

# Heather Welsh BA Soc 2016

## Sociology Club

### Alumni Job Talk Recap

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Alumna Heather Welsh (2016, BA Sociology) discussed two primary paths of her post-graduation professional life. The first path was continuing her education in graduate school. Heather gave advice to students considering graduate school for standing out from other accomplished applicants. In particular, she emphasized the importance of getting involved in the academic and local communities (e.g., participating in student clubs, engaging in honor society activities, and performing community service) and performing independent research (e.g., approaching faculty members for guidance, applying for research grants, and submitting work to present at Research Day and/or student poster sessions at regional professional meetings). The second path is a professional one. Heather is currently a specialist in the County Assistance Office for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She said that the advantages of working in public service include fantastic benefits, eligibility for student loan forgiveness, and ample opportunities for advancement.

Heather emphasized the importance of her sociology degree in helping to better understand the situations and people she encounters, to more effectively serve her clients, and to apply critical-thinking skills to efficiently solve problems.

