

# Mock Interviews with Alumni and Company Reps

On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the BIS-ITSA Club hosted a mock interview event with Eastern alumni. Alumni that attended this event worked for large insurance companies such as Travelers and Cigna. This event is held annually by the BIS-ITSA Club to prepare students for both business and technical interviews. Many of the alumni that came have interviewed potential employees at their own respective companies, so the questions asked were directly from real interviews.

The event started with brief introductions in room Webb 407, while both students and alumni enjoyed pizza and soda. Once introductions were done, students were split off into multiple rooms across Webb Hall for one-on-one mock interview sessions. These one-on-one sessions consisted of resume review, questions about the companies, behavioral interview questions and most importantly, feedback from the interviewers. These mock interviews allow students to recognize and learn from their mistakes so that the same mistakes are not made in real internship and career position interviews. This event, for some students, may have the first time they encountered having to answer behavioral interview questions, which have become an important and common first stage interview technique in the biz-tech field. All students were able to complete one interview with employer alumni.

This educational event creates an opportunity for Eastern's Business Information Systems and Computer Science majors and minors to practice their interviewing skills, while getting to know representatives from some of the top companies in Connecticut. Mock interviews will remain a part of BIS-ITSA's annual events so that biz-tech students now and in the future can be better prepared for important job interviews.

