

## Full and unedited testimonials from alumni and students

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They were asked to comment on how the center impacted them or what it has meant to them.

The center gave me hope during a time where many were hopeless. During the recession it was extremely difficult to find a job but the center provided great insight into available fields and avenues of pursuing careers in a field of my choice. –**Shanna Middleton '09** is *deputy assistant director for education, NYC OMB*

I cannot thank the Magner Center enough first and foremost for their patience. As I was getting closer and closer to graduation I was in there constantly working on cover letters and a solid professional resume. The staff understood how important it was to me to make sure it was just right. Their attention to detail I admired so much. As I was pursuing my goals and career the people in the Magner Center took interest in getting to know what I was doing and why I was doing it. I developed a strong relationship with someone there who was also working at their goals and began to realize how helping others can really help you. He was a dreamer like me. He was working on creating a comic book series called "Unmasked." USA Today scored an exclusive with this man once the comic came out. He reached his goal. At first I didn't utilize the center and got most of my internships on my own. But by making connections at those internships I gave information to the Magner Center that could be used for fellow Brooklyn College students. I wanted to make it easier for people to know what's out there if they're wanting to pursue the same career as me. It's probably my favorite place on campus because it provides a support to help launch you into the future. I wouldn't be where I am now on my career path without the professional skills I learned at the Magner Center. Not to mention, the free of charge workshops from Dale Carnegie, round table discussions with professionals and interest specific job fairs I was able to attend thanks to the Magner Center. I hope every student at Brooklyn College realizes what a truly valuable place the Magner Center is. You're not alone. The Magner Center is willing to run with you towards your dream. As someone living their dream and continuously working towards my goals I'm proud to say the Magner Center played a big part in my life. - **Dan Thorn '12 News Anchor, WVNS-TV 59News**

The Magner Career Center helped me hone in on what I wanted to do professionally, assisted me in revising my resume and connected me with alumni in the field to see what the opportunities were for me. - **Ezra N. Rich '07 Senior Account Executive, DKC LLC**

While I was at BC, I didn't have much interaction with the magner center. It wasn't until after I graduated that I began volunteering my time to current students and recent alums. I try to assist as much as possible because I know firsthand how difficult the transition can be after college. The uncertainty of finding a job, or looking into graduate school can be incredibly challenging and scary. It's important for me as a working professional of color to be able to model my idea of success to further motivate others in a way that wasn't visible for me as a student. **Julio Peña III '07, Career and Internship Coordinator, Good Shepherd Services**

The Magner Center helped me build and define a resume and also reviewed my cover letters for graduate school. It was helpful in my applications' chances of success during the rigorous admissions process to MFA programs. (I am one of six playwrights in my cohort.) - **Amy Gijsbers van Wijk, Student at Carnegie Mellon University**

I found the Magner Center very helpful in providing career options and internships. - **Adam Noble '12 Research Analyst, Goldman Sachs**

The Magner Center played an instrumental role in launching my career in finance. The Magner Center provided me with all the tools and support after graduation to launch my career (not just a job); all the way from resume reviews and practicing interviewing skills to leveraging strong relationships with BC professors/alumni who are already established in their industries and can assist recent graduates and students in getting their foot in the door. - **Victor Thkifati '10, Assistant Vice President, Deutsche Bank**

"Since my first semester at Brooklyn Magner Center has been an integral part of my success, and I would like to give back at least some of the enthusiasm, passion and active interest in my personal development that I had received from it. I came to Brooklyn College nine years ago and started with blank slate in terms of career options, job opportunities,

and overall tremendous gap in information. Throughout the first semester I attended every single event at Magner Center that I could squeeze into my schedule. I received phenomenal level of support from faculty, improved my English, and gained some marketable skills and better understanding of what steps career in medicine entails. Pamela Brown and Robert Oliva were the biggest proponents of Pre-Health Club, back in the days when it was nothing more than an idea, and helped it become the fastest growing club on campus I graduated Brooklyn College with B.S. in Chemistry and B.A. in Psychology in 2009 with Magna Cum Laude, and went to Univ. of Massachusetts Medical School to pursue my MD/PhD degrees. Now I am a part of inaugural NYC Cornell Tech MBA class at Johnson School of Management at Cornell University - the most innovative MBA program in the world, which changes the way we view technology development and implementation. It has been a long path, but I will always remember where it began - at my first session with Natalia Guarin-Klein on Choosing a Career Path." . - **Sean Smirnov '09, Summer Associate, BR Ventures**

