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Career Fair helps Eagles find career success

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Morehead State University students need to do more than just focus on academic goals and enjoy the social aspects of the college experience, they need to be thinking ahead. Eagle students need to begin positioning themselves to break into the current job market as soon as they arrive on campus.

This is why MSU holds its fall and spring Career Fairs: to provide students unique opportunities that will help increase their chances for career success.

Face Time

Many students' idea of job hunting involves spending hours in front of a computer searching online for employment opportunities. At MSU's Career Fairs, you can connect with more than 80 employers and graduate programs all under one roof while learning about full-time and part-time jobs, internships, co-ops and summer jobs.

"I think the main reason to attend the MSU Career Fair is the face-to-face contact with potential employers and graduate schools. It gives students an opportunity to get a leg up on the competition," said Megan Boone, employer relations liaison with MSU Career Services. "The ones that make a positive first impression are remembered."

Boone also said it's important for underclassmen - even freshman - to make attending a career fair a priority

"I think the biggest misconception still is that it's just for seniors," she said. "Students don't realize the networking component and the opportunities for getting internships. It's about gaining information and advice to differentiate yourself."

The importance of gaining internship experience can't be understated. In fact, nearly all of the employers taking part in National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2015 survey said they prefer to hire job candidates who have work experience.

Prepared to Perform

Students should take the time to do a bit of preparation before they attend a career fair:

- Dress the part. Make sure you are dressed in business attire and potential employers will immediately take you more seriously. If you don't have a suit or business jacket, feel free to visit the Suit Bank in the MSU Career Center. If you find something that you like and that fits, you can have it without charge.
- Bring copies of your resume and have an introduction prepared that will serve as what Boone calls your "30-second commercial."
- Research the companies and schools in attendance and be prepared with questions to ask them. A representative with Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas puts it well, "Do your homework on the companies that will be in attendance. Know what they do, what they make, where they're located, how long they've been in business, company history, etc. It shows initiative and genuine interest in the company you're handing your resume to."
- Taper expectations. Some students think they will walk into a career fair and walk out with a new job. While this can happen, it's often not the case. However, that doesn't mean you can't get a job interview, land an internship or do some networking that may prove crucial down the road. "It's as much about who you know as what you know," Boone said.

When Preparation Pays Off

As a senior majoring in computer and electronics engineering technology, Jake Marler of Lewis County, Kentucky, can attest to how a stop at the Career Fair can give you a step in the right direction towards your future goals.

Marler said he went to the Office of Career Services and attended several of its events to get guidance on his resume, presenting himself to employers and dressing for job interviews. During his visit to one of MSU's career fairs, he ended up interviewing with five different companies and was later offered summer internships at two Fortune 500 companies before accepting a position as a production engineering intern with Hitachi Automotive Systems in Berea, Kentucky.

"Regardless of what grade you are, it is beneficial to attend the fair. It makes for good practice in becoming comfortable in that environment," Marler said. "If you attend every fair, by the time you are a senior you won't be that nervous person with the sub-par resume. It's crucial to be prepared for life after college and the way to do that is to be involved with as much as you can with Career Services."

Phoning It In

For students experiencing their first career fair, having so many people, employers and graduate programs in one place can be a bit overwhelming. Career Services is continuing to offer an app to help attendees practically have the event in the palm of their hand.

The Morehead State Career Fair Plus app is a free application that is available for both Apple and Android devices. The app provides a real-time map of the employers and graduate programs in attendance, allowing you to pinpoint and favorite particular organizations prior to their arrival.

"We're hoping it makes it a more efficient experience for students on the day of the fair," Boone said.

More to Learn

The MSU Fall Career Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the gym in the Laughlin Health Building. MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend and the event is free and open to the public.

After the Career Fair concludes, MSU Career Services is offering several workshops and events to give you even more helpful tools and knowledge to aid you in your job search.

Interview Bash

Wednesday, Oct. 12

2 - 4 p.m.

Career Center (across from Baird Music Hall)

Internships Basics Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 10

3 - 4 p.m.

Career Center

428 University Blvd. (across from Baird Music Hall)

LinkedIn or Left Out

Wednesday, Nov. 16

2 - 4 p.m.

Room 302

Bert Combs Building

To learn more, call **606-783-2233** or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career .

Commencement Information

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MSU will host two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14, at the Academic-Athletic Center:

- 10 a.m. - College of Education and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2 p.m. - College of Business and Technology and College of Science
- [Honorary degree recipients and student speakers information](#)

Resources

- [Driving directions to the AAC](#)
- [Information for graduates](#)

Live Stream

- 10 a.m. - <http://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=3569>
 - 2 p.m. - <http://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=3570>
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MSU faculty and students sending research into space

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An experiment on smooth muscle tissue conducted by an MSU faculty member and Craft Academy students will be launched to the International Space Station (ISS) in November.

Dr. Michael Fultz, associate professor of biology at MSU, has been conducting research on the ability of smooth muscle tissue to generate and maintain force with a reduction in energy expenditure. Fultz, along with his Undergraduate Research Fellows, proposes that two actin cytoskeletal components within smooth muscle tissue, alpha-actin and beta-actin, reorganize during muscle contraction. This reorganization might explain some of the unique properties of smooth muscle tissue and Fultz says the research could have an impact on the treatment of diseases.

"If we better understand the mechanism of smooth muscle contraction, we may better apply that knowledge to such diseases as hypertension and the invasiveness of smooth muscle cells observed during cardiovascular disease," he said.

The experiment being sent to the ISS will explore the effects microgravity has on the reorganization of the smooth muscle tissue components. Fultz said no such studies have as of yet been conducted.

"It will be interesting to see if there's a difference in the contraction itself, as well as the specific remodeling of the cytoskeleton," he said.

Fultz has had a number of students involved in the research project during his time at MSU. Previously, six Undergraduate Research Fellows and one graduate research assistant have worked on the project and, currently, two students from the Craft Academy, Danielle Gibson and Will Casto, are working as Undergraduate Research Fellows on the project. Fultz said he expects Gibson and Casto to present their research findings at scientific conferences later this school year.

Fultz is just one of numerous MSU faculty members who involve students in active research projects through the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program. Opportunities are available in a wide number of degree programs across campus. The program allows students to be involved in important academic research while they earn their degrees, giving them real-world experience before they graduate.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students, located on the campus of Morehead State University.

For more information:

- Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/undergradresearch.
 - Department of Biology & Chemistry at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem.
 - Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy.
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Art and Design supports unlimited opportunities for student growth

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Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design is one of the most comprehensive schools of art, design and teacher education in the Commonwealth. Programs offer a hands-on, personalized approach, enabling students to acquire additional skills complementing their unique creative strengths. Kristin Busby, senior and Bachelor of Fine Arts major, credits this to faculty members who are invested in supporting the growth of students.

"I used to think that being creative and having business sense were mutually exclusive. Either people were right- or left-brained, and as a creative person, I had no interest in becoming an administrator or entrepreneur of any kind," Busby said. "After taking two courses and a practicum with professor Jennifer Reis, I realized that these traits often complement one another."

Busby recently completed an Undergraduate Research Fellowship in arts programming and promotion with Reis as her faculty mentor. This past spring and summer, Busby focused on the logistical planning, management and marketing of arts programming and services hosted by the Claypool-Young Art Gallery. She provided support in the organization of art submissions for the Bluegrass Biennial exhibition jurying process, as well as assisting in the art handling, receiving and installation of four other exhibitions.

"Working with faculty members who set such high standards has made me a better student," Busby said. "The support I have received from faculty here has enabled me to excel academically and allowed me to expand outside of my comfort zone to pursue competitive opportunities." She was the recipient this summer of a scholarship to the Americans for the Arts 2016 Convention. It was Professor Reis who encouraged her to apply.

Busby said she is excited to continue her work another year as a fellow in the Claypool-Young Art gallery.

"I have been proud of my work with gallery installations and project management for the Bluegrass Biennial, as well as the development of a social media strategy for the gallery," she said. "There is a growing emphasis for art museums and galleries to enhance audience participation and experience through the use of digital media. I am excited to continue to grow as a student and implement strategies to increase engagement."

Busby said the opportunities to grow as a student are unlimited and she encourages other students to participate in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

"My work as an Undergraduate Research Fellow has given me hands-on experience as an entry-level arts administrator. I feel prepared to enter the workforce confidently and to compete nationally as an emerging leader in arts administration."

To learn more about programs in MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/art.
