

2014 John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars

For the 5th consecutive summer, Urban Scholars has partnered with the John Hancock Summer Scholars Program to offer its high school seniors and recent alumni internships on UMass Boston's campus and throughout Boston. This valued partnership allows Urban Scholars to offer its scholars employment opportunities that develop both their career interests and leadership skills in a variety of professional settings. During the 2014 summer, our Scholars pursued paid internships at MIT's Architecture Dept. and UMass Boston's Commonwealth Compact, Campus Kitchen, Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction, IT Department, Marine Operations, Project REACH, and William Monroe Trotter Institute.



Carlos Andrade and Marine Operations' Staff at Fox Point Landing and on the M/V Columbia Point

Carlos Andrade '14, a recent graduate of Jeremiah Burke, interned with **UMass Boston's Marine Operations Department**. During the 7-week internship, Carlos sold tickets for Marine Operations' "Harbor Cruises," assisted with boat tours to Spectacle Island, Deer Island, and other tourist sites, and helped with general clean-up/maintenance of the harbor. "Through this experience, I've learned a lot about responsibility and the direction I want in my life" he says. In the fall, Carlos will be attending Bridgewater St. University as the recipient of the Jorge Fidalgo Memorial Scholarship and plans to major in either biology or aviation science.

Dane Bien-Ame '14, a recent graduate of Boston Green Academy, interned with **Commonwealth Compact**, an organization within UMass' McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies that focuses on increasing the visibility of and access to professionals of color in Massachusetts. During the 7-week internship, Dane designed marketing materials and other publications, helped plan a conference, and assisted her supervisor, Velda McRae-Yates, with many efforts to promote the organization. Dane will be a freshman at Wheelock College (Boston, MA) on a full scholarship funded by the Christian Herter Memorial Scholarship. She initially intended to major in biology but as a result of her positive experience with Commonwealth Compact, she will explore majors in communications and media, human development, and other majors that relate to Commonwealth Compact's mission.



Dane Bien-Ame '14 with her supervisor CC Deputy Director, Velda McRae-Yates



left: **Zaimara Pena '15** (middle) and **Stanasa Dowdye '13** (right) working with students in the Project REACH garden.

Stanasa Dowdye '13, a sophomore at Suffolk Univ., and **Zaimara Pena '15**, a senior at Tech Boston Academy, interned with **Project REACH**, a summer program that services students from Dearborn Academy and Madison Park High and prepares them for college. Over the 5 weeks Stanasa and Zaimara interned, they facilitated many workshops and activities, chaperoned field trips, and served as mentors to Project REACH students. Along with other Project REACH staff, they both had a major role in helping the students manage a garden at the Dever-McCormack School. Though Stanasa and Zaimara are both interested in the medical field, their experience with Project REACH youth has motivated them to find ways to blend their passion for the sciences with education and youth development.

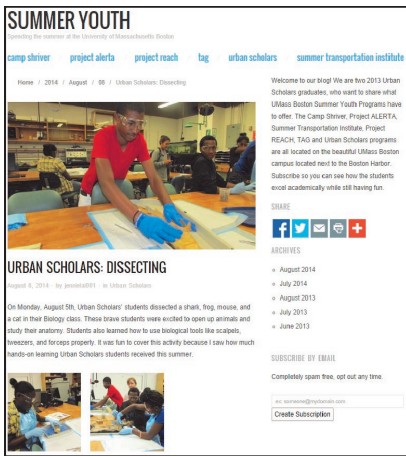


Jenny Noel '14, a recent graduate of Tech Boston Academy, interned with the **William Monroe Trotter Institute**, an institute devoted to research into black history and culture. While interning, Jenny assisted the institute's director, Dr. Barbara Lewis, with research on the many issues impacting the health of Black women. This was particularly interesting to Jenny given she is a Haitian female and will be majoring in biology at UMass Boston, where she begins her freshman year this fall.



Veronis Sanchez '15, a senior at Tech Boston Academy, spent her 7-weeks interning with **UMass Boston's Campus Kitchen**. Campus Kitchen partners with on-campus dining and local resources to rescue unserved, usable food, reducing waste for donors and food costs for meal recipients. Veronis was involved in a variety of projects that included facilitating workshops for youth on healthy eating, delivering food to shelters, and assisting Campus Kitchen staff with the collection and preparation of donated food. With a successful year of interning completed, Veronis hopes to work with Campus Kitchen next summer and in the future.





For the 2nd summer, **Tramel Griffith '13**, a sophomore at MCLA, and **Jennie Lai '13**, a sophomore at UMass Boston, interned with the **IT Department** and served as the campuses "Web Publishing Interns." Tramel and Jennie managed the **UMass Summer Youth Blog** that featured articles, interviews, photo essays and videos of the various summer programs at UMass Boston. This year, they expanded their coverage by also featuring the Summer Transportation Institute, Mayors Summer Jobs Campaign, Boston Private Industry Council, and Campus Kitchen. Tramel and Jennie also ramped up their efforts to publicize the blog, which successfully increased their subscribers, comments, and overall readership. Visit blogs.umb.edu/summeryouth/ to view their work!

Sabrina Brown '13, a sophomore at UMass Boston, interned with the **Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction**. During her internship, Sabrina assisted the Department with a number of projects that will prepare them for the new academic year. She will also continue working with the Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction this fall as a work-study student and plans to major in psychology. Though she is enjoying her experience at UMass Boston, Sabrina will be transferring to another public university in the spring '15 to experience dorm life. We wish Sabrina best of luck with the application process!



Left to Right: **Frantzer Tondereau '14**, **David Lemmel - US Director**, **Jeffrey Valbrun '14**, **McCaella Shaw '12**, **Suamy Ventura - Program Asst.**, **Rousler Milfort '14**, **Medgine Jo-**

For the 3rd summer, **McCaella Shaw '12** interned with **Urban Scholars** and assisted core staff during both the morning and afternoon components. McCaella's maturity, pleasant personality, and long-term relationship with Urban Scholars' is the reason we continuously hire her each summer. McCaella is earning her associates in nursing from Roxbury CC and will transfer to UMass Boston in the fall '15.

Frantzer Tondereau '14, a recent graduate of Tech Boston Academy, also interned with **Urban Scholars** during our afternoon component. He assisted US's program assistant, Suamy Ventura, with planning of all afternoon activities, which includes the team competitions, educational & cultural workshops, sporting events, and field trips. Frantzer is beginning his freshman year at UMass Boston this fall.

Medgine Joseph '14, a graduate of Jeremiah Burke High, interned with **MIT's Architecture Dept.** Her internship offered a diverse set of experiences that included working with the Architecture Dept.'s Administrative Office and with a variety of machinery and technology in the MIT Woodshop. Medgine, a recipient of 5 private scholarships totaling over \$8,000, is attending Bunker Hill CC with the goal of transferring to a 4-year school to major in psychology.