



Career Planning and Placement Center NetWork Newsletter

"Each person must live their life as a model for others." Rosa Parks

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Social and Professional Networking: A Career Case for MySpace and Facebook

Happy New Year from the Wright College Career Planning and Placement Center!!! With every new year comes new opportunities to learn and grow both personally and professionally.

The information super highway in general, and the internet in particular, have enabled us to access and distribute an immense amount of information, quickly and efficiently. Various websites allow us to explore callings, careers, and companies now with just the click of a button.

What also makes the internet so alluring and exciting is it empowers us to virtually go anywhere and meet anyone in the world without leaving the comfort of school or home. We can network and make professional connections simultaneously in Cairo, London, Paris, Beijing, and/or Baghdad. Without the internet, the overwhelming majority of us would not be able to accomplish this feat.

Over the past few years, social networking websites like Facebook.com, LinkedIn.com, and MySpace.com have made meeting and communicating with people on-line easier and more convenient. The number and popularity of these sites have expanded exponentially due to the interests and efforts of young adults between 18 and 25 years of age. According to CNN.com, between October 2006 and October 2007, MySpace grew from 49.5 million unique users to 58.8 million, Facebook increased from 8.7 million to 19.5 million users, and LinkedIn swelled from 1.7 million to 4.9 million users.

What does this all mean and why is this so important to job seekers? Networking remains the best way to find new jobs. Most positions are filled through personal referrals, before they are made known to the public. Friends, family members, acquaintances, advisors, mentors, previous supervisors, and instructors connect daily with hiring managers and prospective employers. In 2008, many of the people



who comprise our personal and professional network will have one or more profiles on one or more social networking websites.

Employers also recognize the potential recruitment opportunities that these relatively new resources present. In November 2007, the *National Association of Colleges and Employers* (NACE) released the results of its annual survey, **Job Outlook 2008**. It states, "Go to where the students are" has long been a staple of a successful recruitment effort. Consequently, given the popularity of social networking web sites, such as MySpace and Facebook, among students, it's no surprise that employers would look to this new venue as a way to connect with students."

Nothing will ever replace the experience of meeting an individual in person or visiting a real place. However, the internet connects us with people, places, and information that can positively influence our educational, social, and professional development.

Feel free to visit our MySpace page: www.myspace.com/wrightcollegecareercenter. Should you have questions about social networking websites or need assistance with your career/job search, visit our office in S-128.

The Wright Path: Tips From the Professionals

Tell us about your position and duties at Vaughn Occupational High School. How long have you been in this field?

My position at Vaughn Occupational High School is National Board Professional Counselor amongst other hats that I wear. I provide individual and group counseling services for our students. I facilitate guidance curriculums addressing areas of social development, anger management, career, and any other lessons that are needed by our students to help support their growth and development. I am also the service learning coach and help to provide opportunities for the students to obtain their service hours that are needed in order for them to graduate. I facilitate graduation preparation activities to assist the students with transition from high school to post secondary options. I also facilitate the freshmen orientation during the summer to help our freshmen transition to high school from 8th grade. I also facilitate a Peer Leadership program with students who are leaders in our school. I have been doing this for the past 6 years.

What led you to choose this career?

Before becoming a teacher and counselor I worked for Association House as a Child Welfare Worker. During this time I found it so difficult to find bilingual services for the children and their parents because of the lack of bilingual counselors. This motivated me to go back to school and get my Masters degree in Human Service Counseling. While studying for my Masters I worked as a 1st and 2nd grade teacher. This is when I decided that I wanted to stay in the school system and service more students. When I was hired at Vaughn and began working with my students I realized I have found my place, my home, where my heart has been leading me for these past years.

How does your career make the community/world a better place?

My career as a counselor helps in so many ways. Being a counselor helps others touch on areas of their life and strengthen them. It is not always that they are weak in those areas but also areas of strength. Counselors are there to help focus and give perspective on different areas of our lives so that those who come to us can strengthen their lives and make positive changes.

In order to be successful in this career, what skills & abilities should one possess?

Patience, understanding, a good listener, honesty, personal, caring, and genuine.

What words of wisdom would you like to share with someone interested in this or any other career?

Never give up. Be the best that you can be. Life is what you make of it, so make the best of what you do. Sometimes there is only one chance, so do your best. Never let anyone tell you NO when you know you can.



Catalina Fernandez

Professional School Counselor,
Vaughn Occupational High School



**Amanda
Tovar**
2006-present

The Wright Student Spotlight

Why did you choose to attend Wright College (WC)?

I chose to attend WC because my old college did not implement its Criminal Justice courses in a timely manner. I came to WC because I felt that I needed my Associates in hope to continue my Bachelors. I also liked the small class sizes. I finished my AA in May 2007.

What courses have you taken and what are you hoping to accomplish?

I took Intro to Criminal Justice, Police Organization, Intro to Investigations, Criminal Law and Procedure, Intro to Humanities, and Addiction Studies. In the future I want to work as a lawyer for the

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. I would like to do pro bono work as a counselor for people with alcohol and substance abuse addictions.

While going to school, what has been challenging for you and what has helped you pull through and be successful?

What has been challenging is going to two different schools, Northeastern Illinois University and Wright College. I wanted to pursue my Bachelors degree in Justice Studies in addition to a certificate in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling. Scheduling classes and activities was difficult. My

determination to finish helped me stay strong through such a chaotic schedule.

What words of wisdom would you like to share with other WC students?

My biggest pet peeve with students is they come for the degree and not the learning. Enjoy the college experience and do not just concentrate on getting the degree. Take time to get involved with activities. They give you the chance to breathe and relate to your fellow students on a different level. Also, strive to become a member of Phi Theta Kappa!!!

Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies

Company	Revenue 2006	Type of Business
1. Reyes Holdings LLC	\$8,400,000,000	Food and Beverage
2. Topco Associates LLC	\$7,348,000,000	Food Industry
3. Global Hyatt Corp.	\$7,122,000,000	Hospitality
4. Marmon Group	\$6,988,000,000	Manufacturing
5. EBY-Brown Co. LLC	\$4,400,000,000	Wholesale distributor
6. OSI Group LLC	\$4,400,000,000	Food Industry
7. Ace Hardware Corp.	\$3,700,000,000	Retail
8. Amsted Industries	\$3,000,000,000	Manufacturing
9. Walsh Group Ltd	\$2,929,000,000	General contractor
10. Heico Cos. LLC	\$2,750,000,000	Buyout firm
11. Solo Cup Co.	\$2,489,900,000	Manufacturing
12. Medline Industries	\$2,470,000,000	Manufacturing
13. Altivity Packaging LLC	\$2,200,000,000	Manufacturing
14. Follett Corp.	\$2,184,000,000	Retail and wholesale
15. True Value Co.	\$2,050,000,000	Wholesale
16. Inland Real Estate Grp.	\$2,011,500,000	Real estate developer
17. Frank Consolidated Enterprises Inc.	\$1,918,000,000	Automotive
18. CC Industries Inc.	\$1,750,000,000	Holding company
19. MCZ Development Corp.	\$1,607,000,000	Real estate developer
20. Freedomroads LLC	\$1,600,000,000	RV dealerships
21. Koch Foods	\$1,400,000,000	Food Industry
22. Chemcentral Corp.	\$1,365,000,000	Chemical distributor
23. Wirtz Corp.	\$1,330,000,000	Distribution
24. Crate & Barrel	\$1,200,000,000	Retail
25. Transunion LLC	\$1,200,000,000	Credit data

Chicago's Largest Public Companies

Company	Revenue 2006	Type of Business
1. Boeing Co	\$61,530,000,000	Aerospace defense
2. Sears Holdings Corp.	\$53,012,000,000	Department stores
3. Walgreen Co.	\$47,409,000,000	Drugstores
4. Motorola Inc.	\$42,879,000,000	Communications
5. Caterpillar Inc.	\$41,517,000,000	Farm equipment
6. Archer Daniels Midland	\$36,596,100,000	Agricultural products
7. Allstate Corp.	\$35,796,000,000	Insurance
8. Kraft Foods Inc.	\$34,356,000,000	Food Industry
9. Abbott Laboratories	\$22,476,300,000	Pharmaceuticals
10. Deere & Co.	\$21,754,800,000	Farm equipment
11. McDonald's Corp.	\$21,586,400,000	Fast food restaurants
12. UAL Corp.	\$19,340,000,000	Airline
13. Sara Lee Corp.	\$15,944,000,000	Food Industry
14. Exelon Corp.	\$15,655,000,000	Electricity supplier
15. Illinois Tool Works	\$14,055,000,000	Industrial machinery
16. Baxter International Inc.	\$10,378,000,000	Medical products
17. CNA Financial Corp.	\$10,376,000,000	Insurance
18. R.R. Donnelley & Sons	\$9,316,600,000	Commercial printing
19. OfficeMax Inc.	\$8,965,700,000	Office supplies
20. AON Corp.	\$8,956,000,000	RV dealerships
21. Fortune Brands Inc.	\$8,255,000,000	Housewares
22. Smurfit-Stone Container	\$7,157,000,000	Paper packaging
23. Integrys Energy Group	\$6,890,700,000	Public utility
24. CDW Corp.	\$6,785,500,000	Computer industry
25. Ryerson Inc.	\$5,908,900,000	Wholesale metals

Source: Crain's Chicago Business (VOL. 30, NO. 53) 2007

Wright College Career Calendar-2008

Events sponsored by the Career Planning & Placement Center except where noted.

February 1

Beginning of Career Development Month
~and~
African-American History Month

February 5

Resume Writing & Art of Interviewing
Workshop
5:30pm-7:00pm
S-101

February 16

Career Exploration Workshop
11am-1pm
L-128

Sponsored by the Student Academic Success Center

February 20

Internship & Diversity Job Fair
10am-2pm
Events Building-Atrium

Top 10 Jobs in College Central

College Central is our on-line database of jobs and employers.
Go to the following link to view these and other positions.

<http://www.collegecentral.com/wright>

Union Pacific

Various positions

A La Carte

Factory Representative

Clear Channel

103.5 Kiss FM Morning Show Producer

Wilbur Wright College

Math/English Peer Tutor

Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport

Guest Service Agent

Labelmaster

Customer Service Representative

Sinai Health System

Registrar II

Corus Bank

Sorter Operator

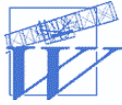
Chicago Cubs/Wrigley Field

Seasonal Stadium Positions

Management and Training Corporation-Paul

Simon Chicago Job Corps

Records Clerk



Wilbur Wright
College

Your CAREER starts HERE!

The Wright College Career Planning & Placement Center
Presents

Internship & Diversity JOB FAIR



Wednesday, February 20, 2008

10:00am-2:00pm

Wright College Events Building Atrium

4300 N. Narragansett

Chicago, IL 60634

Admission is FREE

Bring 10-15 copies of your resume

Professional Attire is REQUIRED

For more information visit the Wright College
Career Planning & Placement Center, or call 773-481-8527.

Coming Soon:

The 14th Annual

Spring Job Fair & Career Day

April 24, 2008, 10am-3pm

Events Building-Gymnasium

