

VISIONS OF THE FUTURE



ASA Institute - Alumni Affairs Department

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DID YOU KNOW...

There are over 255 active members on ASA's Alumni Association group on facebook. To join us, log on to www.facebook.com/asaalumni.

To order your Class Ring and be proud of your achievement, go to www.jostens.com

To obtain information on colleges that accept ASA's credits, visit the Career Services and Alumni Affairs Department to pick up a list.

The Alumni Affairs webpage is located on ASA.edu. Click on the Alumni link, and check out the calendar of events for reunions, career fairs, professional workshops, social and social networking events for 2010.

You can showcase your success on ASA's Alumni webpage. Contact Marina Silguero for additional information msilguero@asa.edu

We are currently in the process of creating an Honor Society or qualified Alumni of ASA. Find out if you are eligible. Send an email to msilguero@asa.edu for additional information.

The Alumni Affairs bi-annual Career Fair was held on Wednesday, April 21 from 2pm - 3pm at the Student Lounge 151 Lawrence. A 3-day Career Fair Preparedness workshop was also held on April 13, 14, 15 from 4 - 6pm. Were you prepared?

ACCREDITATION NEWS

Middle States Accreditation is the process where educational institutions are reviewed by their peers according to standards of excellence generally accepted within the academic world. When an institution is accredited, students, the public, and other educational institutions have confidence that the institution is striving for and meeting high educational standards.

On March 17th the Middle States Committee held its exit interview with ASA. At this session the committee related their findings based on interviews with faculty, staff, students, and other ASA constituencies, done on Monday and Tuesday of that week.

I am happy to report that ASA successfully met each standard that the committee had previously set for the college. What this means is that ASA Institute will soon be an institution accredited by Middle States.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Alumni Association is starting a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society charter chapter - Beta Rho Chi for qualified Alumnus of ASA. Phi Theta Kappa was originally formed for four year universities in the late 1970's. We are currently in the midst of reviewing and updating the bylaws, membership requirements and eventually an Executive Committee, followed by active member recruitment.

Don't miss your opportunity to be inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association. Keep your contact information updated, if you haven't received an Alumni ID card, please log on to ASA.Edu's website, click on the Alumni link and complete the Alumni ID request profile page. You should receive an ID card within 3 - 4 weeks.

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Alumni Success Story

Marina Silguero, Editor



Cortnee Rogers
Pharmacy Technology
2007 Graduate

My proudest moment was graduating from ASA. This was all due to my determination to succeed. I can proudly say that I am 23 years old and I work as a Pharmacy Technician at an Oncology Clinic.

I consider my externship experience the best part of my learning experience at ASA. It allowed me to gain experience and it also gave me the opportunity to see how a working Pharmacy operates on a day to day basis. The classes that I took while I was a student at ASA, helped me to become familiar with the various medications that I would be handling and my Pharmacy Technology Degree has allowed me to use those skills. I maintain contact with the Career Services department because they submitted my resume for this position and prepared me for the interview and they are very helpful in general.

I plan on continuing my education as a Pharmacy Technician. My #1 advice to graduates is stay focused. It will be hard at times but if you stay focused on your education and your career you can accomplish anything you desire.



Gloria Montero
Medical Assistant
2008 Graduate

I am an alumna of ASA Institute, and I am very proud to say that I graduated with a 4.0 GPA. I graduated with an Associate degree in Medical Assisting and intend to continue my education and eventually become a Nurse. One of the best things about ASA is working with the instructors; they are dedicated and they work closely with the students. I am currently working as a Medical Assistant at an Oncology Facility. I believe that ASA prepared me and other serious minded students for our future through externship experiences and the lab work requirements. I try my best to maintain contact with the Career Services Department, because they assisted me in obtaining my current position. I enjoy working, my coworkers and supervisor in my current place of work.

My advice to upcoming graduates is take the initiative when you get a job and always be professional no matter what.



ASA Athletics Alumni - Where are they now?

Marina Silguero, Editor



The ASA football program was established in the fall of 2008 and the first season of competition began in the fall of 2009. Here are a couple of graduates who have continued their academic and playing careers at four-year institutions:

Men's Football:

Stanley Washington 2009 Texas A & M University-Kingsville (Signed)- NCAA Division II
Delonte Johnson 2009 Elizabeth City State University (Signed)- NCAA Division II



Bad Credit vs. Job Seekers

Marina Silguero

More than ever your credit history has a major influence on an employer ruling you out as a possible candidate.

According to a recent survey by the Society of Human Resource Management, 60 percent of employers said they have examined credit reports of potential employees, up by 42 percent four years ago.

The SHRM survey found that most credit checks were performed on candidates for executive positions or positions with financial responsibilities, which is understandable. The last thing an employer wants is an employee helping himself/herself to company funds.

Government Taking Action

The federal fair Credit Reporting Act does place some restrictions on employers when it comes to credit checks:

Employers cannot examine your credit report without your permission. The credit report they do receive does not include your credit score. If you're turned down for a job because of your credit history, you must be provided a copy of the credit report. You cannot be denied a job because of a bankruptcy.

Several states are restricting employers the ability to examine credit reports, New York isn't one of them. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has suggested that broad-based credit checks by employers may be discriminatory, as minorities tend to have lower-than-average credit scores. Congress introduced a bill last year that would prevent employers in most industries from performing credit checks. The bill is stalled in the House of Financial Services Committee.

You're entitled to a free credit report every year from each of the three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You can get copies at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>. During these times of high unemployment rates where unfortunately the ability to pay your bills can't be done, your credit will suffer. Contact your debtors and inform them of your situation, most will come to a payment agreement with you. The best way to improve your credit is to pay your bills, once you start working, create a budget and begin the process of repairing your credit.