Coming into Brooklyn College I was enrolled in the combined BA-MD program. In my third year I realized that I did not want to be a physician. It was late in my college career to be switching fields, but Natalia was a great source of inspiration and support. She helped me hone my skills for interviews and critiqued my resume. Ultimately, I ended up going to Columbia University for my MPH. I would not be where I am today if I did not seek out the Magner Center and specifically Natalia's assistance. - **Harman Sidhu '10, Physician Support Analyst, Bon Secours Charity Health System**

"Magner Center employees(especially Natalia Guarin-Klein) helped me a lot. They helped to write my first resume, assisted me on applying for different jobs/internships, practiced Mock Interviews with me. I attended Magner Center workshops on resume writing, jobs/internships etc. They were always ready to answer my questions. Because of Magner Center employees I became more confident in myself, and the job search was easier for me. I want to say a special 'Thank you' to Natalia Guarin-Klein for always being there for me when needed. She remembers all her students, and always forwards the opportunity to us when she has it." - **Svetlana Cozmit '11 Cash Analyst, INDemand LLC**

The Magner Center definitely had a major impact on my college and professional career. Specifically Ms. Guarin-Klein became a guiding force for me. I remember walking into her office during my first semester as a transfer student. At the time, I was a Sales Associate and Staples, and I wanted so much more for myself. I was confused and overwhelmed with which direction to take. Ms Guarin-Klein gave such simple, yet profound advice that will stick with me. We talked through all the things that I was interested in professionally, and came up with a plan. A few months later, I landed my very first internship at Warner Music Group within the Human Resources department. I greatly attribute this to the help of Ms Guarin-Klein. I have a few more encounters with her that have helped me tremendously, professionally. I have also attended several workshops at the Center that have polished my skills, and gave me the ability to network with professionals. All in all, Ms. Guarin-Klein and the Magner Center was my saving grace as a young, confused, transfer student at Brooklyn College. - **Nicole Dillon '13, Program Associate, New Visions for Public Schools**

The Internship Stipend Award provided by the Magner Center allowed me to spend a summer in Jordan, where I interned at an English language newspaper and studied Arabic. I wrote a lot of interesting stories for the newspaper and met many fantastic people. One of my stories even ended up on the front page! The stipend made that trip possible and I would love to pay it forward any way that I can. - **Alex Ellefson '14, Intern, The Independent**

My third semester at Brooklyn College I decided to pursue a career in Public Accounting. Anyone that goes into this field knows how competitive the job market is and how important it is to have experience by doing at least two internships before graduating. As soon as I declared my major, I started to work on my résumé. The Magner Center helped me from the start until I had a professional résumé and continued to help me update it until I graduated. Furthermore, the Magner Center developed my interview skills by providing mock interviews and connected me with alumni to network with. The Magner Center has been a great resource in my college career from helping me edit my résumé to ultimately landing a job and I am very thankful of that! - **Selly Ishak '14, Audit Staff - Loeb and Troper**

"I was able to get my job with the help of the Magner Center. I loved all the events you guys had such as the Dale Carnegie learning. One day I got an email about an event titled ""Learn more about banking." At first I did not want to go because I worked in a bank and thought there was nothing I can learn. Something inside of me persuaded me to attend the event. I met someone who is my close friend now and he convinced me to put in my application. He guided me through the interview process, which was not easy, and I landed a job right after I graduated. I learned a big lesson from

that day and I will never stop learning and looking for opportunities." - **Slav Kuzmin '13**  
**Licensed Sales Professional , HSBC**

