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TLS Newsletter: Beyond The Classroom

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Important Upcoming Events
Wednesday, September 14:
TLS Kick-Off Meeting!
Location: Coggin College Stein Auditorium 42/1020
Time: 9:00pm-10:00pm
Door Prize: 2 tickets JAGUARS vs. New Orleans Saints on Oct. 2nd

Friday, September 12: Deadline to register for T&L Fall Career Day
Friday, September 23: Deadline to submit Coggin CMC approved resume to Lynn.Brown@unf.edu
Friday, September 23: T&L facility tour of Maxwell House Green Coffee Quality Lab & Dupuy Silo Facility. Register at TLSociety@unf.edu

September 13th or 14th: Mandatory meeting for Career Day participants
Wednesday, October 12: T&L meeting and Young Alumni Panel - "Tales from the Real World"
Friday, October 21: Facility tour of Football Fanatics Fulfillment & Distribution Center. Register at TLSociety@unf.edu
Friday, October 28: T&L Fall Career Day

TLS on Tour: Maxwell House Green Coffee Quality Lab and Dupuy Silo
On Friday, September 23 UNF T&L students will have an opportunity to visit the Maxwell House Green Coffee Quality Lab & Dupuy Silo Facility in Jacksonville. The silo is the first of its kind in the U.S. and was designed and built specifically to handle raw blended green coffee beans for Kraft Foods' Maxwell House coffee production. Utilizing 100,000 square feet of warehouse space, Dupuy handles green coffee beans delivered from all over the world in burlap sacks, super sacks, and containerized bulk. Their unloading, conveying and blending operations are fully automated. The facility was built in 2005 by their parent company Dupuy Storage and Forwarding. The company has been in the coffee warehouse and handling business for 75 years. During the tour students will see the Maxwell House quality lab where the beans are tested before shipping them to the downtown Maxwell House plant for roasting. If you want to learn more about “upstream” supply chain activities, this is a tour you won’t want to miss. To register email TLSociety@unf.edu. Space is limited!!

Get To Know TLS Newsletter Editor: William England
William grew up in the Jacksonville area, but says he did not realize Jacksonville’s competitive advantage in the transportation and logistics sector until recently. He is currently a full time employee at a financial company as a senior operations analyst in which he deals with forecasting and reporting. “The transportation and logistics major”, he said “seemed like a natural fit for me. The knowledge and skills I am learning in the undergraduate program transfer very well to the finance industry, where my T&L degree is proving to be quite useful.” William will be graduating in the fall 2011. During his last semester he looks forward to serving as the newsletter editor, and in doing so he encourages everyone in TLS to get involved. He asks if anyone has any interest writing or helping distribute the TLS newsletter to email him at n00467752@unf.com.

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What you need to know!

T&L Career Day is NOT a career fair or career expo. T&L Career Day IS a golden opportunity to interview with regional and national recruiters from companies like CSX, Crowley, Gexpro Services, JCPenney, PSS World Medical, Rexel, Target, PenserSC, Suddath, and many more. The job market is very competitive and recruiters see hundreds if not thousands of resumes. T&L Career Day is your chance to have multiple face-to-face interviews that will give you a competitive advantage in one of the most challenging job markets in decades.

Students that want to participate are asked to register and submit a resume, paying close attention to deadlines. Resumes must be critiqued by the Coggin Career Management Center prior to submission. Resumes are posted on a password protected website, and the link is sent to recruiters who have an opportunity to look them over and request interviews with specific candidates using a ranking system (#1 being their first choice). Students will also have an opportunity to request an interview with specific companies using the ranking system.

Preferences of recruiters and students are entered into a mathematical model that computes an interview schedule based on these preferences. For example, if a recruiter picks a student as their #1 choice and the student picks the company as their #1 choice they are guaranteed to have an interview. Recruiters and students also have the option of declining an interview. This can happen for a variety of reasons and in the long run maximizes the value of the schedule and minimizes irrelevant interviews.

It is important that students research the companies they are interested in and prepare for an interview. It is very possible you will not interview with the company you requested, but it is important to be prepared. It is not unusual that last minute changes to the interview schedule may give you a chance to sit with a recruiter after all, so be prepared! Every T&L major should participate in Career Day. It is an excellent time to build a professional network and impress recruiters with positive energy and a great personality, attributes that are difficult to translate onto a resume. T&L Career Day is a wonderful opportunity to promote your personal brand to professionals who are doing the hiring. And if you prefer to learn the ropes and network with recruiters in a more relaxed setting, consider volunteering for the Career Day Committee. The experience will help calm the nerves and build confidence so you will be ready when it is your turn to sit in the hot seat.

For information: http://www.unf.edu/groups/logistics/careerDay.html

Life After Graduation: Mika Pitts

Mika Pitts graduated from the UNF T&L Program in December 2009. For the last year and a half Mika has been working as a Production Planner for the Global Production Procurement Department in the Toyota Business Section of Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. She lives and works in Lexington, Kentucky. A typical week on the job for Pitts consists of 40 hours of planning the procurement of finished products from the company’s keirestu factories in Asia. She monitors the traffic flow of the products and schedules receiving at distribution centers in the United States. She also coordinates the start-up of parts for new model vehicles. I asked Mika if she felt that TLS and the T&L Flagship Program helped to better prepare for her career and she replied, “Yes, I developed social skills and professionalism by networking with the business community at T&L events. I was able to go on tours and see actual operations, which gave me hands-on experience that I could not get in the classroom or from a textbook”. I concluded our conversation by asking if she had any words of wisdom for students in the T&L Program. Mika recommended that students “get actively involved in TLS!!! I was shy and did not hold any big position like TLS president or such. I volunteered for community service events, went on facility tours, the T&L study abroad to Australia, and served on the Career Day Committee. My involvement affected me tremendously in a positive way. I will treasure the memories and skills I gained from TLS & the T&L Program for the rest of my life”.

By Matthew Bullard

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