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Career Services Center

Division of Student Affairs and Campus Services

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Highlighted this month is the Kentucky Work Study Program.

In this issue...

- ◆ The Kentucky Work Study Program - Learn more about how to gain career related opportunities through this work-study program.
- ◆ WKU Sophomore, Alex Horton tells up about working as a KWSP student at Big Brothers and Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky
- ◆ Check out the Upcoming career-related events involving the Career Services Center. During Advising Week, October 8-12, the Career Center will be participating in several college sponsored major exploration programs.
- ◆ Also, visit this month's career website, "KHEAA: Making Higher Education More Affordable"

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Highlighted this month is WKU's College of Health and Human Services.

In this issue...

- ◆ Job Outlook for Healthcare Careers - As the average life expectancy continues to increase, the result is a growing need for healthcare professionals.
- ◆ Interns on the Job: Marybeth Burnett Woodall, an Interior Design graduate in 2006, had the internship of her dreams, designing offices for MTV.
- ◆ CHHS Career Day, September 27th - Are you prepared for your job search? Stop by the CHHS Career Day to learn more about resumes and resources provided by Career Services.
- ◆ Alumni: Where are they Now? - Matt Davis received his Master's in Social Work in 2007 and provides tips and advice to students about preparing for the future.
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "Navigating the Chaotic Healthcare Job Market" as well as other upcoming events at the CSC.

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This year, the Career Compass staff will highlight Majors, Students, Faculty and Staff and employers from WKU Academic Colleges. This month we begin with Gordon Ford College of Business and Accounting.

In this issue...

- ◆ TopJobs Makes Applying and Interviewing with Firms Easy! - Learn about TopJobs features and specifically about applying for jobs that also have an on campus interview schedule.

- ◆ Accounting Student Finds Unique Opportunity with Ernst & Young – Josh Heffinger participates in the Ernst and Young’s Summer Leadership Program and learns on the job skills.
- ◆ Accounting Holds Steady in the Top 10 of Best Jobs, Salaries
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "Accounting and Auditing Career Education and Advancement" as well as other upcoming events at the CSC.

[Fall 2007 Faculty and Staff Special Edition](#)

In this special edition...

- ◆ Career Services welcomes Rebecca Tinker as our new Associate Director of Employer Relations.
- ◆ "Interns on the Job" – Jamie Nelms, Counseling and Student Affairs graduate student, reflects on her experiences as a practicum student at Career Services this summer.
- ◆ "Career Services Center assists Faculty by providing resources, presentations" - learn about the many ways we can assist Faculty in preparing our students and alumni for careers after college.
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, " How to write Reference Letters: Ethical and Legal Concerns for Reference Givers " as well as our fall events at the CSC.

[Fair 2007 Special Edition](#)

The Spring Job Fair is coming to a campus near you – read to find out more about how the Spring Job Fair is great for all students, not just graduating seniors!

In this issue...

- ◆ Using TopJobs in your Job Search
- ◆ Interns on the Job
- ◆ Resource Update: O*Net Occupational Information Network
- ◆ So You Have Your College Degree: Now What?
- ◆ Importance of Volunteering for Future Career Success
- ◆ Dress to Impress
- ◆ Also – Find out which employers are conducting on campus interviews at the Career Services Center in March!

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In this issue...

- ◆ Part-Time Jobs, Internships and Co-ops, Oh My! – Employers want employees who have relevant work experience, learn more about how to have that on your resume.
- ◆ "Interns: On the Job" – Chirs Whitfield, a graduating senior, shares his experience as an intern with Senator Mitch McConnell’s office in Washington, D.C.
How to Prepare for Employment Interviews – Do you have upcoming interviews that you landed at the Career Expo – don’t forget to prepare for them, learn more in this article.
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "Behavioral Interviews" as well as the upcoming events at the CSC.

[Expo 2006 Special Edition](#)

In this issue...

The Fall 2006 WKU Expo is coming to a campus near you – read to find out more about how the Fall Expo is great for all students, not just graduating seniors!

Featured articles:

- ◆ Researching Employers
- ◆ Resume Prep
- ◆ Dress for Expo Success

- ◆ Making a Good Impression & the “30 Second Sell”
- ◆ What to do while at the Expo
- ◆ Following Up after the Expo
- ◆ Also – Find out which employers are conducting on campus interviews at the Career Services Center.
- ◆ And the PCC “People Poll” – what are WKU students hoping to gain from the Expo?

October 2006

In this issue...

