FALL INTERNSHIP & JOB FAIR

The Fall All Majors Internship & Job Fair is coming up quickly and MPTSS is here to tell you more about these events and how to prepare for them.

The Fall Internship & Job Fair will take place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on October 17 in the Convocation Center. More than 200 employers from a range of fields are expected to attend and it is a great opportunity to find a good internship or job for next spring or summer or even next school year. You will be able to find both paid and unpaid internship opportunities there, as well as the possibility of earning college credit for working at an internship. In addition to internships, there will also be employers recruiting for full-time jobs.

All students are encouraged to attend, even if you just want to explore and find out what it is like. There will be many NIU alumni among the employers and it would be a good idea to pick their brains about the hiring process and ask what companies might be looking for.

Before you attend, be sure to do your research. Doing your research beforehand is one of the most critical things for your success. Take a look at the list of employers who will be present and do research about the companies that you want to talk to. You should know enough information to be able to answer questions about what you know about the company as well as why you would like to work for them.

We wish you the best of luck! There are more tips and advice inside this edition of Paw Prints to help you succeed at the Fall Internship and Job Fair. And as always, feel free to drop by CLB 170 if you have any questions or just want to chat. Go Huskies!
HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE FALL INTERNSHIP AND JOB FAIR

1. Decide on your goal for the fair. Look at the list of employers and select the ones that you want to make sure that you talk to.

2. Do some research about the companies you are interested in talking to. Remember you should be able to answer basic questions about the company as well as have a good answer for when they ask you why you want to work for them.

3. Revise your résumé. If you want someone else to look over it, go to the Career Resource Center in CLB 200. They are there to help and are happy to take a look at your résumé.

4. If possible, try to attend the Career Fair & Internship Prep Workshop on October 11, from 5-7 p.m., in the Capitol Room in the HSC. If not, take the time to practice your elevator pitch about yourself.

5. Decide what you are going to wear. Dress like you are attending an interview.

6. Print out copies of your résumé. Print one for each of the companies you plan to talk to, as well as a few extras for companies who may catch your eye. The Convocation Center has no printing and no copying. If you run out of résumés, you will have to leave the Convocation Center to print more.

7. Attend the fair! If possible, aim to get there early. All of the employers will be there by 10 a.m., but there will be a rush of students at lunch. There is free parking at the Convocation Center for the event, so if you are a commuter student, feel free to take advantage of that. Career Services staff will hand out maps of the arena so that you can locate the employers that you want to talk to. Be sure to collect business cards from employers you talked to and remember to be courteous and confident. If you need to take a moment to catch your breath and talk to people that you are comfortable around, MPTSS will be staffing a table in the foyer and you’re welcome to stop by and talk with us!

8. After the fair, be sure to write thank you emails to the employers who talked to you. Not only is it polite, but it also looks good and perceptions go a long way. If you managed to score an interview, the Career Resource Center has walk-in practice interview sessions to get you prepared and confident. Best of luck!

THE FISH HOOK

Each month Assistant Director Jeff Salmon shares insights and thoughts with Post-Trads.

It’s hard to believe but we have already reached the midpoint of the semester. I hope everyone’s midterms go well and are as stress free as possible. Remember to treat yourself when they are over. Self care is a very important part of the student experience. If you are interested, MPTSS will be hosting a stress management workshop on Oct. 17.

Now that the semester is halfway over what have been some of your favorite moments so far? What are you looking forward to in the coming weeks?

I’ve been enjoying the UNIV class I teach. It’s always great meeting new transfer students. It was exciting to assist with the recent Unity March on campus. It marked the first official event as president for Dr. Lisa Freeman.

Like many of you, I’m counting down to the week after finals. My wife and I head to Disney World! Hope we all have a magical second half of the semester!
GET CREATIVE

It is that time of the semester where stress is everywhere! Take a break and get creative! There are many benefits to being creative and working on some art on the side. You may be busy, but art is still very useful in helping better your daily life. Here are some benefits of getting creative:

1. Becoming a problem solver
2. Connecting with your community
3. Saving money
4. Expanding sense of time
5. Building self awareness and expression
6. Freeing oneself from daily grind
7. Relieving stress.