"The Magner Center made me the person that I'm today. It helped me grow as a professional. It gave me the opportunity to expose myself in the job market. I interned at some places thanks to the Center. I'm so grateful for the opportunities that you guys gave me, a big shout out to Natalia, Pamela and Zavi, you guys helped me a lot and worked hand and hand with me. I will never forget you for all your help. I hope students take advantages of what the Center has to offer because it helped me achieve my goal." - **Michelle Samedy Maignan '09, Financial Aid Specialist , Montgomery College**

I don't think my story would be a good one, as I really just participated for about two terms. Natalia was a great counselor, and gave me a lot of insight regarding trying out new things and also being anchored in more practical career decision-making choices. She's been great, she's a fighter, but I don't think my involvement with the center was that substantial. Wishing you all the best, Natalia! I'm confident you're going to rock the position and do Brooklyn college proud! - **Daniel Kong '07, City Harvest, Interning at ICTJ, Green Market Coordinator, Program Management Intern, student (respectively)**

The center served as a huge resource to me during undergrad and though I hope I wouldn't have to utilize it as much post-grad, I know it could still help me in my career path to medicine. Though I had found the position on my own, the Magner Center offered the incentive to take this originally non-paid internship that I knew would benefit my future greatly. I am now in negotiations with the company for possible hire. Natalia Guarin Klein in particular was a great mentor for me since I met her as a freshmen through my Honors Academy program. I believe every student in Brooklyn College should meet with a career adviser from the Magner Career Center as a requirement. I believe Brooklyn College doesn't advertise its vast opportunities of fellowships, study abroad programs, possible stipends and internships enough to its students, especially non-honors ones. The Magner Career Center has served me as the biggest tool throughout my undergrad career. - **Polina Ferd '14, Weill Cornell Medical College, Research Assistant**

The Magner Center has had a substantial impact in my life. My first job while at university was with the Magner Center as a student aid; I learned a great deal about marketing, presenting, workshop organizing and general interpersonal and communication skills. The resume workshops and one to one interviews were one of the most important aspects of the center as it allowed me to refine my interview skills, be more confident in myself and informed me of how to properly handle myself around interviewers. One of the most interesting workshops I had at the center was the business dinner etiquette course, who knew there were so much rules or utensils. My first job out of university was with the Brand Management firm Big Tent Entertainment; I found the internship from the Magner Center and that internship lead to a full time job six months later. The Magner Center taught me the skills and gave me the tools to be an effective job hunter, without them I don't know where I would be. Success is part motivation, dedication, skills and luck. The Center dedicated a great deal of time on me and motivated me by teaching me skills and things I didn't even know existed or was needed in this world to be successful. For that all I can say is thank you. - **Junior Septimus '07, Analyst, MRM // McCann**

After attending the One Shot Workshop back in 2007, my eyes opened to the fact that I knew nothing about the manner in which recruiters looked at candidates. Fast forward to the Magner Center and the number of workshops and job fairs over the years and I'm now in an executive role in a technology startup that seeks to affect positive change in youth, young adults and young professional seeking higher education and career opportunities...The inspiration of which came massively from the time and energy poured into me by the Magner Center. - **Artie Shaw Jr. '12, Chief Operation Officer, Yondster, Inc.**

The Magner Center helped me get my first job after graduation: Zavi Gunn reviewed my resume when I applied for that position. In addition, Natalia Guarin-Klein was generous with her time as a career counselor. Lastly, I met someone at one of the Magner Center networking events who would become my friend. - **Tatyana Lotarevich '06, Program Assistant, Gyunity Health Projects**

Magner Center is the best center in Brooklyn College that could ever be opened. The people who work there, such as Natalia Guarin, always carry such an optimism and encouragement and bring so much help to students especially with resume writing and mock interviews. - **Vira Deynega '12, Audit Senior Assistant, Deloitte**

I obtained employment with Citibank through the Career Makers Program that was in place at the Magner Center some time ago. I later got a position with NYC Health & Hospital Corporation through the Magner Center. When I was in Grad School at Brooklyn College, I obtained an internship with The Visiting Nurse Service NY. Since then I made myself available to be a mentor as my current work schedule permits. - **Rupert Wilmot-Dunbar '11 State Program Examiner, Office of the State Comptroller**

