

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, SENIORS.



Only a week and a half to go until your big day...

As you prepare for Commencement, know that we at Purposeful Work have really missed connecting with you in person over the last two months, but we can't wait to see what amazing things you'll do in the years to come. As soon-to-be graduates, know that you'll be entering into a community of alumni and friends that care about improving the world, bettering society, and supporting each other in the process.

In honor of all that they do to engage, encourage, inspire, and mentor students, we're dedicating this week's senior note to **OUR DEDICATED ALUMNI**.

Check out all of the different ways that they're currently supporting students:

1. **UPCOMING ALUMNI PANELS** -- Purposeful Work is collaborating with [Alumni Council](#) and [Alumni Engagement](#) to bring you two very special panels this week and next week that will help you navigate your next steps into the professional world:
 - [Practice Makes Professions: How Athletics Can Lead You to Purposeful Work](#)
Teamwork. Accountability. Integrity. Toughness. Balance. Trust. Join us for a conversation with three former Bates student-athletes about how they translated these and other leadership skills learned on the court and on the field into professional and personal success.
 - **[RSVP HERE](#) for Thursday, May 21 at 8PM**
 - [Bottoms Up! Alumni Wisdom for Navigating Recessions and Building Resilience](#)
Join us to hear members of the Class of 2009 share their personal stories of resilience and success during and after the Great Recession. It's an opportunity to hear perspectives and strategies on navigating difficult economic times—and consider what defines a recession resilience story. The panel will be moderated by Maya Church from the Class of 2020.
 - **[RSVP HERE](#) for Wednesday, May 27 at 8PM**

2. **VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS** -- Purposeful Work is continuing to share virtual internship opportunities created by generous alumni, parents, and friends -- several at organizations started and/or helmed by Bates connections. If you're still searching for opportunities on Handshake, make sure to plug in "PW 2020" and explore virtual opportunities open to seniors. Note that Purposeful Work competitive funding is also open to seniors -- check out [this Handshake posting](#) for details and instructions. The third and final funding deadline is MAY 26. NOTE: If you're an international student, remember to check in with Shelley Palmer to confirm you're eligible before applying.
3. **BATES BRIDGE & LINKEDIN** -- In collaboration with [Alumni Engagement](#), Purposeful Work launched [Bates Bridge](#) this year, a new online platform to foster student-to-alumni and alumni-to-alumni connections. Batesies connect with one another for meaningful discussions — regardless of where they are in the world or where they are on their own path. The platform supports students and alumni as they ask questions, connect with new people, join groups, and inspire each other. In conjunction with the [Bates College Alumni Page on LinkedIn](#), Bates Bridge is critical to helping you build out your Bates network. For advice and guidance on how to best utilize these platforms, check out our networking videos on our [Purposeful Work YouTube Playlist](#).
4. **ADDITIONAL CONNECTION EVENTS** -- In addition to upcoming alumni panels, Purposeful Work delivered several informal and formal events with alumni and parents over the past few weeks -- Bobcat Ventures with Chris Barbin '93, International Affairs with Patrick Quirk '03, Entertainment Careers with Steven Brookman P'21, PA vs. NP Careers with Sarah Bouchard '15 and Alyssa Connors '16 -- with [International Trade with Jim Paul P'22](#) coming up soon! Check out recordings on our [Purposeful Work YouTube Playlist](#) and event links on Handshake.

A FEW LAST WORDS:

- We'll be here for you over the summer, so don't hesitate to reach out now and/or later to individual advisors or purposefulwork@bates.edu.
- So that we can tailor our events, resources, and communications to your needs, help us help you by completing this [4-question survey](#) if you haven't already done so.
- If you're still seeking opportunities, check out our job search video on our [Purposeful Work YouTube Playlist](#). ALSO: Make sure to complete your Handshake profile fully so employers can find you and check out these great [Handshake resources addressing how to get hired remotely](#).
- If you're considering graduate or professional school, check out our GPS video on our [Purposeful Work YouTube Playlist](#). ALSO: Make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to pursue graduate work at the brand new [Roux Institute](#) in Portland, Maine. For those of you interested in exploring technology and innovation after Bates, these may be ideal programs to consider.

Should you need help with anything related to Purposeful Work, our counselors are available to connect via phone, Zoom, Google Hangout, or email. You can make an appointment for M-F 8am-4pm ET through Handshake (login, go to the upper tab “Career Center” and then click “Appointments”). If you have any trouble making an appointment, please email us.

If you’d like to submit your resume and/or cover letter for review, we’ll have at least two advisors available every Monday-Friday 1-3PM at purposefulwork@bates.edu. If you’d like to reach out with a quick question or for a quick consult, we’ll have an advisor *LIVE* on Zoom every Monday-Wednesday 8-9PM through the end of May. Find us at this Zoom link: <https://bates.zoom.us/j/98081221776>. You’ll enter a waiting room and the on-call advisor will be with you as soon as possible.

NOTE: If you’ve missed any of the senior class messages since March 23, please check them out [here on the Purposeful Work COVID-19 page](#).

As always, we’re here for you.

The Team at the Center for Purposeful Work