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Upcoming Events Fall Semester 2024 - Local School Engagements

Haley & Aldrich is looking for volunteers to help with some events we're programming this fall with our neighbors at Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC), UMass Boston (UMB), and select Boston Public School (BPS) high schools. The purpose is to expose students to the broad array of careers in the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction industry, and convince them there's something for nearly everyone. We are working to bring more diversity to the AEC industry pipeline, and at least for our firm, in hopes that our staff profile better reflects the communities we serve!

BHCC is a two-year (junior) college that offers associate degrees and transfer options to a four-year college. UMB is a four-year program with varying majors. Both colleges are federally defined as Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). BPS schools often have career pathways tracks but look different from school to school, and we adapt to their needs. Formats/Logistics with colleges are also different than high schools. Regardless, our large-format events are meant to provide broad exposure, and the smaller, in-class events are discipline specific to provide exposure at greater depth (e.g., engineering, business, or visual arts focus).

We could use your help with these upcoming events (sorted by date/certainty)! Enlistment is on a first-come/first-serve basis. We will notify you if a certain event is full and provide you potential opportunities beyond those listed below.

Event	School	Date	Needs and Notes
Careers Poster Session (FULL)	BHCC	9/24, ~11:00-2:00	Think "reverse career fair." This is a session where students can explore different AEC career disciplines and ask you questions about what you do and how you got there. The focus for this event is to showcase a cross-section of our industry, not primarily trying to hire candidates to your specific company. We are looking for poster-presenters from every AEC discipline to share what it's like to work in that particular field. <ul style="list-style-type: none">H&A will provide a template for the poster, which will include suggested key sections to exhibit. The posters will focus on your personal journey, what someone in your discipline does on a day-to-day, and potential career paths for students at your firm. We are looking for lots of graphics and photos to spark conversations.There will be two virtual prep meetings to provide more guidance and details about the poster creation and final logistics. We also need volunteers to provide general support (registration table, help with setup/breakdown, food, networking, etc.)
Careers Poster Session	UMB	10/3, 11:00-2:00	[same as above, different location]

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Field Trip to a Development/ Construction Site – South Station Tower	UMB	11/1, 3:00-5:00	<p>South Station Tower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with Haley & Aldrich and those familiar with the host site, we are looking for PWC volunteers from different disciplines to help facilitate questions and share their discipline-specific knowledge with students as we break up into tour groups of varying interest. There are generally two ways in which we need help. Tour Guide/Support: You don't have to be an "expert" in your field! You will be able to share your experience and perspective even with less years on the job. At the event, you will be paired with someone knowledgeable about the project and our expectation of you is to be converse with your student group (matched by career interest) to walk the tour and chime in to share your general development/construction knowledge, and be an interpreter! General Support: We could also use volunteers to provide general support (registration table, help with setup/breakdown, food, student networking, etc.) <p>Note: There will be a virtual preparation meeting before the tour to review logistics and expectations.</p>
Field Trip to a Development/ Construction Site	BHCC	Probably 11/5 (or 11/12)	[see above, but for BHCC students] – field trip location TBD...possibly Assembly Row
Field Trip to a Development/ Construction Site	English High School	Probably 10/21	[see above, but for English students] – field trip to Bulfinch Crossing/Government Center Garage Redevelopment
Field Trip for Charlestown High School	Charlestown High School	11/15, 11:45-1:45	Field trip to Hood Park – This would follow similar format to field trips above.
Classroom/Club Visits	Various	Oct/Nov	We have regular requests from professors of varying departments to have a short "Day in the Life" presentation with lots of Q&A. Often paired with H&A staff for familiarity/logistical navigation.
Career Poster Session	New Mission High School	Week of 12/2	See more details about poster session above. This poster session would likely be tailored to 10 th graders, but details TBD.
Field Trip for New Mission HS	New Mission HS	Week of 1/13	[See details about field trip format above] - location TBD, likely Dorchester Bay City site.
Career Poster Session	English High School	Likely week of 5/5/25	Same as poster sessions above, but tailored for high school students.

Other Opportunities

If you have other ideas, or opportunities you would like to share and have others engage, please contact Kelvin at kwong@haleyaldrich.com.