

# Campus/Local News



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## Unwanted Pill Drop-off

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Delaware County has introduced Delco Medicine Drop boxes that will be placed around the county for anyone to discard unwanted medicines.

This program will attempt to reduce the amount of substance abuse by minors. If someone has old or expired medications in his or her household, he or she can be at risk for other people taking them and abusing them.

These drop boxes, 11 in total, are secure stations placed at 10 police departments around the county, as well as the court house complex located in Media.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania is in the top 10 states for drug overdosing; drug overdose death rates in the United States have more than tripled since 1990.

"I think it's a good idea since I believe there is a raging epidemic of prescription drug abuse in the area," Penn State Brandywine senior Megan Armstrong said. "I also think it's a good that the county is stepping in and helping families instead of turning their back to this issue."

These drop boxes were organized by the Delaware County District Attorney John Whelan and the Delaware County Council after many requests by residents asking how they can dispose of prescription drugs. This comes after many successful events led by the Drug Enforcement Administration's "Drug Take-Back Day," which the county has participated two times per year.

"I think it's great. I think it will help a lot of kids, preventing them from addiction," Penn State Brandywine senior Bryan Coleman said. "It's an easy way for people to dispose of their medications safely. I am 100% for this project."

If you have unwanted prescription drugs that you do not want someone else to abuse, simply drop them off at the Delaware County Government Center lobby, located at 201 West Front Street, Media. This location is only 10 minutes away from Penn State Brandywine.

## Internship Help Available

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The career services department has made great efforts to attempt to help students find jobs and internships, but based on attendance at events, students seem uninterested.

The career services suite is located downstairs in the main building; the people who work in career services have a very important job—helping students find jobs and internships. Many students need internships to graduate and regardless of graduation requirements, it is a good idea for college graduates to enter the work force with "real" job experience.

Career services help students get internships a number of different ways. One of the most important ways they help students is by critiquing résumés. Those in career services feel that it is extremely beneficial for students to have a résumé as soon as possible. This advice should not be ignored seeing as how résumés will eventually become a prerequisite for an attractive job.

Finding an attractive job or internship can be difficult as well; career services helps with the search too. It is nearly impossible to walk around the different buildings here at Brandywine without noticing one of the many bulletin boards filled with job and internship opportunities for students. It is safe to say that the average student has seen the one of these bulletin boards seeing as how career services conducted a survey that concluded that 80-percent of students view these boards at least every once in a while.

What might help students even more than the postings of the jobs and internships is the fact that career services will not post anything without making sure that it benefits the interests of a student. Before career services will post an internship, they will first make sure that learning will be part of the internship so it's not cheap or free labor.

Despite the fact that career services provide all of these opportunities for students, they do not seem to get the amount of response they are looking for. The problem is students are more than willing to say they are interested in career services, but few are actually willing to put in the effort outside of signing up for e-mail notifications. It could greatly benefit any student to make an appointment with career services to make sure they are on the right track to be successful during and after their time at Brandywine, and remember the great opportunities at career services come at no extra cost for students.

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