

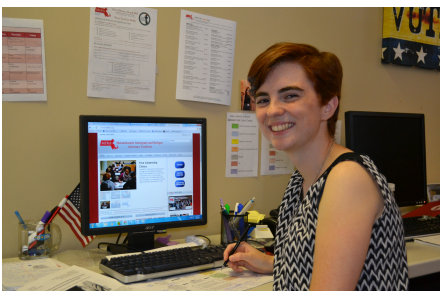
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Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Internship

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This summer, I am interning at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition. It is a coalition with over 130 member organizations that works to promote immigrant rights and integration through policy advocacy, organizing, trainings, citizenship assistance, and more throughout the state.

Today, I have been working on a press release about an upcoming press

conference we are planning with some other organizations about this Friday's hearing on the injunction blocking administrative relief (i.e. DAPA/DACA) and making some infographics about some of the Coalition's other campaigns and programs. I really love working here, both because the Coalition's missions are very closely aligned with my personal and academic interests, and because there is a really positive and collaborative work environment among the staff and interns.

My advice for upcoming juniors would be to think broadly about the sorts of positions you could do. I applied for the Communications Internship at MIRA on a whim, even

though I haven't taken any classes related to communications, and have found that I love working here and am learning a lot of new skills that I wouldn't have learned had I chosen a position in another department. If you just find an organization you love, our liberal arts skills will help you adapt to any tasks.



A butterfly mural was made after the conference to represent the 65,000 MA residents who would benefit from Obama's administrative relief.