When I first enrolled in college, I was indecisive about my career choices until I signed up for the Magner Center. The Magner Center allowed me to gain confidence in myself to try different things until I believed I found my calling. I always made sure to apply to different jobs. After I decided on my major, the Magner Career Center became an integral part of assuring to me my career path. As an Early Childhood major, it was crucial that I gained experience in my field before fulfilling a degree in it. Through the Magner Center, I found a Non-profit organization called Jumpstart. Jumpstart worked in low-income neighborhoods to provide children with the language and literacy skills needed before they started Kindergarten. Working in a low-income community was life changing, by raising my expectations of individual potential and responsibility towards these children. The Magner Center, has provided me with two internships thus far, that have given me the opportunity to go beyond learning in a classroom but rather taking on the real world., **Hana Johami '15, Site Manager, Tracey Barnett**

I graduated Brooklyn College with my undergraduate degree a little older than most. Soon after life got in the way and I found myself unable to find work in my field. Feeling frustrated, depressed and on the verge of giving up I went to see Ms. Klein at the Magner Center. She was very helpful and gave me information on the stipend and internships. I was able to land an internship and use the stipend to help get there and meet some financial obligations while I developed my career. My internship was a turning point for me. I gained skills that have open many doors for me. A little over two years later I have the job I've wanted and I have confidence that I can be successful. I am eternally grateful to the Magner Center for awarding me the stipend. As I continue to forge forward in my career it is something I will always remember. I hope to one day be successful enough to offer someone the same opportunity I had through the Magner Center. - **Dionne Andino '15, Junior Accountant, [patch.com](http://patch.com)**

The Magner Center at Brooklyn College really opened doors for me in getting experience in the professional world. From sitting down with multiple career counselors, resume reviews, company visits, internship experience, I gained a lot of insight on the industry and a new direction I would like to pursue within it where I would best fit. - **Tyler '15, Brooklyn College Student**

I was not aware of the Magner Center when I attended. I had very little idea of where I wanted to work upon graduation and just took a shot at "wall street". I found my way. I feel I have alleviated some anxiety and given some advice that helped some students. I tell them how lucky they are that Magner is available to them. - **Michael Kosik '83 Vice President, Morgan Stanley**

My career in government/politics originated from an internship that was secured through the Magner Career Center. As a sophomore and junior, I had an opportunity to participate in the JFEW internship program. For two consecutive summers, I interned for the Dominican Times Magazine in 2005 and the Office of New York City Council Member Yvette D. Clarke in 2006. The latter led to a part-time then full-time position after graduation in 2007. I became a District Representative and was promoted to Press Secretary within the nearly six years I worked with the former Council Member now U.S. Congresswoman. Today, I am now the Communications Director for New York City Council Member with a profound appreciation for this Center; my career counselors, Zavi Gunn and Natalia Guarin-Klein; and always emphasize the importance of internships with college students. - **Kristia M. Beaubrun '07, Communications Director, New York City Council**

It is through the efforts of receiving a 3000 stipend from the Magner Center that I was able to take a non-paid internship at New York City Council in the Speaker's office. From my internship, I was received a part time position as a

Legislative Aide and now a full time employment as a Community Liaison for Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. **-Perri Litton '12, Community Liaison, New York City Council**

"I have received a scholarship from the Magner Center in which I had the chance to meet very interesting mentors who have begun to equip me with the knowledge needed to prepare myself for a successful career in my chosen field. The Magner Center also prompted me to apply for an internship with the New York Senate office. I hadn't had the courage or confidence to pursue such an opportunity, but with the Magner Center's help I am now beginning my work in the Senator's office and I'm very excited about the opportunity." **- Khaled Ahmed '17, Intern, Senator Gillibrand**

The Magner Center is a resource: valuable, relevant and effective. Not only do my students appreciate the efforts of the entire staff but as a Brooklyn College staff member and alum, I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of various events and workshops. **- Jessica Doeman '07, CSTEP Program Coordinator, Research Foundation CUNY Brooklyn College**

I am very grateful for everything the center had done for me: from help with the resume to the internship, which gave me security and also helped me in finding a job. **- Elena Svintsova '14 Pace University Student**

