Paralegal student advocates for animals

By Meg Wickman

Holly Armstrong, a paralegal studies student here at Syracuse North, is passionate about advocating for animals, particularly pit bulls. “I am the owner of an eight-year-old pit bull who is very sweet,” she explains. “Oftentimes this breed is misunderstood and associated with negative stereotypes.”

To combat this problem, Holly has become involved with the Cuse Pit Crew, an organization dedicated to providing free training, humane education, and community support on behalf of pit bulls. According to Holly, “simply speaking about pit bulls in a positive light and letting people know that these dogs are wonderful family pets can go a long way in changing the perception of this breed.”

Holly’s concerns about animal abuse are not limited to pit bulls, however. “On a larger scale, the most significant amount of animal abuse happens on factory farms,” she says. “Removing meat from your diet at least one day a week will reduce that abuse substantially.”

Here on campus, Holly focuses on helping her peers as a Student Ambassador. This experience, Holly says, has allowed her to feel “more connected to my school and my fellow classmates.”

Drawn to our school by the supportive staff and the available-
Animal advocate, cont’d

Holly Armstrong will graduate in April 2016.

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ity of evening courses, Holly says she chose her major “because I enjoy the attention to detail and structure that the law provides.” Her classes have met her expectations, especially those taught by Program Director Steve Kempisty, who “keeps his students entertained while learning.”

“In both law and animal welfare, I would like to be the voice for those who need it,” Holly says, adding that in both pursuits she is “interested in the sense of justice.”

Holly is set to graduate in April 2016. Her degree will enable Holly to seek a position in mediation counseling, but Holly believes that the benefits of having attended college here will have extended beyond career preparation. “Before attending Bryant & Stratton, I thought that I would just be gaining an education, but I have learned that I will also be leaving with wonderful classmates who have grown into friends.”

Strategies for online applications

Many employers are requiring applicants to visit their websites when applying for a position as it saves time in candidates having to complete the application upon arrival for an interview. It also allows the employer to search their database of certain key words relevant with their position to see which applicants qualify.

Some strategies when applying for online positions: Always proofread for spelling and grammatical errors. Complete all parts of the application. Make sure all information is accurate.

Review the job description thoroughly to align your skills with the position. Avoid template résumés and cover letters. Originality is imperative. Never copy and paste your résumé, cover letter, and references as it might impact formatting. Whenever possible, attach these documents. Keep your references updated regarding your activity. If the posting does not say, “no phone calls,” follow up the employer to see if they received your information, have any initial questions regarding your qualifications, and inquire as to next steps.

Please stop by Career Services with any questions.
Clinical Procedures teaches “career readiness”

Jackie Miano, left, takes Nadia Rutledge’s blood pressure in Dr. Robert Jaworski’s AHLT 130 Clinical Procedures class, November 9, 2015. Shorthand for Temperature, Pulse, Respiration, and Blood Pressure, TPRBP are the vitals students must master in Clinical Procedures. “They start off every class with it,” said Dr. Bob. “This is how they will open a visit with a patient every day—a little career readiness.”

Courtney Hall, left, takes Cassandra Fleming’s blood pressure in AHLT 130 Clinical Procedures, Nov. 9.

Upcoming Events

November 26
THANKSGIVING: no classes

November 30
Week 12 grades available.

December 9
ABG Bake Sale

December 11
Graduation breakfast

December 19
Last day of classes

December 21
Online Session II ends

January 13
Winter semester begins
Med Lab teaches students to draw blood

Students in Dr. Robert Jaworski’s Med Lab AHLT 230 practice drawing blood from each other about three times per week for six weeks until they feel comfortable with the procedure and become proficient, according to Dr. Bob. Students practice drawing from the elbow and from the hand. This means students normally practice 18-20 blood draws before they can pass the course.

“Their job in the real world is to draw blood so they have to learn to find the best vein,” Dr. Bob said. Students also practice using a “butterfly” needle which makes it easier to draw blood from fragile veins, as the vacuum tube sometimes causes them to collapse, Dr. Bob said.

Happy Thanksgiving
ABG inducts new members

BSC’s Alpha Beta Gamma, Mu Alpha Chapter, inducted 10 students November 19. ABG is an international honor society for two-year colleges and is open to any students who maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. The group meets weekly, and engages in two service-related activities per semester. Pictured from left are: Chapter President Mary Hoare; faculty advisor Deb Lum; inductees Sharon Fehrman, Courtney Crader, Tammy Cunningham, McKayla Kaestle, Kimberly Murphy, Jena Hamilton, Brenda Cudmore, Katie Ingison, Michele Wanamaker, Jennifer Gleason; and Chapter Vice President Leslie Caldwell. Pictured below from left: Katie Ingison, Courtney Crader, and Jena Hamilton.
Business Club swims with the sharks

Members of the Business Club spent Nov. 4 at the Brazzlebox Small Business Summit, held at the OnCenter in Syracuse. According to Business Club Advisor Regina Drumm, “The whole purpose was focusing on entrepreneurship and small businesses.”

The featured speaker was Daymond John, the CEO and founder of FUBU clothing, who is known to national television audiences as one of the judges on the ABC program “The Shark Tank.” Other main speakers were Juli Boeheim, one of the founders of the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation, and Glen Zinszer, the founder and CEO of Brazzlebox, an applied social network for small and home-based businesses.

The summit also included an expert business panel, with representatives from companies such as Platypus TV, New York On Tech, and Research and Marketing Strategies, Inc.

BSC sports teams compete at national level

Two sports teams headquartered at the Downtown Syracuse campus recently competed against athletes from across the country.

The Bobcat Cross Country team competed in the USCAA national meet in Lakeland, FL Nov. 6. The overwhelming heat and humidity of central FL took its toll on the field of 127 runners sending at least 10 men to the hospital. Bobcat runners Tevin Johnson, Brandon Moore, Travis Russell, Sean Sinclair and Andre Telfair put in impressive efforts in very difficult conditions. “I am relieved that all of our athletes are safe,” said Coach Ryan Johnson. “Several runners lost consciousness during the race and were transported to the ER by ambulance. This was a very difficult race, and I am proud of the effort our team put in!”

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Team Co-Captain and top runner Tevin Johnson finished in 24th place overall. Co-Captain Brandon Moore finished 80th overall.

The No. 1-seeded BSC men’s soccer team played in the USCAA National Championship game Saturday, Nov. 7, in Asheville, NC against No. 2-seeded University of Maine Fort Kent. Maine won 2-1 in a shootout after the game ended in a scoreless tie after regulation and two overtimes.

“We outshot and outplayed our opponents,” said Coach Nick Dimitrievski. “Those who witnessed the game saw a true National Championship. I’m really very proud of them. It was a heartbreaking loss but a great experience and a tremendous opportunity for us.” The Bobcats finished the season 13-2.