Welcome to Workforce Wednesdays

Hosted by the Kenyon College New York City Alumni Regional Association

The Workforce Wednesdays Series is a continuation of the Kenyon Works Initiative started by the KCNYCARA last year. This series hopes to engage our robust alumni base in the New York City area while providing programming that is relevant to both current students and alumni.

This summer we are hosting panels for various industries and inviting alumni of all ages to share their experiences in the workforce to connect with both students and their fellow alumni in the area. Networking receptions follow all panels to allow attendees and panelists an opportunity to continue to share industry experience and provide an informal setting to connect with fellow alumni and other Kenyon community members.

For more information about this initiative or to get involved with the New York City Alumni Regional Association please contact KenyonNYCRegion@gmail.com
About Our Consulting Panelists

Justin Bain

Justin J. Bain (2010), currently an Advisor Consultant at Lord, Abbett & Co., is responsible for proactively engaging Financial Advisors in an effort to enrich existing relationships, identify cross-selling opportunities, and generate new business. Justin is also responsible for understanding and assessing market conditions in an effort to provide the highest level of investment expertise to his clients. Prior to joining Lord, Abbett & Co., Justin was a Fixed Income Consultant at FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Meredith Bentsen

Meredith is an Account Researcher at Brunswick Group, a corporate advisory firm specializing in crisis communications. She has worked in the industrial, consumer and private equity sectors since joining. Meredith graduated in 2015 from Kenyon with a Bachelor of Arts degree, studying political science, theology and Jewish studies. Meredith also studied European social policy and Scottish theology at the University of Edinburgh and completed internships at Hill+Knowlton Strategies, The Hill Newspaper and Dufour and Company Productions. She has been a freelance writer for L&T Co. At Kenyon, Meredith captained the women's lacrosse team and was a member of the Theta Delta Phi sorority.

Michael Colonnetta


While in school, Michael completed his senior exercise for mathematics on data encryption his senior thesis for economics on the effects of sovereign debt. He also interned for Chatham Asset Management as a summer analyst working in the high-yield bond and leveraged loan market and for the Center for Security Policy as an economic research intern.
Peter Herzberg

Peter Herzberg has an extensive history of educational leadership and innovation in primary and secondary schools—Experience and in-depth knowledge of independent schools earlier in his career but also most recently in public and charter school culture and educational trends. He was most recently the founding Principal of a Charter School (emeritus) and now works actively on the board of a K through 8 school and an educational nonprofit as well as consults with other educational nonprofits. He provides consulting services for curriculum and faculty development, and to organizations that work with schools in under-served neighborhoods-- in particular programs in arts, literacy, media literacy, environmental sustainability, character development. Currently, he is re-focusing his work on how to catalyze partnerships among schools which do not typically partner in order to share best practices related to the above-- practices that go above and beyond the primary skills of, say, the Common Core. To this end, he visits schools extensively.