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Fall Career Fair is a Huge Success

Career Services hosted Saint Louis University's Fall Career Fair 2003 in the Multipurpose Room of Busch Student Center on Thursday, October 2, from 12:00 noon until 6 p.m. The fall fair was open to SLU students and alumni of all majors and academic levels. Whether students were hunting for a permanent position or just beginning to explore career fields, Fall Career Fair 2003 offered a wide variety of resources.

For those students looking to further their formal education after graduation, representatives from an assortment of graduate and professional schools were available at the fair. Numerous SLU schools and programs were represented, and we welcomed representatives from, among others, Notre Dame's Law School, the University of Iowa Graduate College, several programs from the University of Missouri – Columbia and Washington University, the University of

Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry, and the University of Tennessee Space Institute.

In this challenging job market, it is important for students to take advantage of opportunities to meet and network with representatives from their field of interest. Nearly 800 students attended this fall's fair, and employers were on hand to impart information and recruit students for full-time, internship, and other positions. Among the 112 organizations in attendance were Allegiant Bank, Boeing, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Brown Shoe Company, Edward Jones, Ernst & Young, the FBI, The May Company, Monsanto, the Peace Corps, and Swank Motion Pictures / Swank Audio Visuals LLC.



To help students prepare for the fair, Career Services' counselors were

available to review resumes and provide career fair tips both in the Academic Resources Center location and at tables in BSC two days prior to the fair. For more information on how Career Services can help you with your job search, please visit us on the web at careers.slu.edu or call us at 977.2828.



Fall Semester isn't over yet...

Deciding is OK

Tuesday, Nov. 11,
5 p.m.-7 p.m., BSC

A Peek into the Spring Semester...

Spring Career Fair

Thursday, February 5
Busch Student Center

On-Campus Recruiting

Interviews begin
Monday, February 9

Gateway Career Service Association Career Fair

Wednesday, February 18
Collinsville, IL

Backpack to Briefcase

Saturday, April 3
Busch Student Center



◆◆◆◆◆ Recent Trends in 2004 ◆◆◆◆◆

10 Metropolitan Areas with the Fastest Job Growth (Projected Growth through the Year 2025)

1. Atlanta
2. Phoenix
3. Houston
4. Dallas
5. Washington D.C. & Los Angeles
6. San Diego
7. Seattle
8. Orange County
9. Tampa
10. Orlando

Women in the Workforce

- ◆ By the year 2005, the national workforce will number 151 million. Women will make up 48% of the total workforce.
- ◆ The careers in highest demand will be managerial, technical, and professional – all requiring a high level of education.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



Best Jobs for the 21st Century

The following fields are associated with healthy industries expected to continue growing at a faster than average rate through the year 2010.

Healthcare

administration, nursing, physical health, dentistry, mental health

Technology

biotechnology, engineering, information technology

Business and Professional Services

financial Services (banking, securities, accounting, insurance), human resources, law, communications, public relations, sales and marketing, food service

Public Service

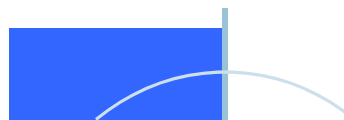
social services, education, state and local government

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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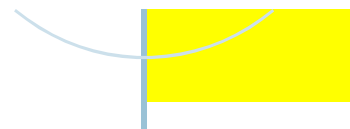
Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m.

- Enjoy Free pizza and soda
- Keynote speaker, Kathy Humphrey
- Network with Alums



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Just check out Careers.slu.edu or call us at 977-2828!



Employers Project College Hires to Climb 12.7 Percent in 2003-04

Employers expect to hire 12.7 percent more new college graduates in 2003-04 than they hired in 2002-03, according to a new survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

"It's been two years since we've seen employers project an increase in college hiring, so there is reason to be cautiously optimistic," says Marilyn Mackes, NACE executive director. (In 2000-01, employers originally projected a 23 percent increase in hiring, but cut their college hiring later in the academic year as the economy faltered.)

Approximately half (50.7 percent) of the employers responding to NACE's *Job Outlook Fall Preview* survey said they expect to hire more new college graduates this year (2003-04) than they did last year (2002-03); 28 percent plan to cut back, and 21.3 percent anticipate no change in hiring levels.

Service-sector employers are most optimistic about college hiring, projecting a 22.2 percent increase. Manufacturers are significantly more conservative about their hiring plans and expect to bring in just 3.4 percent more new college graduates in 2003-04 than they did in 2002-03.

By region, changes in college hiring plans are most significant in the Northeast, where employers plan to increase college hiring by 15.3 percent. Midwest employers expect to increase their hiring by 13.5 percent, and employers in the West nearly match that with a 13.3 percent increase projected. In the South, employers plan to hire 7.2 percent more new college graduates in 2003-04.



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Among those who plan to bump up their hiring, company growth, increased demand for products and services, and attrition were often cited as reasons for the increase. However, employers who project further hiring cuts were most likely to cite continued poor demand for their goods/services as their reason for axing college hiring plans, one indication that the economic recovery is not universal.

"It's important for college students to understand that, despite the positive projections, they will face significant competition for jobs," says Mackes. "They need to use all the resources available to them, particularly their campus career center, which can help them connect with and market themselves to employers."

— Camille Luckenbaugh,
National Association of Colleges and Employers
September 10, 2003

Thinking about an Internship?

Internships and co-ops are designed to give you practical experience in the work area in which you are interested. An internship typically lasts for a summer or is part-time during the semester (15-20 hours a week). An internship can be paid or unpaid, and can also be awarded academic credit if it meets the criteria set forth by (and is coordinated through) your academic department. A co-op is typically a full-time, paid experience in which you work for an organization for a semester or longer, rather than taking classes over that period of time.

What Are the Benefits of Doing an Internship/Co-op?

The skills, knowledge, and maturity gained through exposure to a real work setting complement the knowledge you are acquiring from the classroom. Internships help you begin forming opinions about what you like and do not like about a particular job, field or industry while increasing your professional contact network. These experiences, contacts, and the confidence you will gain through an internship or co-op will put you at an advantage as you begin your post-college job search.

How Do I Prepare for the Internship Search?

First, you need to do some self-exploration and decide what type of internship you would like to find, what kind of skills you would like to use in the experience, or what industry you would like to learn more about. If you are in need of guidance during this phase, contact Career Services to make an appointment with a career counselor.

Once you have done this, you should do preliminary research to further narrow down your search. Your city's chamber of commerce, national associations, the yellow pages, the internet, teachers, family and friends can all provide useful information for your search.

Finally, you need to create or update your resume and participate in a mock interview. The career counselors in Career Services can assist and advise you throughout this entire process.

"There are no good reasons not to do an internship or participate in some other form of career-related experiences. An internship or other related opportunity might turn out to be a good foot in the door or an experience that makes a student realize he or she wants a very different career. Either way, it is an invaluable experience."

-Sara Ramos, Employment Coordinator

Career Services

Where do I look on campus?

Career Services:

Career Services is ready and willing to help with any and all internship searching needs. Call or stop in to set up an appointment with a career counselor.

Phone: 977-2828

Email: careers@slu.edu

Website: careers.slu.edu

Faculty/Staff:

In addition to Career Services, faculty in your department often have the best connections and know the most about the field in which you want to find an internship. Get to know the faculty in your department and make sure they know you. Take full advantage of your advisor along with other professors in your field. Solicit their advice in discussing your career plans and goals. Some schools even have an overall internship coordinator, such as Diane Stagg in Parks and Debbie Opich in the business school. If you need help locating a contact within your department, or exploring your internship options, please call Career Services at 977-2828.

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