

Outstanding UDR Recipient Achievements

Department	Achievements
Economics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life After Brandeis: Reached out to Econ alums to feature six panelists from different sectors. Over 50 people attended. 2. Economics Essay Contest: Worked with the Economics department to encourage more emphasis on writing in the discipline, succesfully seeking funding for essay prizes. 3. Collaboration with other departments and programs: Promoted department by working with Kindness Day team, Roosevelt fellows, and faculty/staff 4. Annual Meet the Majors: Organized and advertised the event through professors, emails, and flyers.
Creative Writing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creative Writing Instagram Account: Medium for posting writing prompts, fun creative writing moments on campus, and upcoming department events. 2. Goodreads Group: Space where Brandeis students can share what they are reading with each other. 3. Meet the Majors: Event held in conjunction with the English department UDRs. Promoted event by making posters, flyering, and going around to classrooms to announce the event. 4. Workshops: Hosted two simultaneous workshops, one in fiction and one in poetry. 5. "What Do I Do With My Humanities Major?" Career Panel: Organized a career panel with the English, Comparative Literature, Education, and Creative Writing departments. 6. "Sad Valentine's Day Open Mic": Organized the event in Chum's on February 13th.
Psychology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Psychology Minor: After a year and a half of collecting and analyzing data, writing proposals, and much more, UDRs succeeded in gaining approval for a minor which students desired and asked for. 2. Psychology Department CIP Code: The psychology international students used to get 1 year of work visa because the department was categorized as 'General Psychology'. It was changed to 'Experiment Research Psychology', making international students eligible for the STEM extension and 3 years of work visa. 3. Faculty Position Search: Attended the faculty talks and met with each candidate to talk about the psychology students, classes and the department. Completed online evaluations for the candidates. 4. Psychology Department Facebook Page: Get students more engaged and informed. 5. Psychology Research Night: Had some of the on-campus Psychology labs talk about the kinds of research that they do. Students could sign up to receive emails from the labs for more information and ask questions. 6. Psychology Alumni Career Panel: Had eleven alumni come to campus and talk about the different ways they made use of their psychology degrees in their careers. 7. Psychology Talks: Professors gave short 10-15 minute TED-talk style lectures about the courses they will be teaching in the fall. 8. Psychology Colloquium Talk: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Relation to Biopsychosocial Stress: A postdoctoral fellow from Columbia University presented his graduate work. 9. Spooky Ice Cream Social: People ate ice cream and talked to UDRs about course registration, major requirements, and research opportunities. 10. Multicultural and Global Mental Health Talk with Dr. Mari Carmen Bennasar: Talk on how mental health is viewed and understood from a variety of cultural perspectives.
HSSP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HSSP UDR Office Hours: Held for an hour everyday during class selection week. Even while abroad, had Skype meetings with HSSP students, making sure they felt supported at that time. 2. Ethical Service: With the financial support of the Brandeis Pluralism Alliance, organized an event with an attendance of about 75-80 students! Professors and student panelists shared experiences from their service trips. 3. Networking Night: Collaborated with Hiatt. Approximaely 35 employers attended. 4. Senior Thesis Event: For students interested in writing a thesis to learn about the process and for seniors writing a thesis to share insights with and support one another. 5. Full day conference on the Future of Healthcare: Brandeis' commitment to health and social justice was celebrated not only by the members of the campus community but by those who go to surrounding areas as well. 6. Meet the Majors: Advertised this event very thoroughly which led to the large attendance and helped foster relationships with future HSSP students.
Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Panel: A panel hosted by the department chair, undergraduate advising head, and study abroad liaison for the business department. Over 50 people attended this event, a turnout 5 times greater than we have ever had in the past. Booked the room, ordered all the food, and made sure we had the right set-up. Took control of social media and promotion by sending out emails to the listerv and promoting our event over Facebook. Organized meetings where we could sit down together and workshop the event and helped assign roles to each UDR based on their specific strengths. 2. Financial Planning Lecture: Event for all graduating seniors. 3. Coordinated interviews: For potential UDR candidates.

