# ENERGY CORPS INTERNSHIP: SUCCESSISTORIES



# HAILLEY DELISLE B.A. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING BU CLASS OF 2016

### JOB NOW: OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR A COMMUNITY SOLAR DEVELOPER IN NY

Since completing the internship at Southern Tier Solar Works, I have stayed in the solar field and

am now an Outreach Coordinator for Community Shared Solar in New York. In addition, I am also pursuing a Master's Degree in Sustainable Communities. I owe my career path thus far to my experience at Southern Tier Solar Works, without that opportunity I would not be where I am today.



# JAMES BEDRIN B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE BU CLASS OF 2014

### JOB NOW: PROJECT MANAGER AT EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT

My work as an energy corps intern put me in

direct contact with the Regional Director for the non-profit job I got right out of college. She worked with me while I interned at STSW, and thought of me when

she was hiring for the position. My time as an intern helped to develop a lot of the tools I brought into my professional career. The amount of research we performed as interns helped me polish those skills. I also definitely improved my public speaking skills and customer interaction skills. Most importantly being an Energy Corps intern taught me that I had a passion for sustainability and for advancing a clean energy future. I love the Binghamton and Southern Tier area and I feel proud knowing I'm a part of the effort to create a cleaner, more sustainable future in our local area.



#### ANAIS DIAZ B.A. AFRICAN STUDIES, B.S. NURSING BU CLASS OF 2014, 2017

#### JOB NOW: CONTINUING EDUCATION

My time as an Energy Corps intern was life changing. I was able to attain skills that can be applied to any industry including case management, logistics and planning, education, therapeutic communication, leadership and many more. My time within this organization allowed me to learn how to run a non-profit organization/program. I hope to someday apply the skills that I attained to start a nonprofit that can have a positive impact like Southern Tier Solar Works.





# COLIN DIAMOND B.S. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BU CLASS OF 2017



#### JOB NOW: SYSTEM DESIGNER AT ECOMARK SOLAR

STSW gave me great connections in the solar field, and an "in" for the industry. It taught me how to use a CRM software which was one of the reasons I have the career that I have today.



VALERIE VIRGONA
B.S. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
BU CLASS OF 2014

#### JOB NOW: OUTREACH DIRECTOR AT A NON-PROFIT

I loved working as an Energy Corps intern! One of the most important ways the internship prepared me for the workforce was by bolstering my public speaking and education skills. Being able to eloquently present a topic to a group of people is instrumental in organizing. The work is all about engaging communities,

educating individuals, and inspiring them to get involved and help make change. I work for Citizens Campaign for the Environment. I am currently an Outreach Director. I manage a staff and I am responsible for our contact with existing Citizen's campaign for the Environment members through phone calls and mailings. Our goal is to relay victory updates on campaigns members have helped with in the past, educate on new campaigns, and continue to involve them through fundraising, signing petitions, and writing or calling their representatives.



NICHOLAS MART
B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
BU CLASS OF 2013

#### JOB NOW: SR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM MANAGER, PECO

The program helped me get a leg up against other graduates who applied to similar jobs. My experience gained through this program proved to be valuable years later in my career.



DANIELLE LUCHKOWEC
B.S. CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
BU CLASS OF 2014

### JOB NOW: EDUCATOR AT GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION

My time as an intern with STSW set the stage for and built up my passion for environmental education. This internship helped me to realize I love working with and talking with people and working to create future conservation leaders. I know without my volunteer experience with STSW I wouldn't have been offered the

AmeriCorps internships I have completed –it gave me a very meaningful skull set. I now educate boaters about Quagga mussels at Glen Canyon National Recreation area in Northern Arizona in the aquatic invasive species natural resource department. I am very interested in furthering my education to study water quality and availability issues.





### PHOEBE O'CONNOR B.A. PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND LAW, BU CLASS OF 2014

JOB NOW: SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER AT AMERICAN SOLAR PARTNERS
Being an Energy Corps intern introduced me to, and sparked my interest in, the
fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency. By giving presentations to the
public and doing public outreach, I was quickly able to learn a great deal about the
field. I learned enough to get a job at a solar company.



## RYAN CADWELL B.S. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BU CLASS OF 2019

#### JOB NOW: CONTINUING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

I'm still a student, but this summer I'm doing research at Binghamton University's Center for Autonomous Solar Power. I am currently looking into encapsulation methods for thin film perovskite solar cells – this technology is showing a trend of higher efficiency than most existing solar technologies since its beginning a few years ago. I still value my time in the internship. It gives me

a broad perspective on the solar/sustainability industry and market that I would not have by only working on one specific technology, in a lab.



BETHANY SCHULL
B.S. CIVIL ENGINEERING
CORNELL CLASS OF 2018

JOB NOW: SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH ENGINEERING RESOURCE ASSOCIATES IN WARRENVILLE IL.

STSW provided a policy and administrative background for me to pursue my technical interest in renewable energy technologies.



