren Lee '08*
- *Job Leads*
- *Can Your Credit Score Prevent You from Getting a Job?*
- *UA Staff Updates*
- *Upcoming Job Fairs and Workshops*

FIRST EDITION OF THE ALUMNI SERVICES BI-MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

The Alumni Coordinator (AC) tries to make it a point to send out bi-monthly emails to alumni who have contacted the Alumni Services Department for resume assistance, job leads, and more. In the past, these emails would include job fair dates, the dos and don'ts of resume writing, etcetera. However, to make these

updates more consistent and organized, the AC will work to send out a bi-monthly e-newsletter complete with an Alumni Spotlight, Letter from the Alumni Coordinator, Calendar of Events, Job/Internship Lead List, Tips (résumé writing, interviewing, etc.), UA Updates, and Volunteer Opportunities. Since this is a pilot program,

the Alumni Services would like to hear what you would like to find in this e-newsletter. Email UA today sharing what you think about this new e-newsletter and share what you would like to see more or less of in the upcoming editions at ebrown@theurbanalliance.org. UA looks forward to hearing from you soon!

LETTER FROM YOUR ALUMNI COORDINATOR

Greetings Alumni,

Thank you for staying connected with Urban Alliance's Alumni Services Department! For new alumni, here is a brief explanation of Alumni Services.

The Alumni Coordinator (AC) helps in the following areas:

- College/school program search
- Career, job, and internship search & leads
- Résumé revisions
- Maintaining the UA Alumni Network via e-Newsletters & Face-

book's "The Urban Alliance Alumni Group" (Join today!)

- Manage the summer College Internship Program
- Collects alumni surveys

While Sean Segal, UA's Director of Operations, still has a heavy hand here at UA, the AC will be your main contact for Alumni Services.

Since UA's mission is you to become self-sufficient, meaning to become independent, the AC will assist you as much as possible, but in return, expects you to give a substantial amount of effort as well. Alumni Services will

not place you in an internship or job but instead *help* you find leads, leaving the responsibility of applying and interviewing up to you.

Stay connected to the UA Alumni Network by joining the Facebook group to receive updates and notices on job leads. Also, share your primary email with me by emailing me at ebrown@theurbanalliance.org to always stay connected via e-Newsletters and more!

Sincerely,

Erika Brown

Alumni Coordinator

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THE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NETWORKING PAYS OFF

Networking is a must! We just can't say this enough. To stress just how networking can play a role in your career goals, allow us to spotlight Lauren Lee '08.

A student at Elizabeth City State University, Lee is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Education (birth through kindergarten). As a participant of Urban Alliance's College Internship Program (CIP), Lee served as an intern at Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC). There, she dis-

cussed interest in growing in the company with both of her mentors. During this conversation, her mentors suggested that she apply to the Public Allies Foundation, which is a ten-month paid Americorps apprenticeship through a partnership between CPDC and Public Allies DC. Since Lee was already interning at CPDC, she was an excellent and competitive candidate for the apprenticeship.

In the end, Lee was selected as one of 30 participants

from a pool of about 350 applicants for this program. Her CIP site mentor, Marcia Fuoss, is excited for Lee's service year where she will benefit from "developing her leadership skills, clarifying her career path, and strengthening her spirit of service." Lee told UA, "Thanks for encouraging me to network as it's paying off in a huge way already." To participate in the program, Lee has deferred her third year of college and expects to return after her service year, which she be-



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UA is very proud of Lee and thanks CPDC for their partnership with our organization!

JOB LEADS

Walmart in Alexandria, VA-Walmart Supercenter opening at 6218 N. Kings Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303 (and now hiring all positions). Hiring site hours are Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sat. from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun. by appointment only. Apply online at walmart.com/apply.

CVS/pharmacy- Various stores in the DC metro area are seeking employees for their Store Management opportunities. For more information, visit www.cvscaremark.com/careers or apply via email at careers@cvs.com.

Metro- Metro is offering a variety of career opportunities from administrative to technical functions. To learn more about job openings, visit their Career Center at MetroOpensDoors.com.

Microsoft- Currently seeking Software Development

Architects and Consultants, Core Infrastructure Consultants, Technical and Enterprise Architects, and Support Engineers. Individuals with education experience a plus but not required. To learn more, visit the Microsoft Public Sector Services at www.microsoft-publicsector.com.

El Tiempo Latino Newspaper- Bilingual Sales Professionals Needed in their office at 2200 Wilson Blvd. #201, Arlington, VA, 22201. Submit résumé to kris@eltiempolatino.com.

Bobbi Brown Cosmetics- Looking for candidates who would enjoy teaching make-up application interacting with clients at sales counter by applying and selling make-up with permanent or freelance positions available in MD, VA, and DC areas. Send résumés to jcoffren@bobbibrown.com or fax to 410-526-2990 attention to Joanie Coffren.

Driver's Education- Hiring drivers and teachers in Prince George's County. Must be 21 years or older, have a high school diploma, and be available to work weekends and evenings. Potential to earn up to \$450/week. Call 301-441-8100 for more information.

Day Care- Immediate openings at Christian child care center for teachers, aides, and before and after care educators. Fax résumé to 301-350-0632.

Seasonal positions: Please note that since the winter break is terribly short in comparison to the summer break, "winter internships" are virtually non-existent. This is because an employer is not too keen on spending time training interns to only lose them 3 weeks later. Consider holiday related work as there are many to take advantage of and usually offer more than minimum

is not too keen on spending time training interns to only lose them 3 weeks later. Consider holiday related work as there are many to take advantage of and usually offer more than minimum wage. Don't delay as the winter season is just around the corner.