The Magner Career Center offers invaluable assistance and guides students to doors that lead to opportunity. I met with Natalia, who helped make my resume more appealing to employers. She asked a few questions to get an idea of who I was and what careers I was interested in. She suggested some sites to use in my search for an internship. I had my heart set on the very first internship opportunity she showed me at the Covenant House. I submitted a copy of the resume she helped me revise and got a call back from them. With her advice, I researched the company, prepared for the interview, and landed the internship. During my summer internship at the Covenant House I knew I had to perform well and leave a lasting impression as I represented not only myself but Brooklyn College as well. On my last day, my supervisor, the Vice President of Human Resources told me to connect with her on LinkedIn and to contact her when I'm ready to search for a job. I don't believe that I would have had the courage and confidence to apply for and succeed at the internship had it not been for the Magner Career Center. Thank you! **- Maria Corazon Barro '15, HR Intern, Covenant House**

When I entered Brooklyn College as a freshmen, I felt lost not only because of the new type of environment I was in, but also I was confused about the steps I needed to take to ensure a successful future. Even though I was in a learning community, I still felt I had no guidance, until one day I went to a workshop at the Magner Career Center where I was able to meet Suzanne Grossman. At the end of the workshop, she offered help for students who were interested in a program called NY Needs You and of course I took her offer. Since then she has truly given me the guidance I need throughout my college career. Although I did get the interview but not a spot in the competitive program, I continued to go to workshops, work on my resume and network with people because that was not the end all be all. Not only working with Suzanne, but also other people at the Magner Career Center has really taught me not to give up when one opportunity is not offered to you because another one better may be waiting. Apply to anything and everything you can because eventually someone will say yes. **- Orah Fields '16, CUNYAC Student**

Since I transferred to Brooklyn College in the fall of 2013 the Magner Career Center has always made me feel welcomed. Everyone that I have come in contact with at the Magner Career Center are all very helpful and seem to genuinely care about my future. The Magner Center continues to help by sending networking and job opportunities daily. They never hesitate to give guidance and help you in any way they can. Thanks to the Magner Center's job fair I found an internship with Stageplays Theatre Company as a casting assistant. Marge Magner's generous stipend allowed me to accept this non-paid internship despite my financial state and has led to more wonderful opportunities within the internship. I am very grateful for the Magner Career Center and Brooklyn College wouldn't be the same without it. Thank you to Marge Magner and everyone at the center. **- Elizabeth Cotto '16, Casting Assistant, Stageplays Theatre Company**

It was great interning at the Magner Center staff for the past two semesters. I will also like to thank our supervisors Zavi and Paula for establishing a work environment where we can voice our opinions, present new ideas, utilize our skills and talents, and making sure we were on our toes if necessary. I would have to say this was my best internship throughout college because everyone is so driven, diligent, and know how to appreciate a good laugh or joke at the same time. The internship has taught me to be more flexible when I am looking for jobs because I can present my skill sets in any

industry. It also made me realize the job search is a job itself but I have to remain persistent. It can be strenuous at times because you're ready to start working in your prospective field. I know from personal experience that many doors will be shut before you hear the phrase, "You're hired," from an employer. Lastly, the Magner Career Center taught me the inner meaning of the word, "resume." I know how to critique it thoroughly and fully understand why it's a market tool when you're looking for work. The resume has to stand out in for you to be invited for an interview, but it is totally up to you to set yourself apart from other candidates with your interpersonal skills. I am anxiously curious but ready to move on with the next phrase in my professional career. I may not know which industry I want to pursue in media but may the journey begin. I am also learning to face my fear of "failing and being rejected," because it will mold me to be a better role model for my family, friends, colleagues, and mentees. I will also continue to utilize the services at the Center even though I am no longer a student at Brooklyn College. Once again, it was an amazing internship experience and I hope more students will apply for the Magner Center Internship program so they would be able to share more testimonials about the importance of interning. - **Dominique M. Carson '12 & '14, Event Specialist, CROSSMARK**

My story is a good one because different from many, I did not have any internships during my time in college. I would graduate without any of these, and less than a week later, I was employed in the industry. My story offers hope to those who haven't had advantages as students, and want to pursue a career, that anything is possible with hard work, and determination. I'm happy to report that I recently secured employment at Viacom. - **Ivan Ortiz-Diaz '07, Campaign Specialist, Viacom**

