

## Student Clears Path for Pilot Internship Program at Sovereign

When Jusuf Kemal accepted an internship at Sovereign Bank, little did he know that he would become part of one of the biggest initiatives ever to be undertaken at Sovereign.

Kemal is a member of the SovCORE conversion team. SovCORE is a bank-wide undertaking to switch service providers that support core systems such as account processing, ATM and card processing and item processing.

For Kemal, this massive transition of services is providing him with an exceptional opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a business. What's more, he's blazing a new trail, since he is the first participant in a pilot internship program established between Sovereign and Boston University (BU).

Kemal started his internship last month as a follow-up to receiving his graduate degree in banking and financial services from BU.

“Due to the nature and scope of this project, I am working on a variety of tasks across business lines,” said Kemal, who is working out of Sovereign’s Columbia Park office in said. “This type of practical application of my education in the workplace will benefit me immensely and more thoroughly prepare me in successfully achieving my long-term career goals.”



Kemal, who is originally from Indonesia, began his studies in the United States at Valley Forge Military Academy and College, Wayne, Pa., which, ironically, is in the heart of Sovereign’s Mid-Atlantic service area. Prior to his graduate studies, he earned his undergraduate degree at BU.

The experience Kemal is gaining with the SovCORE initiative is helping him lay the groundwork for securing a permanent position in a world-class financial organization like Sovereign. And it’s also clearing a path for future BU interns who have similar interests.

“This partnership with Boston University is one more example of Sovereign’s ability to showcase itself as a world-class financial services provider and cultivate local and global talent,” noted Deb Smith, director of Account Services and Sovereign’s liaison for the internship program.