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Mass Mutual awards scholarships to minority students

By Thi Nguyen

The Mass Mutual Scholars program is a one-time scholarship for minority students of African American, Hispanic, or Asian descent who are pursuing careers in the insurance and financial services industry.

If they are chosen, students could receive $2,500 to $5,000 from Mass Mutual Financial Group based in Springfield, Mass.

About 30 students receive the award every academic year, with a total award amount of up to $150,000.

Like other scholarship programs, the awards are based on students’ financial needs, academic merit, leadership skills and personal goals.

To apply, students should go to the program’s official website www.act.org/massmutual.

Students can save and edit their applications any time. Also, students are supposed to send in their official college transcripts and copies of passports or green cards after they are finished with the online applications.

This year, applications will be accepted until May 3, and chosen scholars will be notified by email sometime in June.

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Q&A

DEVIN BICKNER

Reporter Kirk Schuchardt talked with Devin Bickner, UW-Sheboygan's new math professor, about studying liberal arts, going beyond calculus, and more.

**Question:** Can you explain to me what you wrote in your dissertation “On Normal Networks”?

**Dr. Bickner:** It's about evolutionary biology. Studying how the species evolved. My work is on sort of the math side. Looking at specific types of networks. They come from trees. You've probably heard of the tree of life? Trying to construct this big thing that represents the evolution of all species. So, that's the tree. People are starting to think that trees are no longer adequate so they need to insert new types of ways to represent the species. So that's networks. A specific kind of network is the normal network. I'm studying properties of the normal network. How big they can get, what sorts of properties, and those things, I guess.

**Question:** Do you have any advice for math majors?

**Dr. Bickner:** My advice for all math students is to do their homework. For math majors specifically, take as many math classes as you can.

Also, if you think you want to be a math major, don't assume that upper-level mathematics is the same as calculus. That's a safe assumption for most majors. A lot of students think that if they can do calc well and enjoy that, advanced mathematics is going to be the same thing, but it's not. It's quite a bit different.

**Question:** How is it different?

**Dr. Bickner:** It's very theoretical, very proof-based, a lot of writing proofs. Proving theorems, not just finding an integral a hundred times, which is what calculus seems to be.

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**Question:** How do you try to engage students in a class if they're not really math majors?

**Dr. Bickner:** I guess a lot of the students seem to respond to more applications, more examples of things, like ones with the business applications and so on for business majors. Maybe if they see it as a problem they might actually encounter in the future, they'll get more involved. I like to have them think about it, too, but some students just don't want to be there.

Casino Night

Learn popular games and win Wombucks on April 19

Are you bored? Looking for something to do on a Friday night? Well don't make plans for April 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. Student Government Association is holding Casino Night in the UW-Sheboygan Commons.

Now is your chance to play poker, blackjack, and other popular card games. No real money will be used during these card games. Wombucks will be given out if you win a game. Those Wombucks will then be turned in at the end of the night for a chance to win prizes.

“It’s a fun and free way to learn all games at a casino; the prizes are sweet too,” said Amanda McGovern, Student Government Association's financial director.

So be sure to come to UW-Sheboygan April 19 to win prizes and learn the correct way to play popular card games.

Hope to see you all there!

—Kelsey Murphy
The Do’s and Don’ts of Job Interviews

Picture this. You applied for a job that you think would be perfect for you. You get a call from the hiring manager that they want you to come in for an interview. You are thrilled with the opportunity and schedule the interview, but you don’t have much interviewing experience. The last time you met with anyone for a job was for a very part-time position clearing tables at a family-style restaurant where the owner asked you, what hours can you work and when can you start? You have never had a professional interview. What do you do?

Recently Stephanie Sandum met with two human resource professionals at Kohler Company, Nate Leaman, manager-HR, Supply Chain & Quality, and Laura Murphy, HR generalist, Supply Chain. She asked them questions about what they expect from the people they interview. Specifically, what would they advise an inexperienced college student before an interview? This is what they said.

**Laura:** I highly recommend taking advantage of career resources offered at your college to help with interview preparation. Also talk with people that have experience in interviewing (i.e., a teacher, parents, or a family friend).

