New Career Services Director hired

Bethany Rossi joined Assumption in August as director of Career Services. She brings nearly a decade of experience from her previous positions at the Liberty Mutual Group in Boston and at JPMorgan Chase in New York.

At Liberty Mutual she served in a variety of roles including recruitment, programming, professional development and training of talented young professionals. Rossi earned a M.Ed. from Boston University and a B.A. in communication from Boston College.

The importance of internships

Completing internships are a critical component to the college learning experience, providing an opportunity to explore potential career paths, gain essential on-the-job experience and build relationships with employers. If your organization or an organization in your network is interested in providing internship opportunities to Assumption students, contact Bethany Rossi at 508-767-7409 or b.rossi@assumption.edu.

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Thank you!

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2011 calendar

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.......... Family Weekend
Oct. 8-11 ....... Columbus Day (no classes)
Nov. 23-27 ....... Thanksgiving (no classes)
Dec. 7 ..................... Last day of classes
Dec. 8 ...................... Study day
Dec. 9-15 .................... Final exams
For the full College calendar, visit www.assumption.edu

Parent Programs

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As the director of Parent Programs, it is my pleasure to welcome you to become an active and engaged member of the parents community. You can be involved by volunteering to participate in activities related to career services, admissions, receptions, institutional advancement and more.

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Is freshman year too early to get involved?
Not at all. In fact, freshman year may be the best time. It is a great way to create a network of friends, acquaintances and even mentors. Service becomes a part of their lives and their routines and often continues for all four years. Volunteering fills a couple of hours with structured constructive activity. Students can give of themselves while being social, building resume skills and adjusting to college. Each project is led by a student leader who can provide advice about time management and striking the right balance between academics and co-curricular activity.

Q&A with Carleen Roy-Butler, Director of the Reach Out Center

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Did you know?
Last year Assumption students spent approximately 120,000 hours volunteering in and around Worcester.

Do volunteers go out alone or in groups?
The are some opportunities for individuals but the vast majority of our programs involve small groups. This also makes arranging transportation easier; groups of volunteers travel together in either cars or cabs arranged by the Reach Out Center.

What kinds of opportunities are there?
We have several well established partnerships with many non-profit agencies in Worcester; volunteers have the chance to give in a number of different ways. For example, students may tutor or mentor young people during the school day or during after-school hours. They could coach young people with physical and mental disabilities during one of our weekend programs. They can serve meals at area soup kitchens or shelters or help to refurbish homes for low-income and working families.

Is it a long-term commitment?
Most of our programs involve a semester-long commitment. This is ideal for students because they can build it into their schedules and then move on to another service opportunity the following semester, although some students choose to volunteer at the same organization for the entire year. Two of our mentoring programs require a year-long commitment but are flexible in the days and times students can go. We also offer “one-shots,” which are one-time volunteer opportunities that give students the chance to get involved but for no more than a few hours.

For more information visit www.assumption.edu/stulife/ROC.
Career Networking Dinner

Last semester Assumption College hosted its 10th annual Career Networking Dinner. Sponsored by the Parents Committee, the event provided 82 juniors and seniors with career advice and a networking opportunity with 20 Assumption parents and alumni from various fields.

Guest speaker Erin Champlin P’12, the vice president of global business services at EMC Corporation, presented a talk titled “Secret tricks and tips to land an interview,” giving helpful hints of how to network, strategize and use techniques to land a job.

The next Career Networking Dinner is February 16. Parent participation is vital to the success of the program. For more information contact Linda Rosenlund at parents@assumption.edu.

Family Weekend’s Fall Festival

Family Weekend will be held September 30 - October 2. Activities will include a Fall Festival with a variety of vendors, information sessions, a book discussion group, musical performances, Assumption football, women’s field hockey and volleyball games, an entertaining variety show and more. For more information and hotels visit www.assumption.edu/familyweekend.

Join Us!

The Parents Committee invites you to get involved at Assumption. The committee meets three times a year and hosts social events throughout the academic year. You will find a wonderful camaraderie within the parent group. We look forward to meeting you.

Sat., Oct. 1 ............................... Parents Committee Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 3 ...................... Parents & Alumni Reception @ UConn
For more information, e-mail parents@assumption.edu.

From the Parents Chairs

Terry and Becky Milka P’12

A hearty welcome to our first-year parents and welcome back returning parents! This is our second and final year as co-chairs of the Parents Committee, since our daughter Lauren will graduate in May.

We joined the Parents Committee when Lauren was a freshman. We found the Assumption community to be so welcoming that we wanted to become involved in the life of the College by participating in campus and regional programs. We were thrilled to become co-chairs of the Parents Committee in Lauren’s junior year.

We welcome you to join us and lend your time and energy to the Parents Committee. Meetings are held three times a year, usually during a time that you’ll be on campus for a family event.

Recently four new subcommittees (Admissions; Career Services; Parents Fund; and Welcome) were created under the umbrella of the Parents Committee to help increase the number of volunteer opportunities for parents. We hope that you will find a subcommittee that interests you and volunteer.

It is truly a meaningful way to be involved and have a positive impact on your Assumption son or daughter’s life.

Our first committee meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 1 in the Salon of La Maison Française during Family Weekend. We look forward to meeting you.
Assumption sees record numbers

During the 2010-11 academic year, Assumption College experienced a record level of interest from prospective students and their families. Six hundred seventeen first-year students arrived on campus last month, a day before Tropical Storm Irene, to begin their college careers. Below are some of the Class of 2015 highlights:

• 4,372 prospective students visited in 2010-11 vs. 4,013 the previous year. Including family members, the College hosted more than 10,000 visitors.
• A record total of 4,383 applications were received to fill the Class of 2015
• The incoming class is academically talented, interesting and diverse
• The average academic GPA is 3.23
• The average SAT score is 1,115
• 16.3% ALANA (African-American, Latina/o, Asian, Native American) students in the Class
• The students come from 15 states and nine countries

Your assistance in helping us to generate applications for the Class of 2016 would be appreciated. If you know someone interested in applying, contact Karen at kpuntillo@assumption.edu to request an application fee waiver.

2012 Commencement

Book your hotel reservations now!

Other local colleges have commencement exercises scheduled for the same day.

For local lodging options visit www.assumption.edu/commencement.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 11
5pm Baccalaureate Mass
7-11pm Baccalaureate Soiree

Saturday, May 12
10am Commencement

Receive E-mail Updates

To sign up to receive e-mail updates regarding Parent information, please e-mail parents@assumption.edu.