Toys R Us company is reporting that they will be hiring 45,000 seasonal employees this winter. Go to www.4.toysrus.com/careers/ for more store locator and links to various positions.

Gaylord National is hiring various seasonal jobs in their special events, retail, and restaurant departments and are offering an hourly salary of \$12.40 w/flexible work schedules. Find out more and apply online at www.GaylordCareers.com (search job number 111685).

Professional Tips Corner

CAN YOUR CREDIT SCORE PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING A JOB?

“35 % of employers regularly pull an applicant’s credit score”

The short answer is, “Yes.” According to Kiplinger.com, your credit score does not only affect your ability to rent an apartment or qualify for a loan, but it can also have an impact on getting a job. Kiplinger.com reports that according to the Society for Resource Management, 35% of employers regularly pull an applicant’s credit score, with your permission first of course. Still, this is nothing to take lightly. Employers use your credit score as another

assessment of ranking your responsibility and maturity. Additionally, an employer wants to ensure that creditors and debt collectors will not constantly be harassing you at work and thus disallow you to focus on the job’s tasks at hand. It is also important to note that if you refuse to have your credit score reviewed, the employer has the right to toss your application as they may assume that you are hiding something. For tips on how

to boost your credit score, go to Kiplinger.com and type in the key word “credit score” on the home page’s search link.

Source: “Why Your Credit Score Matters” by Erin Burt
retrieved at
<http://www.kiplinger.com/columns/starting/archive/2007/st0221.htm>



Dauryl Belle '09, Jamil Raspberry '07, and Rashid Shittu '04 volunteered for the Alumni Panel

ALUMNI PANEL

A big thank you to UA Alumni Rashid Shittu '04, Jamil Raspberry '07, and Dauryl Belle '09 for volunteering to serve as this year’s Alumni Panel. Each year, the high school program asks alumni to participate in an alumni panel for their final workshop. This allows the alumni to share about their experience having graduated from the UA high school program, discuss their transition to college life, and the Alumni Services Depart-

ment’s Summer College Internship Program. More importantly, the panel was present to answer any questions the high school students had for them. Thank you so much alumni for taking the time to share your personal insight in a variety of areas! If you are interested in participating in the next alumni panel, email Erika Brown at ebrown@theurbanalliance.org to put your name on the contact list.

UA STAFF UPDATES

Recently, UA has been going through some staff changes. With DC Program Coordinators **Deanne Florindi** and **Kara Winerman’s** return to the classroom, UA has acquired three new DC PCs to work alongside **Khalica Boyd**. They are **Nathaniel Cole**, **Timothy Evans**, and **Jazmyn Singleton**. Additionally, new PC **Stephanie Amponsah** will join **Catherine Estevez** for UA’s Baltimore Program teamed with

Gerald Smith, Jr. who will serve as Baltimore Career Counselor. UA also welcomes Development Associate **Megan Price** and Evaluation Specialist **Eileen McKeown** to the UA Family! Additionally, congratulations to the following staff for their recent promotions: **Catherine Estevez** as the Baltimore’s Program Manager, **Meaghan Woodbury** as the Director of Corporate Partnerships, **Sean Segal** as the Director

of Operations (added duties), and **Tameka Logan** as UA’s Deputy Director! This amazing team looks forward to working hard to serve our DC Youth.



Welcome New Staff!



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**Don't Miss
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Diversity Job Fair

Tuesday, October 5th

Waterford of Springfield Building located at 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150

From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Look up the Employment-Guide.com for the list of companies that will be present.

Fall 2010 Career Training & Expo

Wednesday, October 13th

MLK, Jr. Public Library located at 901 G St. NW, DC

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Register online at <https://spreadsheets1.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGxncl>

gzc28yRIB1NEkwSI1oNIJYX3c6MA or call 202-724-7000 for more information.

- Dress in business attire (employers will be present)
- Take hard copies of résumé for employers
- Will provide assistance in researching job vacancies of employers prior to their arrival
- Workshops on federal application process & more

Job Acquisition Fair

Tuesday, October 19th

Boys & Girls Club of Greater

THE URBAN ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization and our mission is to empower under-resourced youth to aspire, work, and succeed through paid internships, formal training, and mentoring. Founded in 1996 by a small group of business leaders to create employment and educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth, we serve youth throughout the District of Columbia and since fall 2008, Baltimore City. Through three distinct programs, the High School Internship Program, Alumni Services, and Curriculum Outreach, we provide resources to our youth to successfully transition from high school to college or career training, and ultimately to the working world. To learn more about Urban Alliance, visit www.theurbanalliance.org.



Alumni Services Summer Intern Suzy, Director of Operations Sean, and Alumni Coordinator Erika

Washington Area located at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

What to take to a job fair:

- At least 20 hard copies of your revised and current résumé (many times this serves as your ticket to get in the event)
- Dress to impress (your goal is to secure an interview on the spot)
- Business cards if you have any (check out vistaprint.com for discounted cards)

- Paper and pen to take notes on who you spoke with (to write a follow up email or card) and to write important information directly on the brochures you collect
- Crisp folder and nice satchel to collect business cards, applications, and brochures
- Take a look at Résumé Resources online at www.theurbanalliance.org/alumni for the do's and don'ts of résumé writing.

Good luck and keep your Alumni Coordinator posted on your job search status!