- ◆ The Fall 2006 WKU Expo is coming to a campus near you – read to find out more about how the Fall Expo is great for all students, not just graduating seniors!
- ◆ “Alumni – Where are they now?” – Ryan Dearbone, Class of 2005 checks in with Career Services on his current job in broadcasting and television.
- ◆ Career Counseling Graduate Students Get on the Job Training at CSC! – Shawnboda Johnson, Student Affairs graduate student highlights her experience and what the class is doing to help students at the CSC.
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "Guerilla Tactics for Job Fairs" as well as other upcoming events at the CSC.

September 2006

In this issue...

- ◆ Preparing Future Leaders – There’s nothing more impressive to future employers than to have leadership skills and activities on your resume, find out how to get involved with the DLI, Dynamic Leadership Institute and build your resume and future.
- ◆ Career Services Center Welcomes Class of 2010 during M.A.S.T.E.R. Plan – Check out the events and how the week went!
- ◆ Introducing Discover – Deciding on a Career and major can be frustrating, but Discover can help – read more on how to “discover” the possibilities for your future!
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "Experience can be the Key to your Success" as well as other upcoming events at the CSC.

August 2006

In this issue...

- ◆ The "New" Career Services Center - from a new location and staff, to new programs and resources, check out this article to learn how we may serve you!
- ◆ "Interns on the Job" - Get a sneak peak from a current Student Affairs graduate student who is interning at UNC-Wilmington....
- ◆ Peer Career Counselor Program - what can these 6 energetic and enthusiastic student volunteers do for you? Check out our new peer program at the CSC...
- ◆ Also, check out the employment article of the month, "How will your on line profile affect potential job offers?" and other upcoming events at the CSC.

April 2005

Searching for a job can be a daunting task. Listed in this issue are some straightforward tips on how you can prepare yourself for the job search and increase your chances of success.

Interested in traveling and studying abroad? Read how WKU graduate Brittney Long Maslowski has traveled “down under” for a year and will be pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Melbourne, Australia.

A possible growth in job opportunities for 2005; increasing numbers of retirees and how they affect the job market; skills to enhance and improve your chances of being hired... check out this month’s “Trends in Employment and the Workplace” and “Employment Article of the Month.”

Several employers are conducting interviews at the Career Services Center for variety of job opportunities. Check out the current list of on-campus interviews for April.

[April 2004](#)

Preparing for a job interview can be tough – this month’s “how to” article gives some pointers to help you before, during, and after the interview

What’s it like to work for Toyota? Jason Curry, a 1997 Occupational Safety and Health program graduate tells about his experience this month in “Where Are They Now?”

Summer and graduation are fast approaching... check out the “Career Services and Events” section this month to find out about the final career/employment workshops and events of the Spring 2004 semester, and to see what “job search services” are available to you from the Career Services Center

Your work life will be very different from your parents and grandparents... check out this month’s “Trends in Employment and the Workplace” to find out about being a “free agent employee”

[March 2004](#)

Is your resume “all that it can be”? - Even if you think it is, take a look at this month’s “how to” article on “Resumes: Marketing Yourself” for some ideas to improve that already perfect (or not so hot) resume

You say you want to have your own television show... one former WKU student has accomplished just such a goal – Jessie Mack, a WKU horticulture graduate can be seen on *Weekend Landscaping*, and is profiled in this month’s “Where Are They Now?” article

The WKU Spring Job Fair is coming – will you be there? Over 100 employers will be, so find out how to be ready and make just the right impression in the month’s “Career Services and Events” section

Whether you want to stay “local” or go “global” with your career, you might like to know what jobs are hot by taking a look at this month’s “Trends in Employment and the Workplace” and “Web Site of the Month”

[February 2004](#)

Improve your chances of “landing” a satisfying career - find out how in this month’s “how to” section of the eNewsletter that provides information on obtaining a co-op or internship work opportunity

Linde Spencer, a senior majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communication at WKU and working at General Motors Corvette plant is featured in this month’s “Where Are They Now?” article

Take advantage of some of the career and employment activities and events this semester – find out about what’s happening in this month’s “Career Services and Events” section

Check out this month’s article “Trends in Employment and the Workplace” to find out about the top 5 categories of jobs being recruited, the current job market, and where and how employers will be recruiting potential employees

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Your lifestyle and personal choices may have a lot to do with your success in landing a job... find out in this month’s “how to” section of the eNewsletter

Bryan Legg, a 2001 WKU graduate with a management major is featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

Need some tips for launching your search for a part-time, co-op/internship, or full-time job? You might want to take advantage of some of the activities taking place this month including an online chat and a workshop at Downing University Center

Do you know how many times you'll probably be looking for a job during the course of your work life??? Suffice it to say, you'll probably need to know how to conduct a job search, and how to prepare and submit a resume often... Check out this month's article "Trends in Employment and the Workplace"

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"Looking for a Job?????" is the topic of this month's "how to" eNews section, with tips to help you launch your part- or full-time job search

This month in "Where Are They Now?" you'll meet Tammy White, a 2003 accounting graduate, working as a controller within an area hospital

October is BIG MONTH for career and employment events such as the Career Expo, on campus interviews, employment chats AND MORE – check out when and where in this month's "Career Services and Events eNews section

In "Trends in Employment and the Workplace" find out what the prospects are for landing a job and what your workplace may look like when you get there...

