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Students encountered numerous job prospects during the Construction Management Career Fair this past fall. Students will have more chances to find careers during the multiple events that make up Career Week and at Education and Construction Management career events later this spring.

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Career Week provides job opportunities for students

By Eric Newsom

Career Services Graduate Assistant

Job opportunities abound for students this week as Career Week gets into full swing. Starting March 14th, The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education brings in employers from a number of fields with the hopes that *students, graduate students* and *alumni* might find the perfect match for their future careers.

Summer Jobs and Internships Fair

March 14th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

U.C. Lawn (if bad weather, U.C. Grandroom)

Students who are not yet graduating and are looking for temporary employment during the summer months should check out the options available at the Summer Jobs and Internships Fair. Local businesses, campus operations and university departments will be on hand with information about their

openings and will be looking to recruit students to fill those jobs and internships with students from all different majors. Students are not required to sign up in advance for this event, but are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes.

Attending employers so far:

- Arrowmont Stables and Cabins
- Athens YWCO Camp For Girls
- Blue Ridge Outing Co.
- Camp Harrison
- Camp John Knox
- Camp Merrie-Woode
- Camp Tekoa
- Consolidated Electrical Distributors
- Cornucopia Gourmet
- Country Club of Sapphire Valley
- Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association
- Cullasaja Club
- Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of

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Building for the future: Find work at Education, Construction Management recruitment events

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One occupation involves supervising the construction of buildings, the other with building young minds. But whether students want to go into construction management or education, upcoming career events in both fields could help them get their start.

Over 40 North Carolina school systems from Alamance to Yadkin will come to WCU on March 28th, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Ramsey

Center auxiliary gym, to recruit educators across the spectrum of majors at the Education Recruitment Day. Employment options are not limited to not only WCU Education majors, but, because of the demand for teachers, open to all disciplines and students of all universities.

A complete and up-to-date listing of attending school systems can be found on our website. Students are encouraged to download and complete application packets for schools to which they are interested in apply-

ing. Students should also wear business casual to professional attire and bring copies of their resumes for potential interviews.

Experts in multiple segments of the construction industry will recruit students in the construction management and marketing fields on April 12th, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Ramsey Center auxiliary gym, at the Construction Management Career Day. Students are encouraged to wear

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Career Services programs for success



Students and Alumni: take advantage of our many services offered.

- ✓ **JobCat and MonsterTRAK** are internet - based recruiting systems on our website that include jobs as well as opportunities to post a resume and sign up for interviews
- ✓ **Career Counseling** - If you have a career concern that you would like to discuss, call for an appointment with a career counselor
- ✓ **Career Testing** - If you are having difficulty making a decision about a major or a career, we offer career testing and interpretation
- ✓ **Cooperative Education** - Co-op is a program that allows you to work in your career / major field and receive directly related experience and credit WHILE you are still in school
- ✓ **Career Days and Recruitment Events** - Career Services offers 10-12 recruitment events every year including Career and Graduate School Expo, Allied Health and Nurses' Career Day, Spring Job Fest, Summer Job Fair, Creative Professions Career Day, Education Recruitment Day and multiple etiquette development events
- ✓ **Resume Critiquing Service** - Drop off your resume (cover letter too!) and it will be ready (suggestions and all) in 48 hours.
- ✓ **Student Employment** - Need some cash? The student employment office can help you find a part-time job. We offer listings for on-campus as well as off-campus employment. See them at <http://careers.wcu.edu>
- ✓ **Career Library** - Our Career Library offers books, directories, and videos to aid in your career decision, including DISCOVER, a computer-aided guidance program. Also available at <http://careers.wcu.edu>
- ✓ **Interviewing Skills Assistance** - You can participate in a mock interview and improve your interview skills.

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Want to get on the career path?

Use JobCat.

1. Log into JobCat at careers.wcu.edu
2. Complete a personal profile
3. Upload a resume
4. Submit your online application by the deadline.

JobCat is updated with new jobs almost every day, so check for updates regularly!

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Career Week

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America

- Department of Residential Living, WCU
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Girl Scouts Camp Pisgah
- High Hampton Inn and Country Club
- Keystone Camp
- Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers
- Mountaintop Golf and Lake Club
- Nantahala Village Resort and Spa
- Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council
- Rockbrook Camp for Girls
- SOAR
- The Autism Society of North Carolina
- The Chattooga Club
- Trillium Links and Lake Club
- Tuckaseegee Outfitters
- Wachovia Bank
- Wade Hampton Golf Club
- WCU Police Department
- Wilderness Cove
- YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
- YMCA Camp Greenville
- YMCA Camp Hanes
- Wellspring Camps

Career Week Etiquette

Reception

March 14th 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

U.C. Multi-Purpose Room

When job interviews involve meeting with potential employers at restaurants, poor table manners and etiquette could mean the difference between securing a job

and the unemployment line. Students can improve their odds of impressing potential bosses by attending the Career Week Etiquette Reception, where they will sit down with actual local employers to practice their new skills over dinner.