There are many ways to get creative that don’t involve a pencil or pen. Some involve:

- Painting
- Music
- Poetry
- Theatre
- Dance

Klehm has a lot of great events coming up such as their Fall Colors Tour. The tour is being led by Executive Director Alex Mills. He will lead the hike through the arboretum highlighting various trees in the collection known for their beautiful fall colors. Participants will learn how and why these color transformations occur. They will be celebrating “Oaktober” by highlighting the oaks and acorns on the grounds as well. Call and register asap because space is limited. Participants will learn how and why these color transformations occur. They will be celebrating “Oaktober” by highlighting the oaks and acorns on the grounds as well. Call and register asap because space is limited. Space is limited to 12 participants. Tour length is approx. 45 minutes. Preregistration is required!

- ADMISSION: Free for members; Included with general admission for nonmembers
- MEMBERS: Please register by calling 815-965-8146 or by email. Please remember to specify which date you would like to register for when making your reservation!

NIU POLICE INTRODUCE SAFE SELLING SPACE

The NIU police department has come up with a solution for individuals who are nervous about selling their belongings online!

Students and members of the public can now arrange to meet in the lobby of the NIU Police and Public Safety dispatch center located at: 395 Wirtz Drive on the DeKalb campus.

All sales that take place in the dispatch center will be under surveillance and the center will be staffed 24 hours a day.

All a student must do is go to the center and inform the dispatcher on duty that they are there to complete a safe-selling transaction.

More information can be found on NIU Today.
MEET HUSKIE STAFF MEMBER:
JOE LOVELACE

Joe Lovelace completed his undergraduate degree at North Central College, and was a commuter student throughout all four years. It was at this school, he met one of his favorite professors who persuaded him to pursue a degree in History; and then eventually wrote his letter of recommendation for law school.

After completing law school, he originally started his career working for a private firm. However, when he saw the opportunity to work at NIU, he knew it would provide a better balance between his work and family life. He wanted to find a job that would allow him to use his degree to help other people, while also giving him the opportunity to prioritize time with his wife and daughter. Lovelace is now the Director of Students’ Legal Assistance at NIU.

Within Joe’s office, he believes there are a lot of resources that all students can utilize. His office has created a roommate survival guide, and a roommate agreement for students to use. Student Legal Assistance also provides free legal services to all enrolled NIU students.

Lovelace believes this service is beneficial specifically for students who are renting an apartment. His office has the ability to help students with landlord/tenant disputes and they’re able to look over a lease before a student goes in to sign.

In his free time, one of Joe’s hobbies is collecting different items. He started as a child by collecting baseball cards. Following that, he’s continued to start different collections based around his favorite things, specifically his favorite movies. He also enjoys spending time with his family. The same year he started working at NIU his daughter started her freshman year of college. This position has allowed him the ability to continue supporting her at all of her school events.

MEET HUSKIE POST-TRADITIONAL STUDENT:
SAMANTHA NIKLAS-ROBEY

Samantha is a mother, day care worker and full-time student at NIU. She finds it easy to commute and likes the close proximity to her home. Samantha is majoring in health and human science with a focus in child development with emphasis in infant and family studies. Her job as a day care employee led her to finish her degree with the plan of becoming a developmental therapist. The day care she works for specializes with children with special needs and has a therapy unit. Currently, Samantha is a junior.

Samantha has experience being both a traditional student as well as a non-traditional students so her perspective is unique. She says as a traditional student she didn’t take classes as seriously and now that she is working, a mother and taking on a full class load, she is much more serious about her degree, especially because of her ability to be a developmental therapist upon graduation. Fitting in is challenging due to being older, but she finds it easier to communicate with professors because of her respect and understanding of college.

Her hobbies include being a mom and spending time with family. She is very involved in Breast Cancer Awareness. October is breast cancer awareness month and every year her work seeks donations to create cancer treatment bags for cancer patients in Ottawa. The bags are similar to care packages that help people undergoing chemotherapy. Last year, they made and delivered more than 100 bags. She also helps run fire safety week at her work. Some of her favorite TV shows include Desperate Housewives and Quantico.

Samantha’s favorite experience at NIU so far has been meeting up with her family relations course professor. She felt heard and understood as she met to talk about a lower grade. The grade was fixed and they ended up talking about her experience as a post-traditional student and possible graduate degrees.
# Upcoming Events

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