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The topic of this month's "how to" section is "Your Major, Your Career... Self Awareness and Assessment are Key," with tips and a link to a supplemental article to help you get your career and employment plans underway early in your college experience

Shameka Neely, a WKU student from the Nashville area, has filled her resume with a wealth of internships and part-time positions while completing her bachelor's degree in Corporate and Organizational Communication, and she's featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

Highlighted in this month's "Career Services and Events" section is information about the "new look" of the Career Services Center, and information about this semester's Career Development Series workshops

Do you know how to research various careers, the job market, and apply to employers online? Find out how to use the Career Services Center computer lab to help you in this month's "Employment Trends" section

[May 2003](#)

The topic of this month's "how to" section is "Evaluating Job Offers," with tips and suggestions for looking at all the factors before saying "yes" or "no"

Shari Ranger, a December 1998 Computer Information Systems graduate of WKU, is featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

Highlighted in this month's "Career Services and Events" section is information about how the Career Services Center can help you if you're in the "NO JOB YET" category

Do you know what employers are looking for in candidates during this very tight, selective job market? Find out in this month's "Employment Trends" section

[April 2003](#)

The topic of this month's "how to" section is "Your First Year on the Job," with tips and suggestions for surviving being the "new kid on the block"

Jamie Aikins, who graduated with a B.S. degree in Industrial Sciences in December 2000, is featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

An "etiquette dinner," an online chat session, job vacancy listings, interviewing skills assistance, and free job search manuals are services/resources highlighted in the "Career Services and Events" article this month

How are women faring in the job market? What perks are still available for employees and new hires? Check out this month's "Employment Trends" article to find out...

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"Weathering a Tough Market" is the topic of this month's "how to" section, with tips and suggestions for finding a job even in these "down times"

Donna Kirwan, a WKU alumna with a Corporate and Organizational Communication degree is featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

The March 12th Job Fair at South Campus, an Interview workshop, "Resumania", and this month's online chat are highlighted in the "Career Services and Events" article this month

Wanna know who's hiring, what majors are in demand and what states pay the most – check out this month's "Employment Trends" article

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Check out the "Researching Potential Employers" article in this month's "how to" section if you're about to prepare/update your resume or begin the interviewing process...

David Smith, a WKU alumna, and his employer the Social Security Administration are featured in this month's "Where Are They Now?" article

Fair, fairs, fairs... if you're looking for co-op/internships, part-time, summer, full-time or other career related work experience, take a look at the upcoming "Career Services and Events" article this month for a full line-up of activities that may be helpful to you in finding the right employer

It's not David Letterman's *Top Ten List*, but you'll find a run-down on the "10 Best Companies to Work For," along with other "Top" picks in this month's "Employment Trends" section

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"Technology Trends and Your Job Search..." is the title of this month's "how to" article

Follow the success of Jennifer Dragoo, an accounting major at WKU, as she moves from full-time student to full-time employee with the 7th largest accounting firm in the U.S.

What a line up for activities this spring! Three career fairs, online chats and career and employment workshops. Check it out in this month's "Career Services and Events" section

If not salary, what else can you negotiate for in that new job? What about benefits? Find out about the current trends in the benefits provision in this month's "Employment Trends section

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Use the holidays to rest, relax and "Get a Jump Start on Your Job Search..." This month's "how to" article explains why this is GOOD IDEA.

Lora Chaffins, a WKU broadcasting major meets Phil Donohue and many others during her internship with MSNBC

This month's *Web Site of the Month* has a lot of useful tools for the job search and great industry news articles

We highlight some of our online resources in this month's *Career Services and Events*, and we point you to our online events calendar so you'll know about upcoming job fairs, online "chats" and more...

Want to know about "The Job Outlook for the Class of 2003"? You can get the inside scoop in this month's *Employment Trends* newsletter section

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This month's article entitled *Tips from the Employers* highlights suggestions for job seekers provided by employers who participated in last month's employer panel

Marisa Duarte, an alum who majored in Exceptional Education is featured in the section *Where Are They Now?*

Are you ready for... an online chat, specifically geared for graduating seniors? Or how about this month's Career Development Session on *Getting Experience that Counts?* Find out about these opportunities and more...

