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Upcoming Events Spring Semester 2025 - 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 industry-wide exposure, and the smaller in-class events are discipline-specific to provide exposure at greater depth (e.g., engineering, business, or visual arts focus). H&A and Professional Women in Construction (PWC) Boston Chapter plan to scale this model further to other schools to equitably serve our communities. **The below list will be updated periodically to refine tentative event details or capture new ones.**

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, so we encourage you to offer your volunteerism (and thank you!).

Event	School	Date	Needs and Notes
Careers Poster Session (FULL)	BHCC	Date: 2/25/25 11:00-2:00	<p>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, hosting over a dozen different professionals at one time - not primarily trying to hire candidates to your specific company but to expose students to your discipline and excite them about possibilities in our industry overall.</p> <p>We are looking for poster-presenters from every AEC discipline to share what it's like to work in that particular field.</p> <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. <p>We also need volunteers to provide general support (registration table, greeters to help students navigate, help with setup/breakdown, food, networking, etc.)</p>

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Careers Poster Session (OPEN)	UMB	Date: 3/4/25 11:00-2:00	See poster session description above, but on UMass Boston's campus.
Citywide Boston STEM Fair (OPEN)	BPS	Date: 3/8/25 <i>*Saturday</i> 9:00-12:00	We are looking for a few volunteers to be judges at the Citywide Boston STEM Fair, held at the Reggie Lewis Center, in collaboration with the Center for STEM Education.
Careers Poster Session (OPEN)	Charlestown High School	Date: 3/20/2025 9:30-12:30	See poster session description above, but at Charlestown High School.
Careers Poster Session (OPEN)	Dearborn STEM Academy	Date: 4/17/25 ~11:00-2:00	See poster session description above, but at Dearborn STEM Academy.
Field Trip to a Development/ Construction Site – TBD (OPEN)	Thomas Edison K-6 Elementary	Date: TBD <i>March 2025</i>	Location: TBD, likely Fenway area See below UMass Boston field trip volunteer details, except for elementary school aged children.

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Field Trip to a Development/ Construction Site – TBD (OPEN)	UMB	Date: TBD <i>April 2025</i>	<p>Location: TBD, likely Savin Hill area</p> <p>In conjunction with Haley & Aldrich and those familiar with the host site, we are looking for volunteers from different disciplines to be a question-facilitator/co-tour guide, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – TBD (OPEN)	BHCC	Date: TBD <i>April/May 2025</i>	<p>Location: TBD, likely near campus</p> <p>See field trip description above except for BHCC students.</p>
Careers Poster Session (OPEN)	English High School	Date: TBD <i>May 2025</i> ~11:00-2:00	See poster session description above, but at English High School.

Other Opportunities

Note this table is subject to be updated as we meet with schools and explore additional partnering opportunities, or have teacher-specific in-class requests. If you have other ideas or opportunities you would like to share and have others engage, please contact Kelvin at kwong@haleyaldrich.com.