

Career Chronicles

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September Welcomes Another Career Fair

Attention all students! Don't miss the chance for potential career employment opportunities! Career Services is proud to bring you the Fall Career Fair to be held Wednesday, September 25, 2002, from 12:00 noon – 4:30 p.m. in the Simon Rec. Center. Numerous representatives from companies and organizations will be on hand to provide information about full-time, part-time, and internship career opportunities. Several graduate schools have also been invited to provide information about programs, advanced degrees, and fellowship opportunities.

Students of all majors and class standing are encouraged to attend, as a wide variety of companies and organizations will be represented. Students who are actively seeking full-time and internship positions are encouraged to bring updated resumes and dress professionally for this important event.

Career Services staff will be on hand to help students get registered on eRecruiting and provide tips on conducting a job search in a tough economy.

Career Services can provide numerous services to prepare students for the Career Fair including resume review, networking tips, and general job search strategies. For more information, please call Career Services at (314) 977-2828, visit us on the web at careers.slu.edu, or e-mail us at careers@slu.edu.

By: James Buck

What's New at Career Services?

eRecruiting

What is eRecruiting?

Formerly called Career Connections, eRecruiting is our new online employer/student database that facilitates On-Campus Recruiting, Off-Campus Recruiting, Web Resume Book, and Job/Internship Postings.

How Do I Register?

To register and request your Username and Password, call Career Services at 314.977.2828 or email us at careers@slu.edu. For more information, check out the Career Services' website, at career.slu.edu.

Services We Offer

Career Services Orientation
Career Decision Making Classes
Career Counseling Appointments
eRecruiting
Job Search Presentations
Resume Review
Mock Interviews (can be video taped)
Career Search
Career Resources Library
On-Campus Recruiting
Career Fairs
Employment Opportunities
Experiential Learning
Education Credential Files

Be Successful: Some Helpful Hints for Working a Career Fair

-Have a purpose: Know what your objective is in attending the fair.

-Be prepared to talk about yourself: Plan an introduction or "commercial."

-Be tactical and plot a strategy: Pick up a map and know where companies of interest are located.

-Bring copies of your supporting documents: Have plenty of resumes with you.

-Dress to impress: Make a good first impression.

-Expect to be evaluated.

-Be organized and take notes along the way.

Visit careers.slu.edu for more information.

Make a Difference at Career Services!

Students interested in joining the Student Advisory Committee may contact Kathy Day by phone (977-2321) or by email (dayka@slu.edu) for more information. Come join our monthly meetings and get involved on campus!

Three New Staff Members Join Career Services' Team



James Buck,
Assistant Director
of the Employment
Team

Say 'hello' to James Buck. Formerly of South Bend, Indiana, James attended Ball State University in Indiana. There he received a double major in Speech Communication and Telecommunication. James would then call St. Charles, Missouri, home while gaining his Masters' Degree in Arts and Communications at Lindenwood University. For the next five years, James worked at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Missouri, first in the office of scholarship and admissions and finally as the Interim Director of Admissions.

What brought James to SLU? First of all, he was simply looking for a position working with career situations in the St. Louis area. SLU's Career Services was the most natural path to fulfill his goal. Secondly, James feels that he was "attracted to the mission and philosophy of the institution over others." Clearly James holds SLU with very high esteem. Career Services is certain that this high regard will carry through into James's position.

Coming into this position, James immediately connected with the fact that Career Services is continually looking to improve what it does and the services provided for students and employers alike. The office is "constantly interested in making it better than it was before," James feels. Never before working in a career-based office like Career Services, James adds an outsider's perspective that stands to be quite beneficial, as it is void of any preconceived notions of how such a position or office should run.

Joining the team this past August, James has assumed the position of Assistant Director of the Employment Team. His overall role includes any leadership tasks and situations as they relate to employers. The goal is to increase SLU's visibility among employers and increase employers' visibility on campus. James hopes that all students will register with eRecruiting and attend the Career Fair. Be sure to welcome James to the SLU community at the Career Fair.



Natasha Harris,
Information Specialist

Career Services is excited to have Natasha Harris aboard as the Information Specialist. Natasha calls St. Louis home and has all her life. She graduated from Fontbonne College here in St. Louis, receiving a Bachelors' degree in Business Administration. Being the driven person that she is, Natasha is currently working on a second Bachelors' Degree right here at Saint Louis University, studying Computer Science. Between her educational experiences, Natasha was an employee of the Frick Company, working as an Employment Consultant. Following the Frick Company, Natasha worked for Stout Marketing in customer service.

As Career Services' Information Specialist, Natasha is excited to help Career Services. "I can relate what I'm learning [at SLU] to my job." Natasha will be working on maintaining and updating the Career Services' website, as well as eRecruiting. She brings creativity, sense of humor, and a great work ethic to Career Services. Her greatest asset is having the experience of being both a SLU student and working in the professional world. She weaves her experiences together to better benefit Career Services and the SLU community as a whole. Her hope is to convey new and fresh ideas and expand and add to the website using her computer knowledge. Say 'hi' to Natasha at the Career Fair on September 25th at the eRecruiting table.

Meet Sara Ramos, the new Employment Coordinator. Studying English in her undergraduate years, Sara graduated from Saint Louis University in May 2000. After her time at SLU, Sara was hired by McGraw Hill Publishing Company. She served as an editor, reading many manuscripts and working with different authors. Last October, Sara married Charles Ramos, who also graduated from Saint Louis University (class of 1997). He is also a member of the SLU staff, working in Undergraduate Admissions. Sara relocated from her hometown of Woodridge, IL (outside Chicago), and joined Career Services this past August.

As Employment Coordinator, Sara's main tasks include On-Campus Recruiting and the Career Fair. Sara's reasons for joining Career Services are three-fold. Sara wanted to move out of Corporate America. Although she did enjoy her time with McGraw Hill, Sara wanted to have a job that "focused less on the bottom line and on profit." Another reason for her career change was simply that she wanted a more fulfilling job where she would have the opportunity to help others. As she also has a love for education, Sara knew this job was right for her. Finally, this career change was important, as it was "a way to come back to SLU," a place she holds close to her heart.

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"Enthusiasm, excitement for what I do, and a positive outlook on SLU" are what Sara brings to Career Services and to the entire SLU community. Also, her experience in the corporate world and as a SLU student allows Sara to better connect with employers and students, as she enters her new position with more than one perspective on career issues.

Since her graduation in 2000, Sara feels Career Services has grown in such a positive direction. Citing new programs and greater publicity, Sara knows Career Services is doing an amazing job, and she is excited and willing to help. "The job search process often seems overwhelming (and as English major, Sara herself felt many of the same anxieties and pressures). I want to help the students and let them know that they are certainly not alone and that [career searching] is not so frightening."

With the month of September underway, the Career Fair is just around the corner, and Sara Ramos certainly has her hands full. She undertakes her new position, her new roles, and of course the Career Fair, enthusiastically, eagerly, and courageously with open arms.



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