

What's Happening @ BSCP

October 2020 Edition

Upcoming Offerings

- **SKILLS WORKSHOPS WEBINAR SERIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**—Our biennial Skills Workshop has been amended into an eight-part webinar series for high school students and their parents/caregivers. Subject areas will cover topics addressed during the traditional in-person program and also include information students and parents have indicated they need now. This program kicked off with information on Getting into College on October 1st and will commence with Internships and Summer Opportunities on November 19th. There are 4 sessions left, please [click here](#) to view recordings of earlier webinars and to register for future dates.
- **VIRTUAL CONNECT**—BSCP's new program, Virtual Connect, started in August and was a huge success! We were able to pair close to 100 college students, post-baccalaureates, and Master's candidates with mentors in their field of interest who answered questions and provided insight into their career paths. Virtual Connect will continue in November and early December, and will include sessions for medical/graduate students and postdocs. If you have not yet been matched and have indicated your interest, please keep an eye on your email for more information.
- **IMPORTANT PROGRAMMING UPDATE** – The 2021 Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference and New England Science Symposium, originally scheduled for April 9, 10 and 11, 2021, are being transitioned to a virtual format. The BSCP and NESS Teams will be in touch as soon as dates, schedules and registration instructions are available.

Resources and Highlights

- [Institute for Public Health Summer Research Program](#) - The students receive a \$4,000 stipend and engage in real-world experiential learning in public and global health, gain exposure to a diverse array of research topics and network with peers and faculty.
- [The Warby Parker Scholarship](#) is a full-tuition scholarship awarded to two accepted students starting in the fall of 2021 at New England College of Optometry. The scholarship is renewable for all four years of study. Visit their scholarship page to learn more.
- College Financing Events from the **Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority**: <https://www.mefa.org/events>
- Federal Fellowships for recent college grads and young professionals - Find out more [here](#)
- **Vertex Job Opportunities!** Interested BSCP participants should contact [Ashley Jefferson](#) directly to indicate interest. Please include your resume when emailing Mr. Jefferson.
[Vertex – Research Scientist, Medicinal Chemistry](#)
[Vertex – Research Associate, Medicinal Chemistry](#)
- **MERCK 2021 INTERNSHIPS and CO-OPS** – It's a unique feeling coming to work every day knowing that you can have both a great career that's personally fulfilling AND one where you and your teammates and the entire company are contributing to work that helps make life better for so many. Merck is a biopharmaceutical company headquartered in Kenilworth, NJ with offices around the country, including Boston and Cambridge. Internship and co-op opportunities for students at all levels are currently posted and can be found by [clicking here](#). If you'd like to hear about what our interns from this past summer have to say, take a second and watch this [short video](#). We'd love to have you join the team!
- **Massachusetts Academic Public Health Volunteer Corp (APHVC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADPH)** are working to collect information on how COVID-19 has affected the community over the last few months. They have developed the [COVID-19 Impact Survey](#) for anyone 14 years and older to take. This survey will help the MADPH determine where to allocate funds and develop policies to assist the community during these unprecedented times. Anyone who is 14+ and living in MA, or would have been in MA if it weren't for COVID-19, is eligible to take the survey.

In Case You Missed It

Thank You for Helping Us Make Evening of Hope a Success!

Our virtual Evening of Hope took place on October 5th and was a huge success. Together with our co-chairs, host committee and board members we raised more than \$800,000 to help support the students of our community. Thank you to all of our sponsors!

[Watch the recording](#)

Congratulations to the Event Honorees, Honor Roll Inductees and Hope Scholarship Recipients!

Event Honorees

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh Mayor - City of Boston

Jill and Niraj Shah - Shah Family Foundation

Honor Roll

Li-Li Hsiao, MD, PhD - Brigham and Women's Hospital

Brian Lewis, PhD - University of Massachusetts Medical School

Kenneth I. Maynard, PhD - Takeda Pharmaceuticals

Hope Scholarship Recipients

Leeza Santiago Millan - Scholarship sponsored by Sanofi Genzyme
PhD Candidate - Biological and Biomedical Sciences Harvard University

Graciella Rios Ortega - Scholarship sponsored by an anonymous sponsor
College Student - Biochemistry Major, Public Health Minor Simmons University

Judene Thomas - Scholarship sponsored by the Biogen Foundation
PhD Candidate - Cell and Molecular Biology Northeastern University

Skills Workshops Webinar Series Recordings

Skills Workshops Webinar: Getting into College Part 1 – [Watch Here](#)

Skills Workshops Webinar: Getting into College Part 2 – [Watch Here](#)

Save The Date

Skills Workshops Webinar Series

October 1 through November 19, 2020

Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference

Virtual Conference – Spring 2021 (Dates TBD)

New England Science Symposium

Virtual Symposium – Spring 2021 (Dates TBD)

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Questions/Comments?

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Things to Consider and Tips as you Prepare to Apply to College in the COVID Era



ADMISSIONS

You might be questioning what kinds of impact this will have on admissions when it comes time to apply to colleges. Schools will take into account this period of time and apply the guidelines set by their schools accordingly. What does this mean? Schools will have to make decisions about testing and how best to evaluate this piece of your application.

TESTING

Many testing dates have been cancelled and testing locations closed. Check the testing websites for the most up to date information. They will provide recommendations for how to proceed and will be aware that canceling multiple testing dates will have a major ripple effect. Don't fret – they will likely find ways to provide you new testing opportunities.

[SAT](#) [ACT](#) [AP Tests](#)

DEMONSTRATING INTEREST

Visiting schools and showing your demonstrated interest is important; unfortunately, this won't be an option at most schools. I encourage you to read the article provided below about how to virtually demonstrate interest and recommend you do each of the bulleted items recommended.

[Coronavirus and College Admissions: Demonstrating Interest without Visiting Campus](#)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

If your extracurriculars are canceled, it is completely understandable – It's still essential to move forward and continue showing intellectual vitality (IV). See below.

INTELLECTUAL VITALITY

Many of these activities can be done on your own without needing to go out in public or travel, so let's make sure we're examining all ways to boost your IV without risking your personal health and safety.

Professor Research – If you had lined up research or have continued looking for research, **keep moving forward**. Reach out to ask about research opportunities virtually. Not all research requires you to be on campus. There are options for Literature Reviews, Data Analysis, Proofreading, Surveying, etc.

Independent Research – What interests you specifically within your desired major? What can you focus on? Research, read, write, interview, survey, etc. This is your chance to be most unique as this research only applies to you and your interests. Own it!

Extra Courses/Virtual Classes – Take a class in your major. Schools love this ambition. There are a number of places you can go to find these courses:

[Coursera](#)

[edx](#)

[Scout](#) - Free for CA residents, reasonable for all others

[Language Bird](#)

[Modern States](#)

[CMU CS Academy](#)

<https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/ivy-league-free-online-courses-a0d7ae675869/> - 450 free online courses at Ivy Leagues

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