Guiding Students from Classrooms to Careers

The Boston Private Industry Council (PIC) deploys a dedicated team of Career specialists to connect more than 3,400 students with summer and school year employment opportunities each year. Career specialists focus on matching high school students with workplace experiences at companies around Boston, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, State Street Corporation, Bank of America, Aramark, and the Boston Bar Association.

Career specialists are the backbone of the PIC’s School-to-Career initiative, which provides students unique access to professional and technical environments. Working in nearly every Boston public high school, Career specialists closely collaborate with teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors to best serve their schools and their students.

In addition to matching students with workplace experiences, Career specialists provide students with career awareness and job readiness activities during the school year, including:

- Resume writing
- Career speakers
- Financial literacy training
- Job shadows
- Mock interviews

Benefits to Students

Working with a Career specialist to secure employment has many benefits for students, including the development of skills like communication, collaboration, time management, and critical thinking. Students who are employed in high school are shown to go on to college in higher numbers and succeed at higher rates in college and beyond.

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