Spring Corporate Career Expo

March 15th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

U.C. Grandroom

Students interested in finding a job in the business, marketing, management, accounting, computer information systems, engineering, engineering technology and finance fields should make sure to mark the date of the Spring Corporate Career Fair on their calendar. A wide range of employers will be on hand to spread information on careers, occupational trends, hiring qualifications and advice on job openings. and to recruit students for jobs and internships. Interviews may be available with some attending organizations, and students can sign up in advance for these through JobCat.

Attending employers so far:

- Consolidated Electrical Distributors
- Dillon Supply Company
- Drake Software
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Fruit of the Loom Rabun Apparel
- IBM
- JELD-WEN
- Sherwin-Williams Paint Company
- Waffle House
- Wells Fargo Financial

Public Service, Government and Criminal Justice Career Fair

March 16th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

U.C. Grandroom

Students with an interest in public sector careers in law enforcement, court systems, corrections, forensic science, military and positions within local, state and federal government could begin their future careers at the Public Service, Government and Criminal Justice Career Fair. Employers in these fields will be coming from all over the region to talk to students about these career fields and to recruit students for jobs and internships.

Attending employers so far:

- Asheville Police Dept.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept.
- Gastonia Police Dept.
- Georgia Mountains Community Services
- National Climatic Data Center
- National Labor Relations Board
- Social Security Administration
- Winston-Salem Police Dept.

More information on all of these events, including up-to-date listings of attending employers, can be found on our website at <http://careers.wcu.edu>. Students attending any of these events should wear business casual to professional attire. Students are also encouraged to bring several copies of their resume. Resume critiques are available at the Office of Career Service and Cooperative Education, located on the second floor of the Killian Annex.

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business casual attire and to bring their resumes. Interviews will be available with some organizations

from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. following the career fair. To sign up for an interview, see our website at <http://careers.wcu.edu>.

Attending employers so far:

- Holder Construction Company
- Kiewit Southern Company,

- a.k.a. Gilbert Southern Corp.
- R.J. Griffith and Company
- Ryan Homes/NVR
- Sloan Construction Company
- The Haskell Company

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SPRING 2006



Summer Jobs and Internships Fair

11:00am - 2:00PM on the U.C. Lawn or Grandroom

MAR. 14th

Not graduating until August and/or looking for summer employment on or near the WCU campus? This is the event for you! Businesses, campus and University departments set up booths to recruit summer jobs and internship. Students are not required to sign up for this event, but are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes. *

Career Week Etiquette Reception

6:00PM - 7:30PM in the U.C. Multi-Purpose Room

MAR. 14th

Students are welcome to participate in this special reception where you can meet potential employers! This event is intended to teach students proper etiquette during a reception. If you are interested in participating, please contact Career Services at 828.227.7133.

Spring Corporate Career Expo

11:00AM - 2:00PM in the U.C. Grandroom

MAR. 15th

Employers represented will be in the business, marketing, management, accounting, computer information systems, engineering, engineering technology & finance fields. You do not have to pre-register to attend the Expo. Interviews may be available with some attending organizations and students can sign up in advance through JobCat. Deadline to request a pre-selected for interview is Monday, March 6. *

Public Service, Government & Criminal Justice Career Fair

11:00AM - 2:00PM in the U.C. Grandroom

MAR. 16th

This career fair is open to all students of all majors & WCU alumni interested in public sector careers in law enforcement, the courts, corrections, forensic science, military & positions within local, state & federal government. *

Education Recruitment Day

9:00AM – 12:00PM in the Ramsey Center Aux. Gym

MAR. 28th

Education Recruitment Day is a great opportunity for students, alumni and general public interested in opportunities within schools and school systems. *

Construction Management Career Day

9:00AM – 12:00PM in the Ramsey Center Aux. Gym

APR. 12th

Meet with experts in multiple segments of the construction and construction related industry. You do not have to pre-register to attend the career fair portion of the event. Interviews may be available with some attending organizations from 1pm – 5pm following the career fair. Deadline to request a pre-selected interview is Wednesday, April 5. *

*** For all Expos and Career Days:

Business casual to professional attire is required. Students and alumni are encouraged to bring several copies of your latest resume. We also suggest uploading a resume into JobCat. If you need assistance with developing a resume, please visit the Career Resource Center (2nd floor of Killian Annex) or schedule an appointment with a career counselor – 227-7133.

Lists of attending organizations will be available on <http://careers.wcu.edu> and on JobCat. Lists will be updated as registrations are received.



Win a free video iPod from Career Services! Enter to win 30GB iPod at any spring career event

Students are invited to drop their name in for a chance to win a video iPod at each of the events sponsored by the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education this spring.

Students can enter multiple entries by attending multiple events, improving their chances to win in the drawing to be held at the end of the semester. Entries are available at the registration desk at all career fairs and expos as well as at other Career Services

events.

WCU student Jennifer Stutts won the video iPod in our fall contest, simply by dropping her entry at the registration desk of one of our fall events. Students have already entered for their chance to win at events earlier this spring.

The iPod holds 30 GBs of information, equivalent to 7,500 songs, and also can play videos and photo slideshows. The iPod works with both Mac and PC computers.