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Physics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross-Departmental Meet the Majors: With the Biological Physics Department, we had a turnout of over 40 students and had 10 professors talk to students about their research and the courses they offer. 2. Ice Cream (Anti)social: Collaborated with the biological physics, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, neuroscience, and math departments. This event was hugely successful with a few hundred students attending as well as some professors. 3. Physics Graduate Student Panel: Three Brandeis physics alumni came or Skyped in for a discussion about what it is like to be a graduate student, how they chose and prepared for graduate schools, and other topics. 4. Course Registration Advising Session: Cross-departmental event with the Biological Physics Majors. 5. Advice and Resources: Sent an email to Brandeis Physics and Biological Physics Majors about beginning undergraduate research. Covered where to look for lab positions and summer programs, how to apply, and how to plan for future summers. 6. Physics Conference: Sent out information on how to apply to the Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP) at Harvard. Three students were accepted to attend. 7. Talks by Prospective Assistant Professors: Encouraged students to attend via email and in-person. Followed up with students and had them email their opinions of the job candidates to the current astronomy professors. 8. 'Come Hang Out': Social event for biological physics and physics majors and enthusiasts. The event provided a space for students to get to know each other. 9. Drop-in Hours: For physics course advising. 10. GRE Preparation: Six 2-3 hour GRE prep sessions were held on weekends. Each focused on a different physics topic and was taught by a different Brandeis physics professor. Sent out a comprehensive guide entitled 'Physics GRE Info & Tips' that gave information on how, when, if, and why to take the physics GRE, as well as resources for preparing. 11. Create an Inclusive Community: When passing physics classrooms at the start of classes, one of the UDRs often would pop in and says hello to students and the professor.
HSSP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met With Students Regularly: Had many communications via email and meetings every few weeks with students, especially at the beginning and end of the semester, and when the course schedule came out. 2. Guides for Future HSSP UDRs: Step-by-step guides to explain how to run some of our events, including the cooking competition, thesis event, and "Meet the Majors". 3. Chopped-Style Cooking Competition: Served as an experiential-learning opportunity for participants to engage in a simulation about food inequality, healthy cooking and eating on a budget, and how to transition into creating healthy, balanced meals. Speakers from the Waltham Community Day Center, Sodexo, the Biology and HSSP departments, NaturaLiving, Waltham Group Hunger and Homelessness, Food Mapping, and farmers joined to share their wisdom. Friends came together to make a meal for a family of four judges, composed of our department chair, Dr. Shostak, HSSP major Sophie Brickman, Dean Adams, and Executive Chef Dave LaFleur. 4. Meet the Majors 5. Cross-Departmental Thesis Lunch Panel: Faculty also joined this event and spoke about their experiences advising theses, challenges they have come across, and considerations for interested students. 6. Cross-Departmental Thesis Showcase 7. Harvard Museum of Natural History Trip 8. Hands on Experience Event 9. Unfair Game Night 10. Relay for Life: Made sure that HSSP had a team and presence at Relay for Life for the past two years.
Anthropology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anthropology Jobs Seminar: Worked with a professor to introduce students to the many services the department, Brandeis, and outside resources offer. Worked closely with Hiatt Career Center representatives to offer a seminar dedicated to writing grants, resumes, and cover letters as they pertain to specific anthropological organizations. 2. Informational Packets: Created and debuted at the Jobs Seminar Event. Also featured on the Anthropology department's website to provide detailed instructions. 3. Clarify the Major and Minor Requirements: Created a major checklist, clarifying the number of courses, and which courses were eligible for the major and its four tracks.
Neuroscience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brandeis Neuroscience Facebook Page: Serves as a command central, with relatively infrequent (once or twice a week mostly) postings. 2. Neuroscience Mentor Program: Pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen to create 1-on-1 pairings to provide additional advising. Have made over a dozen matches so far. 3. Neuroscience Club: Discussed a different journal article each week, with a different member presenting and leading the discussion each time. Recruited two new students for the major from the club members alone. 4. MakeMonth: Worked with MTS to have the Neuroscience Club present two events as part of MakeMonth. The first event was a competition using the micro-EEG, Muse. Attendees entered a "mindfulness competition" to see who could stay focused the longest. Also gave a brief introduction to Computational Neuroscience and the Hodgkin Huxley model.