**Nate:**Appearances matter. Set yourself apart right away by how you compose yourself. Be prompt. Your interviewer knows you may not have a lot of experience. What we look for is if you fit with the company culture and show an appropriate level of professionalism.

**Question:** Name at least three things that impress you during an interview.

**Laura:** Eye contact, professional dress and a firm handshake. It impresses me when the applicant has researched the company and has questions ready to ask us.

**Nate:** Have clear, concise, applicable responses. Have examples ready of project work, demonstrated skills, and how you can make an impact in the position.

**Question:** What are some simple things an applicant can do to make an impression?

**Laura:** Be self-aware, especially of your strengths and weaknesses. A good tool to help out with self-awareness is to do an assessment. Some examples would be Myers-Briggs, Caliper Test, and Firo-B.

**Nate:** Don’t confuse your strengths and weaknesses. Don’t state a weakness which is really a strength. For example: “I work too hard.” “I care too much.”

**Question:** Give me an example of something you’ve observed in an interview that an interviewee should not do.

**Laura:** Do not use slang or profanity. Don’t offer too much personal information that’s not relative to the interview question.

**Nate:** Answer all questions you are asked. Don’t skip over them. Some questions may be asked in multiples. If you don’t remember all of the questions, don’t be afraid to ask, “Did that answer your question?” HINT: Write the question down so you can reference it.

**Laura:** Prepare! Prepare! Prepare! Try role playing and writing down answers to questions you think may be asked.

**Nate:** Think about questions you would have for the employer. The interview is not only to interview you, but also to interview them.

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Comet could create Star Wars-style twin moon effect

Just when I thought I could breathe a sigh of relief, Schenk added that scientists speculate that some of our diseases may have developed over thousands of years from the surface of comets. The diseases might “reside on the comet’s surface, and they can mutate over thousands of years. If they come close to the planet, they can be affected by the bacteria,” Schenk said.

One thing that separates the ISON comet from many others is that it comes from outside our solar system. This is the first time that ISON will make a trip around our star system.

Unlike most comets, this comet is said to have a hyperbolic orbit, as opposed to an elliptical or parabolic orbit. As a result, “nobody knows how big it is yet,” Schenk said, “they haven’t calculated or anything like that.”

Star gazers in the Northern Hemisphere, with the aid of a telescope or binoculars, should be able to see the comet now as it makes its way toward the sun. Its tail is not currently visible; it will look like “a fuzzy ball” until it gets too far away to see.

The ISON comet also broke tradition by being named after the telescope used to discover it, as opposed to the names of the people who discovered past comets. The comet was discovered in September 2012 by Russian astronomers.

Comets like ISON come from a spherical celestial body called the Oort Cloud, which acts as a border between our star system and the ones nearest to it. Comets circle rapidly around the cloud until they eventually shoot out. Comets can come towards the sun from any direction.

ISON will not be a direct threat to life on Earth. It’s estimated that it will be a little less than half of the sun’s distance away from the Earth. A future comet, named “2013 A1,” is expected to come about a year after ISON (October 2014). Scientists predict the 2013 A1 Comet may hit or come close to hitting the planet Mars. The Mars rover named Curiosity is set to take pictures of it.

Assuming ISON doesn’t disappoint us all by fizzling apart when it circles the sun, it should be a spectacle come October to December.

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Dells resorts offer more than jobs

Convention Bureau gives every employee an entertainment card with which he or she can visit any place in the Dells for free—such as Noah’s Ark Waterpark, Mt. Olympus Theme Park, and jet boat rides.

Students can use the entertainment cards at restaurants, too. Participating restaurants offer a 20 percent discount for card holders.

For those who want to make some money in a short time— while being able to visit places for free and, of course, learning different cultures—Wisconsin Dells can be an ideal place. It is a great place to make friends with students from different countries, such as Russia, Ukraine, Brazil and Vietnam.

Activities in the Dells start on Memorial Day, so it is best to apply for jobs before that date to secure a good position and a place to stay.

Check the websites for individual resorts and waterparks in the Dells for openings.
Create a Resume in 4 Easy Steps

By Stephanie Sandum

Let’s face it. Many of us are probably lacking in work experience and feel we don’t have a lot of information to create an impressive resume. Did you know that a lot of work experience is not necessarily needed to bulk up your resume? There are many areas that you can explore to help form a foundation to your resume. The good news, your resume will be an evolving piece of information that will grow as you gain experience.