I am a first-generation college student in my family, which is only magnified by the financial insecurity of my family. really My mother has provided everything for us even though she has a job that doesn't provide too much money, many times just enough to get by. Each semester, I took eighteen credits while working part time jobs. I do this, in order to support all my costs of living and save some money for my grad school expenses. Obtaining internship stipend award from the Magner Career Center had positively contributed to my life and career and hopefully I can be successful enough to make my mother's life easier. Before getting the stipend, my bank account balance was only two hundred dollars left. My father does not support me to go college because he believes that people with college degree can not find jobs. With the Magner Career center help, I landed an internship in one of 500 fortune companies. I used the money that I earned from the company to purchase expensive Becker review material for my CPA exam review this summer. Today, I found out that I had passed CPA audit exam with a grade of 86. All in all, I want to appreciate the Magner Career Center for everything they did for students who want to succeed, and special Thanks to Natalia. - **Qiwei Chen '14 Accounting Intern, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.**

I simply wouldn't be where I am now in my career without the help of the Magner Center, and, specifically, Natalia Guarin-Klein. I got my first real internship through my mentor from the Magner Center Mentoring program. This experience opened doors for all my following internships and endeavors, which then lead to the Estee Lauder Companies, with, once again, the help of Natalia and the Magner Center. Last summer the Center organized a company visit to the Estee Lauder Companies, and Natalia invited me. Following the visit, our group of Brooklyn College students was given the opportunity to apply to the summer internship program at the Estee Lauder Companies. The Center prepared me very well for the interviews by setting up mock interviews for practice and connecting us to an ELC HR employee for insider tips. With all their help and my hard work, I got this dream of an internship! - **Anastasia Naderiants '14 Aramis & Designer Fragrances Global Digital Marketing Intern, The Estee Lauder Companies**

"Through the various programs which help instilled both personal and professional development being fortunate to participate in programs like ""leadership for tomorrow"", these allow me to understand the importance and benefit of networking; why it is necessary never to burn bridges and lend a hand up to someone relative ie mentoring, providing insight about the industry, or as simple what majors or classes would really benefit someone based on their own personal ambitions. My story isn't that much different than most. A man born in Brooklyn, raised on Staten Island who continues to strive to be the best that I can be while helping those around succeed as well. Magner Career Center is an essential piece of the puzzle in what makes the Brooklyn College experience a unique and rewarding one. With faculty members like Natalia who I believe truly believes in the personal/professional success of all the students she has had the pleasure of coming in contact with. She has been a blessing to us all and I personally thank her as well as the Magner Center for some of the decisions I have made from a professional level." - **Ade Adedapo '11, Sr. Financial Analyst, Nationstar Mortgage**

"The Magner Career Center has been a true blessing for me. Starting from the amazing professionals that work in the center down to the resume workshops, the center has significantly influenced my life. As a transfer student coming into Brooklyn College, I was unsure of what I wanted to do. In a short time, I was exposed to a wide array of events (professional, networking, workshops) and people who truly cared about my success. Because of this, I now have a sense of direction and have matured as a young professional. Additionally, the Magner Career Center offers students a host of scholarships. Thanks to Marge Magner, faculty, and staff I was able to become a part of the Financial Careers Academy this summer. During this time I was able to network with leading professionals in the financial services industry while getting acquainted with the structure of the financial system. Overall, the academy was successful in helping my peers and I get a glimpse of what it is like to work in financial services. This, in combination with my prior internships, has given me the confidence and drive to grow as a leader. I am sincerely grateful for having a place like the Magner Career Center at Brooklyn College." - **Joseph Pallero '15 UBS Intern.**

I am truly thankful for the all of the help Natalia/the Magner Center has provided. At a time where I was feeling a little discouraged, an email was sent out inquiring as to who would like a mentor. I responded with the type of mentor I would like and within a couple of days I received an email from Natalia with my mentors name and email address. My mentor, Hope Goldstein, (another Brooklyn College Alum), took the time to sit and discuss my future in accounting. Eventually, my resume was with HR and before I knew it I had an interview and shortly after, a job offer with Marks Paneth LLP. Hope is a Partner in the firm for the Not-for-Profit and Governmental Group and I currently work in the same group. I owe my thanks to the Magner Center. - **Autumn Fiore '12, Associate, Marks Paneth LLP**