Is the job search taking longer now? Yes, and this month's *Employment Trends* section suggests a couple of different reasons why this is the case

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Get ready for the Expo – what to expect, what to wear, etc.

Did you ever want to work for the Smithsonian Institution? Jennifer Neely and Ben Rickenbacker got the chance

JobStar Central is this month's *Web Site of the Month*

The Career Expo 2002 and this month's Employer Panel are featured in *Career Services and Events*

In the *Employment Trends* section you'll get more information about preparing for job interviews

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Get ready for on-campus interviews and the job fair this fall by checking out the article *Appearances Count*

Mia Belcher talks about her nursing summer internship in Nashville in the *Where Are They Now* section of the newsletter this month

Find out the best companies to work for and other tips by going to the web site featured in the *Web Site of the Month*

Need help deciding on a major, creating a resume, getting your job search off to a good start... then this month's *Career Services and Events* will interest you as it highlights an upcoming Career Development workshop series

Do you have all the skills you need to get your dream job – take a look at the **soft skills** you might need in *Employment Trends*

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Making Your Career Decision is an article that may help you if you are unsure of, or struggling with deciding on your career or major

In this month's *Where Are They Now* section, you will find out how to access the graduate survey data collected by Career Services that will tell you where many of Western's graduates are working, what they majored in and what salary they are making

If you are a Freshman or Sophomore, the *Career Services and Events* section this month may be especially helpful to you as you try to make the most of your college career

Find out what you can do to keep up with *Employment Trends* and why it's important to start doing so as early as your Freshman year

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Find out how to make the most of your summer job by making contacts and increasing your transferable skills

Meet Amy Wirth, a May 2002 graduate in Communications who is serving an internship at RCA Records in Nashville

The Quintessential Careers site is this month's featured web site – the site has good career and employment articles and links to numerous job sites

Though summer's not over, you might need some help transitioning back to school and getting ready for a part-time job this fall – find out how in this month's *Career Services and Events* section

The *Employment Trends* section highlights information from a recent JobWeb.com article that looks at what to do when you can't find a full-time job after you graduate

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Find out how to "survive" and actually thrive your first year on the job after graduation

Profile of Brian Nelson, a senior Corporate Communications major who is winding up an internship in Washington D.C. with Senator Mitch McConnell

Only a few onsite career and employment fairs remain around the area, but there are still opportunities to participate in virtual career and employment fairs – find out how in this month's *Upcoming Career and Employment Events* section

The Riley Guide is this month's featured web site – it's a very comprehensive online employment resource

The Current Employment Outlook section highlights information from the March, 2002 Bureau of Labor Statistics report

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Find out how to advance your career through part-time, summer, co-op and internship positions

Profile of Leslie Bernard, an August, 2000 Agri-business graduate who now works for New Holland of North America

America's Job Bank is this month's Web Site of the Month

Find out about April career and employment events around the region and about virtual career fairs

Who will make up the workforce over the next decade? Find out in the month's column "The Current Employment Outlook"

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Find out how to get your job search started and about helpful resources available to you

Profile of Christa Gamblin Lemily, a May, 2000 graduate in Marketing, now working at Fruit of the Loom

Find out about the career fairs and employment events around the region that are coming up this month which include Resumania on March 6th and the WKU Job Fair on March 14th

MonsterTrak is now linked on the WKU Career Services Home Page. What's this service all about??? Check it out!

Recent reports indicate that government employment recruiting remains strong. What other types of employers are hiring? Take a look at this month's article.

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Find out how to increase the chances that your resume will get the attention of the employers you're interested in

Profile of Daniel Pawley, a Disney Intern student majoring in Computer Science and Graphics Design

Find out about the career fairs and employment events around the region that are coming up this month. Remember February 13, 2002 (Nashville Area Career and Teacher Fairs) and March 14, 2002 (the WKU Spring Job Fair)

Recent reports indicate that employers still have recruiting plans for this spring. Find out what teaching candidates and others can expect from the Kentucky and regional job markets

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Profile of James Gagel, December 2000 accounting graduate of WKU

The web site featured this month has a job email agent and a great section called CareerZone to help you explore thousands of tools and resources to help manage your career and job search

Find out about the career fairs and employment events around the region that are coming up this month, and how to get involved; employment events will be hosted in Bowling Green, Nashville,

Atlanta and Chicago in January, February and March, so be informed, mark your calendars and get ready

With recent events, find out what you can expect the job market to look like whether you're searching for a full-time, part-time, summer or co-op/internship