WELCOME BACK!
As the new semester begins, Stockton’s Office of Career Services is enthusiastically assisting students in setting and reaching their career goals. To meet that challenge, the office has planned many special events and services, such as on-campus recruiting, résumé referral services and a spring career fair, to help put you and your qualifications in front of employers. To compete successfully, however, it is important that you become an active participant in the process. Get to know your qualifications, field of interest, and self-marketing strategies. Talk to a career counselor today (J-204) and participate in all of our events. It is possible to gain an edge over the competition – just get busy!
GET HIRED

The overall job market for this graduating class looks promising, but that does not mean you should delay your job search. Also, start with the understanding that you need to devote time and effort to your search – it will be your “job” for awhile. Begin exploring possible opportunities using JobNET (www.stockton.edu/jobnet), a site that lists both full-time and part-time positions collected through the Office of Career Services. On this site, you definitely reap the benefits of convenience and exclusivity, but don’t stop there. For optimal results, broaden your search by using on-line classified ad sites. Use only sites that post privacy policies, however, because as terrific as the Internet can be for job searches, you must take steps to ensure your personal information remains yours.

Assistance with job searches can also be found in the office (J-204) of Ms. Christine Rainier, our campus representative from the NJ Department of Labor’s Employment Office. Make an appointment with Ms. Rainier (652-4650) to discuss your employment goals and possible matches she might find in her databases.

♦

SPRING CAREER FAIR

Thursday, February 9, 2006
10am to 2pm
NEW LOCATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE SPORTS CENTER

Career fairs are great places to meet employers, but you need to do more than print copies of your résumé, practice your handshake, and press your business suit to succeed. Follow these easy guidelines to make an impression and improve your chances of getting a job.

TIPS:
1. Have someone in the Office of Career Services critique your résumé.
2. Take time before the career fair to find out which companies will be present.
3. Have a game plan and focus on those companies that interest you.
4. Prepare a two or three line script for yourself, including your name, class year, and what type of job you are seeking.
5. When you give the recruiter your résumé, ask what the next step will be in the process.
6. Collect business cards and write thank you notes to employers you speak to.
AIM FOR OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH NETWORKING

Because you are just entering the job market, you may feel you haven’t established a vast network of people who could provide leads to “hidden” job opportunities, but really, you might be surprised at how many contacts you do have once you sit down and write your list. Friends, teachers, parents, neighbors and co-workers are the obvious ones, but what about past acquaintances from high school, vendors you see frequently at your part time job, or service professionals your parents use such as accountants, lawyers, and doctors? List all of them. But don’t stop there!

Remember to investigate professional associations, chambers of commerce, and volunteer groups in your area. Many hold events where you can meet individuals relevant to your career focus (be sure you have a career focus) and collect their business cards. Follow up these leads and develop a system to keep track of the contacts you make.

Learn how to introduce yourself, initiate conversation, request information and ask for more contact names at our newest event:

**“OUTCLASS THE COMPETITION with NETWORKING KNOW-HOW”**
Thursday, March 9, 2006 Townsend Residential Life Center 6 – 8 pm
Presented by professional etiquette consultant: Ms. Debra Gitto
Reserve your spot!!! Tickets: $3.00 in J-204 Light refreshments!

Finally, it is important to understand that networking is a two-way proposition. Be sure to write thank you notes to those who assist you and let them know how your search is progressing. Also, make sure you offer leads to others who are searching for employment. It’s a nice thing to do, and they will be potential contacts for you should they get hired.

**“FASHION SHOW: Class It Up for Work and Play”**
Thursday, March 30, 2006 Alton Auditorium 8:30 - 11pm
Co-sponsored with Student Senate
Student models, music and fun!

THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES WORKS FOR YOU!!

- Have your resume and cover letter critiqued.
- Pick up Job Choices magazine and pertinent handouts.
- Talk with a counselor for career guidance and job search strategies.
- Use the Career Library for employer research and job leads.
- Schedule a career presentation for your club or floor of residents.
- Learn professional preparation of graduate school applications.
- Attend workshops and special events, learning how to set yourself apart in the job market.