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IMPACT Boston Itinerary (See description next page)

IMPACT Boston Wed. 3/9/22

A Collaboration among student finance interest groups.

Exploring financial decision making from the standpoint of its use as a means for high value social & land impact, rather than just a measure of value.

Details: Leave promptly at 7:30am

Date: Wednesday 3/9 – Business Casual – we bring bagels, butter, cream cheese

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT 7:15 AM

Leave campus: 7:30am

Return to campus: 8:30pm

Bus capacity is 24 (20 students, 4 faculty & staff)

Appalachian Mountain Club Headquarters

One City Square

Charlestown, MA 02129

Speaker: Heather Clish, Director, Conservation and Recreation Policy

Topic: Case study on land financing for preservation and sustainability

Case they will use is the **Maine Woods Initiative** and financing land for community, recreation, and sustainable forestry among other topics. ROI of these strategies and multiple stakeholders will be reviewed. Heather Clish is our contact and she is going to give us a holistic view of finance leading with AMC's mission.

<https://www.outdoors.org/about/mission>

Lunch in Boston Area

Family-style meal (for 24 in back dining room) of Chef Cheryl's creations along with a conversation about lending and the reasons for a state bank proposal. See links:

[Soleil Restaurant – Roxbury Cheryl Straughter WGBH 2/3/22 State Bank proposal by Sam Turken](#)

<https://www.wgbh.org/news/politics/2022/02/03/activists-lawmakers-say-massachusetts-public-bank-is-solution-to-lending-disparities>

Washington Village site w/ Alumnus David Pogorelc

THE WASHINGTON VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT SITE IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD COLONY AVENUE AND DORCHESTER STREET IN THE ANDREW SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Located in the South Boston neighborhood of Andrew Square, the nearly 5-acre site will soon be home to Washington Village. In what was once an industrial neighborhood, a revitalized urban community emerges; ideally located just minutes from both downtown and the waterfront. With proximity to public transportation, expanded pedestrian walkways, and expansive open space, the site will attract residents of all ages, while bringing visitors not only from the South Boston neighborhood, but from the Greater Boston area as well.

<http://www.wvboston.com/>

Bryant Alumni Reception/Dinner

Casual food and students share what they learned/observed about impact decisions in finance during the trip

Notes: 116 Huntington Ave., 15th Floor - we will be using Silversmith's space. **Arrive at Bryant Univ. at 8:30PM**

Impact Boston Field Trip

This is a new annual field trip, several years in the making, to complement the current annual “Walk Down Wall Street” fall event. Students from all the finance-themed interest groups guide the content of the event.

Impact Boston is casual, hands-on, and local. The emphasis is for students to explore healthy & sustainable community impact as a mission for financial decision making. During participation it is hoped students will engage in activities not part of the typical classroom experience.

Finance can be used for greater social ROI when thought of as a medium rather than a measure of value creation. Our hope is to engage with community leaders in organizations, non-profits, and businesses as they seek to create more value for stakeholders who may be vulnerable, or at risk. Examples are the environment (land, water, woods), community members (homeless, unemployed, elderly, at-risk youth, and others), and government/political support for minority community stakeholders with high priority needs such as improved health, education, and housing.

Inclusion and equity of all community stakeholders are foundational democratic principles. Exclusion reversal, and the rationale for exclusion are therefore important themes of Impact Boston field trip events. The field trip concludes with students **presenting to** Bryant Alumni and others about what they have learned and experienced during the day's events to create conversation and build relationships.

IMPACT Examples from UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)

#4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

#10 Reduce inequality within and among countries

#11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable

#15 Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

#16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels