

Career UPDATE

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER • BOCA RATON CAMPUS
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS FALL 2005

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

CAREER PREP MONTH

Make the Connection

Calendar *of events*

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Navigating the Academic Job Search Workshop* 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Resume Writing Workshop 1 – 2 p.m.
- 7 On-Campus Recruiting Workshop 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Spring '06 Co-op Workshop 1 – 2 p.m.
CV Writing Workshop* 3 – 4 p.m.
- 8 Components of The Academic Application* 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Resume Writing Workshop 2 – 3 p.m.
On-Campus Recruiting Workshop 4 – 5 p.m.
- 9 Spring '06 Co-op Workshop 12 – 1 p.m.
Resume Writing Workshop 2 – 3 p.m.
- 12 Interview Skills Workshop 1 – 2 p.m.
- 13 Spring '06 Co-op Workshop 2 – 3 p.m.
Navigating the Non-Academic Job Search Workshop* 3 – 4 p.m.
- 14 Choosing a Major Workshop 1 – 2 p.m.
Interview Skills Workshop 2 – 3 p.m.
- 15 On-Campus Recruiting Workshop 12 – 1 p.m.
- 16 Spring '06 Co-op Workshop 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Interview Skills Workshop 3 – 4 p.m.
- 19 Resume Critiques ** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
and 1 – 3 p.m.
On-Campus Recruiting Workshop 5 – 6 p.m.
- 20 Resume Critiques** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
and 1 – 3 p.m.
- 21 How to Network & Dress for Success 12 – 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Practice Interviews** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
and 1 – 3 p.m.
- 23 Practice Interviews** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
and 1 – 3 p.m.
On-Campus Recruiting Workshop 2 – 3 p.m.
- 26 **CAREER DAY 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Boca Raton Campus Gym
- 27 Walt Disney Presentation 3 – 4 p.m.
Live Oak Pavillion
- 29 Job Search Workshop 4 – 5 p.m.

All workshops are held in the CDC, SU Building, room 220. For a complete listing of workshops, visit www.cdc.fau.edu and click on calendar of events.

*Graduate Student Workshops

** Sign-up required in SU building, room. 220

In order to help students and alumni gain a competitive edge at the Fall 2005 Career Day on Monday, Sept. 26, the Career Development Center (CDC) hosts a number of events during the month of September.

Career Prep Month will be held from Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Friday, Sept. 23. To help students hone their resumes, and the networking and interview skills before meeting employers they can attend special workshops and learn how to write a resume and to prepare for job interviews.

In addition, the week of Sept. 19 brings corporate recruiters to the CDC to conduct resume critiques and practice interviews with students prior to the job fair. Employer representatives offer constructive feedback to students and alumni helping them polish their resumes and interview skills. On Wednesday, Sept. 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m., students can attend a special seminar on "How to Network & Dress for Success" to better prepare for the Career Day. Refreshments will be provided, and students can enter their names to win exciting door prizes! All workshops will be held in the CDC, SU Building, room 220. To sign up for a resume



critique or practice interview stop by our office.

Don't forget to "Make the Connection" at the Fall 2005 Career Day, Monday Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FAU Gymnasium on the Boca Raton campus. Come in professional dress and bring resumes! For a list of companies recruiting at Career Day along with helpful student tips visit our website at www.cdc.fau.edu. Remember to view the online calendar of events and click on the workshop for more information and to R.S.V.P.

SENIORS: *Have You Signed up for On-Campus Recruiting?*



The Career Development Center, Boca Raton Campus, hosts On-Campus Interviews for local, regional and national employers seeking to recruit students with at least 90 semester credit hours who will be graduating in December 2005, May 2006 or August 2006 and alumni (up to one year post graduation).

To participate in On-Campus recruiting you must be registered with Interfase, an on-line database for FAU students and alumni, and have submitted the On-Campus Recruiting application to our center. To learn how to register in Interfase, search and apply to companies recruiting on-campus and how to sign up

for interviews attend an On-Campus Recruiting Workshop in SU 220. You may view the workshop schedule and sign-up to attend by clicking on the online calendar of events at www.cdc.fau.edu. On-Campus Recruiting for the fall semester begins Tuesday, September 27 and ends Friday, November 18.