STEP 1: Pick a Resume Format

There are many types of resumes. A functional resume is one of the most common resume formats and lists experience by skill set. This resume format would be most appropriate to use when you don’t have a lot of work experience. This resume format presents information in the following order:

- Personal contact information
- Summary of skills
- Education
- Work history
- Memberships and affiliations

Another popular resume format is the chronological resume. It is used to present work experience in chronological order. As you gain work experience, this format type is the perfect way to display the job positions you have held.

HINT: Use a resume template in Microsoft Word to help you create the perfect resume.

STEP 2: Create a List of Your Skills

A resume is a summary of experience and skills that highlight your abilities. If you feel that you are lacking work experience, some elements you can include in your resume that demonstrate your experience and potential include:

- School Experience – Use the knowledge you have gained in college to highlight abilities like critical and creative thinking, written and oral communication, quantitative literacy, technical literacy, information literacy, teamwork, leadership, and problem solving.
- School Projects – Think of specific school projects and what tools you needed to complete those projects successfully like using computer programs or other technology, being resourceful, and the ability to meet deadlines.
- Volunteer Work – There are many elements involved in volunteer work. Use your volunteering experience to highlight your service-oriented attitude, your level of compassion, communication skills, leadership, direction, and hard and soft skills you have gained.

STEP 3: Putting It All Together

Now that you have some information to work with, you can combine that experience with a position you want to apply for by doing the following:

- Print out the job advertisement or job description that you are interested in. Connect your college and volunteer experience directly to the expectations of the job.
- Use power verbs such as organize, plan, prepare, execute, motivate, mediate, develop, guide, facilitate, etc.
- Show your potential to adapt, learn, and meet the needs of the employer.

STEP 4: The Cover Letter

A cover letter is a very important part of your resume. Cover letters are typically read first and could make or break any further attention. If the cover letter doesn’t pass the review, chances are your resume won’t even be acknowledged. Cover letters serve as an introduction and an elaboration of skills relative to the position that interests you. Connect your experience to the job requirements by giving specific examples. Whereas a resume is a summary of information, a cover letter includes more detail like “I helped organize a charity event by contacting 25 school alumni to raise funds,” or “In my communications class I led a project that created a proposal for more parking spaces at my school.”

Additional Resources: The Student Success Center

Following these steps is a great way to start your resume. You can also take advantage of the services that the Student Success Center provides. Contact Tom Bruflat in the Student Success Center for more information.

—Tom Bruflat contributed to this report
Don Markgraf photo

Bruflat: Success isn’t just grades

College’s short-term challenges provide long-term benefits

By Don Markgraf

The new Student Success Coordinator has some advice for first-time college students. “The hardest thing about college: It’s all about short-term challenges that provide long-term benefits,” said Tom Bruflat, who joined UW-Sheboygan during the fall semester.

“It’s hard to make that connection,” Bruflat explained. “Students are challenged everyday: assignments, reading and studying, family, work, short term daily, weekly, monthly challenges, and stressors.”

To help students with these challenges UW-Sheboygan offers services that include tutoring at the Student Success Center. One of Bruflat’s main responsibilities is coordinating all of the peer tutors who work in the center. Before coming to UW-Sheboygan he worked at UW-Oshkosh as an academic adviser.

Many students find it difficult in finding help with their academics. The SSC provides peer tutors for most of the classes that are offered on campus. Tutors are fellow students who took (and earned a high grade in) the class they tutor for, so they have seen the class from a student’s perspective.

Use of the tutors is free, and students may work with the tutors individually or as a group for as much time as feasible. Although some of the tutors currently list English classes, students will want to use the Writing Center’s tutors for any English class or writing assignments. The Writing Center is located directly above the SSC and also has free tutoring available for students.

Bruflat continued his advice for first-time college students by saying, “While students see some short-term benefits, it’s really about setting themselves up for the rest of their life.”