"Being a first generation college student, I did not have the support of those in my immediate family, in regarding to preparing for life after graduation. The Magner Center, and its dedicated staff, has went above and beyond for me - and many of the students they serve - to make sure that Brooklyn College students have the necessary tools needed to make a difference in this world. I was no exception. It is safe to say that the Magner Center was THE most important resource I have had, in terms of professional resource. The network of alumni, assistance, and most importantly staff that put in countless hours to create events, and schedule time assist us on a case by case basis has put me in a position where I wouldn't even imagine being without the center. The experience that I have had with the Magner Center center is invaluable, and for the years of service they have provided to me - I am forever indebted to the Center and its staff." - **Gladstone Edwards '15, Intern, Ernst & Young**

I would love to share with other of how utterly grateful I am of the Magner Career Center. The Magner center has instill in me that all my dream are possible despite of the current circumstances that I may face in my life. The Magner center has not only believe in my dreams, but have invested in me and in my dreams. The Magner center is my sunny place on campus, I feel nothing but hope when I enter and exit the office. Due to the guidance and opportunities that I have been privilege to experience due to the Magner center, I have grown mentally and emotionally. My experience at Brooklyn College would not have been what it has been without the Magner center. - **Angeline Pierre ' 15 Africana Studies Student**

My story is a good one because it is so short. The Magner Center was there for me whenever I needed it. The Magner Center is the only reason I am working in a Big 4 accounting firm. Through the Magner Center I had interviews with three of the Big four (I have friend in elite colleges who were happy they got one!). The Magner Center never stopped working for me or any of the other countless students who come to them day in and day out for help. **Joseph Langer '14, Tax Consultant , Deloitte Tax LLP**

"The Magner Center was one of the best places I've worked in my life. Everyone on staff was friendly and easy to work with. And they appreciated the unique qualities and attributes that each staff member had to offer. What's more important is that they truly appreciate the work that you do and what you give back to the Brooklyn College community. " - **Rachelle J. Suissa ' 10 President, Brooklyn-Queens NOW**

""The financial world is a massive blank canvas - Magner Career Center prepared me to pick up a brush and paint my future as a wall street professional"" - **Jessica Gaffa ' 05, Consultant , Barclay's**

"The Wagner Center is by far the major force that shaped my professional life. It is because of the Wagner Center that a plethora of opportunities has opened up to me and that today I have an impactful career. The center helped me from the very start when I first applied for an internship at the office of Hillary Clinton throughout my career to my current job as a management consultant at Accenture. The generous donation by Ms. Wagner and the devoted staff help students change their lives in the most impactful way. They do not only help the students secure an internship or a job, they are changing those students' livelihoods; help build their families and better future for them all." - **Pawel Walczuk' 2010, Consultant , Accenture**

"The center provides an excellent conduit for alumni and students to connect and benefit from each other. Alumni gain an additional avenue to give back to the school, while students gain access to valuable advice." - **Lenny Rizzi, '93 Vice President, Goldman Sachs**

Over the past couple of years I have also had the pleasure of connecting with the Brooklyn College Student Center and bringing some fantastic goal oriented and passionate students on board as interns for my non-profit, Life Vest Inside. The Center has always been accommodating and helpful in connecting with students they felt would be the best candidates for the organization. In addition, the internship panels I have taken care part in have been extremely successful in connecting me not only with students but other alumni as well. - **Orly Wahba '04, Life Vest Inside, Founder/CEO**

I am happy to be connected with Brooklyn College again. The Wagner Career Center has provided me with an opportunity to remain connected with Brooklyn College. I thoroughly enjoyed the times I was involved with the Center as a speaker. I also enjoy being with the students who provide creativity and ideas for the future of the College. - **Josephine Marchesano '78, Psychotherapist, Neighborhood Counseling Center**