REALITY BITES — THE REAL CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

Reality Bites crosses FAU campuses, Davie, Boca Raton and Jupiter. Reality Bites is a TV event that prepares FAU juniors, seniors and graduate students for future employment. Participants will have the opportunity to partake in real world job search experiences. This is done by completing a sample employment application packet that includes a job posting, a resume, and a video taped session of the participant, stating name, major, and why he or she should be selected. Finalists (from each campus) will participate in workshops, a corporate tour and interviews.

This cooperative learning experience is designed to give students a realistic view of the job search process and have the opportunity to receive many wonderful prizes. The last day to submit a completed application is Sept. 27. The Reality Bites live show will be held on the Boca Raton campus on Nov. 2.

FAU's Annual Professional/ Graduate School Information Day

Are you thinking about continuing your studies after you finish your current degree at FAU? Maybe you've been contemplating becoming a doctor or a lawyer, or enrolling in a masters or doctoral program in an area of interest. If so, this event is for you. It's not too early to start exploring your options and how best to prepare for entrance into professional and graduate school programs. Come learn about various program options from admissions representatives from around the country and from FAU. Inquire about application procedures and how to maximize your chances of being admitted. Visit www.cdc.fau.edu to view the list of attending institutions. Also, plan to attend the Applying to Graduate School Workshops which will be held in the Career Development Center on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 2 - 3 p.m. and on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 12 - 1 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this event or the workshops, contact Jennifer Blythe at jblythe@fau.edu or 561-297-3533.

University Co-operative Education and Internship Program Recognized Again

The University Co-operative Education and Internship Program have been recognized for the third consecutive year by the Florida Career Professionals Association (FCPA). Each year this state association recognizes a total of three students who attend an academic institution in the state of Florida that have participated in an internship or Co-op work experience. This year's award recipient was Pablo Godoy from Florida Atlantic University.

Pablo has been interning with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) located in Madison, Wisconsin. As an intern, he has played a key role in the Civil Rights department within the forestry service working directly for the director of Civil Rights.

A project assigned to Pablo this past spring was to generate a diverse applicant pool for the forestry's summer program. Pablo's efforts resulted in the most diverse applicant pool and the most diverse percentage of

hires in the history of the program. In addition, it was the most diverse applicant pool within the entire USDA Forest Service, a remarkable accomplishment for a professional and even more so for an intern.

While completing his internship, Pablo volunteered on a bi-weekly basis in a soup kitchen serving the homeless population. His internship has had a profound influence on his future plans. He is interested in attending law school and potentially returning to the public sector to assist and advocate for underrepresented groups. Pablo graduated from FAU in May 2005 with a bachelor of arts in political science. His GPA at graduation was a 3.51.

For more information on how to participate in the University Co-operative Education and Internship Program visit www.fau.edu/cdc/Coop/coop.htm. Applications are currently being accepted for spring 2006.

Preliminary Results from the First Graduate Student Career Survey

The preliminary results from the first graduate student career survey are in. Approximately 26% of all enrolled degree seeking graduate students completed the survey—thank you to each of you who responded. Data was collected from students enrolled on all of FAU's campuses and in on-line programs. Of those students who responded, approximately 78% were enrolled in masters degree programs and approximately 22% were enrolled in doctoral programs (less than 1% were enrolled in Specialist programs). Students enrolled in the College of Business (~25%), the College of Education (~21%), and the College of Arts and Letters (~15%) were the three top respondent groups.

Here are some interesting statistics:

Prior Employment:

~52% of respondents were previously employed full-time in a field related to their current field of study

~39% of respondents were previously employed full-time in a field unrelated to their current field of study

Motivation to Attend Graduate School:

~23% of respondents stated that they enrolled in their graduate programs to change professions

~54% of respondents stated that they need the degree to advance in their current fields

Post-Graduation Employment Plans:

The following percents represent the percent of respondents to each of these options who stated that they were "Very Likely" or "Somewhat Likely" to pursue the following employment options upon degree completion:

~73% - advance at his/her current place of employment

~60-65% - secure a non-research job in the private sector, non-profit, or government organization

~60% - teach his/her specialty at the college or university level

~52-54% - conduct research either in the private sector, college or university, or non-profit or government organization

~37% - secure a post-doctoral position

~34% - teach his/her specialty at the K-12 level

~34% - secure an administration position at the college or university level

~19% - secure an administration position at the K-12 level

We are still in the process of analyzing the collected data. If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact Jennifer Blythe at jblythe@fau.edu or 561-297-3533.