“It may be difficult at times, but all the hard work will pay off in the long run,” he said. “The grade is important, but it’s not everything. How much effort you put into the class, and how much you learn and grow, are just as important. Go into a class with an open mind, and if it’s difficult, try and find at least one thing that’s interesting to stay focused and motivated. Know that each class is a part of something bigger and important in the long run.”

The SSC hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (with free coffee 2-7 p.m.) and Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The tutoring schedule, along with the specific classes for each tutor, is posted in the window next to the entrance. No appointment is needed, but tutors are also available by special requests. Many faculty members encourage their students to use the tutors through their syllabi.

The SSC is an open door, comfortable space to use the computers, study with classmates/ friends, and work with peer tutors. All students in the SSC care about their academics, so it’s a place to connect with positive people on campus. There is a suggestion box in the room for ideas, comments and feedback, so the SSC can be even more responsive to students’ needs.

Bruflat is looking to expand the tutoring for more classes and adding more tutors for Friday mornings. He said he also wants to strengthen the career exploration and career development piece. It’s not utilized much, and it’s such an important part of helping students figure out what they want to do in the future and what their strengths are going to be.

Bruflat was born and raised in Fond du Lac. He earned a master’s degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato, in counseling and student personnel, and a bachelor’s degree at UW-Madison in social welfare and Latin American studies. He is married (Ali) and has a 21-month-old son Weston, along with their two dogs: Maisie and Murphy.

Bruflat enjoys fishing, golfing, hiking, hunting, biking, and walking the dogs. The family also vacations in the family cabin up north as much as possible. One thing he would like to do someday is travel to Norway. His dad’s family is from Bruflat, Norway, which is a village and church from the 14th century that are still thriving.

Tips for thriving, not just surviving, in college

✓ Don’t assume anything before you start, and know that while what you’ve done before attending college is important, it’s not necessarily going to predict how well you’re going to do here.

✓ College is a clean slate; discover and focus on your strengths, recognize and manage your weaknesses.

✓ Understand that college is different than high school for a lot of different reasons—the biggest of which is how well you hold yourself accountable and manage your new freedoms and responsibilities as a college student.

✓ You won’t find any other community with so many people wanting to help as you will in college. There are free resources on campus, along with caring instructors and staff, but you need to be able to recognize when to ask for help and have the courage to do so.

✓ Don’t underestimate the basics! (attending class, taking good notes, studying regularly throughout the semester, getting enough sleep, etc.). You can’t build a house without a good foundation!

✓ Surround yourself with as many positive people as you can. Focus on what you can do, what you could do, and what you will do; forget about all the times you’ve heard that you can’t, shouldn’t, or won’t do something. Use those negative messages as motivation to prove them wrong!
By Thi Nguyen

Like other students nationwide, UW-Sheboygan students were excited about spring break. Some of them have made their travel plans long before the break started.

For example, Matthew Fahres, a freshman, said that he was going downhill skiing in Michigan. Even though Fahres has gone there many times, he couldn’t wait for the trip.

Byeong Park, who is an international student and also a sophomore, was planning to go to New York City to visit his best friend. Park explained that because he’s an international student and spring break is normally short, he doesn’t have enough time to go back home to visit his family in the Eastern Hemisphere. Instead, he has traveled to a lot of cities in the States during his previous breaks.

However, some students, such as Amanda Krueger and Ivan Castillo, were not be able to go anywhere to enjoy their break because of work. But Krueger said that she would like to visit any place on the world map in the future, from U.S. states to foreign countries, including Hawaii, Alaska, Italy and Australia. Castillo, a sophomore, wished to travel to Cancun, Mexico, because he’s already been to many cities in Mexico except Cancun.
Snow surrounds the Acuity Technology Center.

Campus Life at Night

Photo essay by Heather Hughes

On March 7, it was a drizzly 20 degrees when I arrived on campus, which is a tolerable Wisconsin night if you dress in layers. At 4 o’clock I started to snap my first pictures. If you happened to see someone standing on top of their car, that was me. I walked the entire campus a couple times that night. I stood in windows looking down, walked quickly by classrooms, and sneaked up on very understanding professors and students. My goal was to show in pictures the campus life at night.

Harald Schenk (in the yellow coat) takes his astronomy students outdoors for a night sky viewing session.

Robin Starck teaches an evening algebra class.

The library offers even fewer distractions at night.