End of the Semester Celebration
Coming Soon!

Don’t miss out on a chance to congratulate your friends on a major accomplishment, and enjoy good food and conversation.

Date: Wednesday May 8th
Time: 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.
Location: Fireside Lounge in Commons
RSVP: Cathy M'Donnell <cat@umbc.edu>
Friends and family are welcome to join!

Barbara E. Burkman Scholarship
$1000 Scholarship

Applications and scholarship information now available in the HAPP office (PUP 220) and online
http://happ.umbc.edu/files/2013/02/burkmanapp-20131.pdf

Application Deadline: May 1, 2013
To Cathy M'Donnell, PUP 221

Fall 2013 Internships

- If you plan to register for HAPP 495/496 for fall 2013, make your appointment NOW with HAPP advisor to discuss placement!
- Applications must be turned into Dr. Pinet-Peralta, PUP 222 ASAP
- Fall 2013 internships must be finalized no later than August 21, 2013
## HAPP COURSES SUMMER 2013

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### Sign up for Advising Online!

Agnes Buanya, HAPP Advisor

or Luis Pinet-Peralta, Associate Director

Or go to happ.umbc.edu and click the advising tabe. Remember to sign up BEFORE your registration date!

### Check out the NEW Health Administration and Policy Program website!

(Many thanks to Cathy McDonnell!)

[http://happ.umbc.edu/](http://happ.umbc.edu/)

- Advising
- Scholarships
- Internship Info.
- HAPP Courses
- News & Events
- FAQ's

### Sign up for the HAPP listserv

To join the 'happinformationhotline’ mailing list!

[https://lists.umbc.edu/lists/subscribe/happinformationhotline](https://lists.umbc.edu/lists/subscribe/happinformationhotline)

To subscribe, please visit the URL and click the “submit” icon. To unsubscribe just click “unsubscribe” on the left hand side of the page.

### Join our Facebook pages!

UMBC HAP Graduates:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/9888349513/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/9888349513/)

HAPP COM:
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UMBC Bioethics Student Association:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/16955809462/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/16955809462/)
With mixed emotions, the Health Administration and Policy Program Council of Majors are concluding our 2012-2013 academic year. This has been a phenomenal year for HAPP COM, and we are excited for our future at UMBC. HAPP COM events for this academic year helped our members become more involved in the local and campus community. Our local events included the B'More Healthy Expo, decorating the halls of St. Agnes hospital, the upcoming Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk, and fundraising at the Charlestown retirement community. This past semester, one of our own members was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and as a result, HAPP COM has dedicated the final months of our semester to supporting the MS Society.

We are even more pleased at the academic support system that HAPP Majors are provided with through this organization. HAPP COM’s career center workshops, academic support meetings and upcoming study nights have been very helpful in developing time management techniques for our members. As we come to an end, we hope to advance the legacy of support for our members and continue to provide involvement opportunities in our coming years.

Sincerely, your former HAPP COM board (Yasmin, Saba, Ama, Derricka, and Emily)
Valentina Alarcon

My name is Valentina Alarcon and I am currently a senior at UMBC majoring in Health Administration and Policy with a focus in public health. This semester I have been interning at the Office of Healthcare Quality in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). I work in the Developmental Disabilities Unit which ensures that the mentally disabled receive high quality services from licensed agencies. I assist the licensing coordinator with reviewing applications from agencies that want to renew their license and updating their information in a confidential database.

I found my internship through networking. Last semester, a friend of mine was able to put in a good word for me at DHMH. One piece of advice that I would give to future internship seekers is to attend workshops and career fairs on campus. Believe it or not, if you stand out to the companies at the career fair, they will give you a call and offer you a position. So, don't procrastinate!

Emily Pixler

Hi, my name is Emily Pixler. I'm a senior in HAPP - Track I and set to graduate this December 2013! I am interning at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield in the Strategic Marketing department. Here, I research CareFirst competitors and insurance products in order to analyze current market conditions and sales trends. With this information, I put together databases and present the research to associates who may find it valuable. The experience I am gaining from this internship can be applied to the HAPP program since many Health Administration graduates become Marketing Specialists and Insurance Product Developers.

I landed this internship through a CareFirst Human Resources representative at the UMBC fall career fair. I inquired about the company and internship opportunities, gave the representative my resume, and received a call for an interview about a week later! During the interview, I met with the HR representative and two Marketing Product Managers who asked about my experience with research and my interest in business marketing.

I would recommend for future interns to come prepared with several questions to ask the interviewers about the company and the position you are applying for. I would also like to mention that the career fair is a great resource for connecting with a multitude of employers. It gets your name out there and provides a way to personally network with company representatives. Remember to dress professionally, take plenty of copies of your resume, and talk to members of each of the businesses that you are interested in, because you never know what they may have to offer!
My name is Sidra Hashmi and I am a Student Volunteer at Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. The innovation center at CMS was implemented by the ACA to develop models that will reduce the costs of healthcare. I wish I would have known how long it takes to find an internship as it is a long process. You should start by having someone edit your resume. To find an internship I would recommend networking: find people with similar interests and stay in touch with them. I would also suggest starting early and having more than one experience. Do not wait until your last semester to find an internship, in this way you stand out when you graduate. When being interviewed, relate to your field of interest by talking about what you have learned from courses and previous experiences.

The hiring process takes time. It began at the career fair where I handed out my resumes. A couple of weeks later I was contacted through email to schedule a phone interview. The phone interview resulted in an invitation to visit the office for a formal interview, and finally I was offered the opportunity to be an intern. My advice for future interns is to use all of the resources available to you which include the Shriver Center, UMBC Career Services, UMBCworks, and the career fair. Don’t procrastinate. It takes a lot of time and patience. Good luck!

Studying abroad was definitely the right way to spend my semester! I’ve been in Switzerland for a month now and it’s been an awesome experience already. It’s so cool to learn about global health at the hub of all the international health and humanitarian organizations from the people who actually work there! My group has access to the UN library and get to visit other world renowned organizations such as the WHO and ICRC. In just a short time, I’ve had immense exposure to the public health community on a global scale which has expanded the horizon for my future.

However, there is more to studying abroad than academics; you have to study the culture too! In Switzerland, that means cultivating new relationships, traveling to beautiful places, eating chocolate every day, and pretending to know French. No matter where the day takes you it’s always an adventure that helps you learn more about yourself. Plus, you get academic credit for it so take advantage of the fantastic opportunities UMBC offers and go study abroad!