

Career Services Provides Job Seekers with an Advantage

A recent study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) proves that those who use Career Services have better success in securing employment than those who don't. The study, conducted on students from 302 schools in 44 states, shows that university career centers provide valuable job seeking tools to students and alumni.

Some of the key findings* include the following:

- Most student applicants (70 percent) used their college career services centers, at least in part. However, the percentage increases significantly to 82 percent when only students who were successful in landing a job before graduation are considered.
- Successful student applicants relied far more on on-campus interviews, speaking with company representatives, and viewing employer information presentations—offerings connected with the career center—than did unsuccessful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants were distinguished by their reliance on viewing job postings on company web sites, reading job ads in newspapers, viewing job ads on generic job-search web sites.
- Successful applicants were far more likely to apply either at an on-campus career fair or by posting a resume on the college career center web site. In fact, statistical correlations showed that posting the resume on the college career web site had the strongest link with actually getting a job.

As you can see, those who utilized Career Services had a distinct advantage. Remember, the goal is to secure a job before graduation, not

to start looking for a job at graduation. The process of obtaining a new professional job can take months. In fact, it can be a full-time job just looking for a job. The trick is not just to utilize the entire gamut of job seeking tools available to you, but to maximize your efforts by spending the majority of your time on the resources that will provide the best results. The NACE study proves that Career Services provides the best results for college students.

Are you registered with Career Services? Are you *actively* using all of the resources available through Career Services? If not, the time to do so is now. Don't wait until it is too late.

Facts about Southern Miss Career Services from the 2006-2007 academic year:

- 53 national, regional, and local companies conducted on-campus interviews with business students for full-time and internship opportunities
- 237 business students participated in on-campus interviews
- 103 employers participated in the Fall Career Fair and 115 employers participated in the Spring Career Fair
- 600 full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities were posted for business majors
- 7,300 business student resumes were referred to employers for various employment opportunities

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Critical Dates To Remember



CAREER FAIR – Wednesday, October 10, 2007 – Noon to 4:00 pm

Thad Cochran Center

Connect with representatives from over 100 employers and graduate schools looking to recruit Southern Miss students. View a list of participating organizations at www.usm.edu/cs.

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY – Tuesday, October 16, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Joseph Green Hall 210

Polish your interview skills through practice interviews with employer representatives. Gain valuable feedback to improve your real job interviews. You must sign-up for an interview time through Eagle Employment by October 13.

ETIQUETTE DINNER – Tuesday, October 30, 2007 – 6:00 pm, Thad Cochran Center Room 216

Learn proper dining etiquette for use during interviews and professional meetings. Price of \$25 includes both instruction and a 3-course meal. Register for this event in Career Services located in McLemore Hall, Room 125. Register early as space fills quickly.

Wednesday Workshops

All workshops are held from 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the Library, Room 208. The workshops are open to all students and alumni and pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call 601.266.4153.

September 5

Career Services & Eagle Employment

September 12

Part-time Job Seeking

September 19

Interviewing 101

September 26

Resume Writing & How to Work a Career Fair

October 24

Job Seeking Strategies

October 31

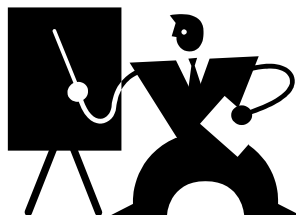
Graduate Schools & Grad School Applications

November 7

Negotiating Job Offers

November 14

Strategies for Advancing Quickly on the Job



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS INTERVIEW SCHEDULESLogin to Eagle Employment to view up-to-date schedules – www.usm.edu/cs

To Apply to Schedules: Schedules Menu – Qualified & Open Schedule

Employer and Job Title	Application Deadline
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MS Accounting Student Intern	September 6
Knight Transportation Area & Resource Manager	September 12
Disney College & Career Start Programs MUST attend one Information Session Mon, Sept 24 at 4pm in LIB 208 or Thurs, Sept 27 at Noon in TCC 216	
Horne LLP Associates and Interns	September 19
KPMG Audit Associate	September 19
Lowe's Companies, Inc. Retail Management Leadership Program, Human Resources RML Program, and Store Loss Prevention & Safety Manager	September 25
Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) Management Trainee	September 26
Nicholson & Company Accounting Intern	October 2
Regions Bank Management Associate Program	October 3
Cintas Corp. Management Trainee	October 7
McArthur, Thames, Slay & Dews Staff Accountant & Accounting Intern	October 7
Bridgestone/Firestone Management Trainee	October 8
Office of the State Auditor Auditing Accountant Assistant	October 8
Haddox, Reid, Burkes & Calhoun Staff Accountant and Accounting Intern	October 8
Holt & Associates, PLLC Accounting Intern	October 8
Target Corporation Executive Team Leaders and Store Executive Interns	October 8
Mississippi Tax Commission TC Tax Auditor/Accountant	October 11
Halliburton Field Technology Engineer	October 14

Hot Location

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