

SPRING 2024


WORKFORCE & EMPLOYMENT NEWSLETTER

Message from Our Director

As the first quarter of the year comes to a close, it is exciting to look back on everything that we accomplished!

Between starting our first cohort of CNA apprenticeship, wrapping up a grant and applying for a new one, as well as hosting multiple events, the beginning of the year was busy!

Moving forward, we are working on scheduling our events for the next academic year, reviewing and improving our processes, recruiting students, and promoting our services. As we work on these items, we are always open to your feedback!



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SPOTLIGHTS

INDUSTRY & EDUCATION

Modeled after a similar group at Mineral Area College, the first meeting of the industry and education group was held in March. Attendance consisted of employer partners, K-12 educators, Jefferson County resources, as well as Jefferson College. The discussions involved discussing needs and opportunities for partnership. The group plans to have at least two meetings yearly.

ADULT LEARNERS

The Adult Learner Taskforce sent a survey to all adult learners at Jefferson College in AEL, Workforce, and for-credit programs. The survey asked students about motivators for enrolling in a program and barriers they may face related to school or a training program. There was a 20.3% return rate, and great data can be gleaned from the responses. This data will inform the Adult Learner Taskforce of their next steps for the future.

JOURNEY MAPPING

A group of 7 delegates from various Jefferson College departments, such as Admissions, Adult Education & Literacy, and Workforce Development & Employment Services, attended a Student Journey Mapping workshop for adult learners in Jefferson City. At this workshop, the delegation journey mapped the recruitment and application process for SkillUP students in workforce development programs. The delegation will be headed back to Jefferson City in mid-April for the last portion of the workshop.



UPDATES

Missouri One Start

As we enter into the last quarter of FY 24 spending, we are ramping up to open the FY 25 application. If a manufacturing partner is interested in learning more about how to apply for training funds, they may attend a virtual [information session](#) on April 30th at 2 pm.

CNA Apprenticeship

This spring the Workforce Program was able to collaborate with two area Long Term Care facilities to train their staff as Certified Nursing Assistants. Bethesda Health Group took advantage of an Apprenticeship opportunity for their students to complete the cohort. The Leader featured an article on the endeavor which can be read [here](#). Additionally, the South County Nursing Home in Arnold also began a cohort for students. The students are taught at the Jefferson College Arnold campus by instructors with Jefferson College (Ginger and Jack Hand) and complete clinicals onsite with their employer. Specialist Jessie Montgomery assists in ensuring students are successful in their completion of the program along with instructors and clinical staff.

SkillUPdate

Between January 2024 and March 2024, we have onboarded four new SkillUP individuals in programs like Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Medical Billing and Coding. Our current SkillUP students are making wonderful progress in their coursework and are on their way to finishing their programs. If you have anyone interested in the SkillUP program, please have them contact Saranda Lund at slund@jeffco.edu or at 636-481-3221.

EVENTS

Spring Healthcare Career & Transfer Fair

On January 30th, 16 employers and 6 transfer universities visited campus to host tables at our Spring 2024 Healthcare Career & Transfer Fair. In addition to networking with potential employers and transfer institutions, over 70 students discussed their paths toward healthcare careers.

Technology



Career Expo

This past February we once again held our annual Career Expo, a Career Exploration event geared towards introducing middle and high school students to local employers and career pathways.

Over 40 organizations were represented and spoke with about 600 students from 10 schools throughout Jefferson County about the work they do and the kind of qualifications, experience, and education needed to get into their respective field. A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Career Expo another success!



UPCOMING

Announcements & Events



HANDSHAKE UPDATES

We're excited to continue implementing and growing our online career platform, Handshake, as we come to the end of our Spring semester. In less than a year since partnering with Handshake, we've had over 900 employers connect with our school profile and over 6,000 jobs posted and advertised to our students.



CAREER CLOSET CLEAN-OUT

MAY 8-10 2024

In an effort to support our students and bring equal opportunity and access, we are excited to once again host the Career Closet Clean-Out. While the Career Closet is a resource always available, this event brings out all the contents of our free professional clothing resource for students to look through and take what they need for upcoming events like commencement, end-of-year celebrations, and job interviews.



SPRING FLING FESTIVAL

MAY 11 2024

We will have representatives at JFCAC's 2nd Annual Spring Fling Event. In addition to information on different programs and resources, this event will have kid's games & activities, retail crafts & booths, kids kartz ID, face painting, 50/50 drawings and more!

2024 CATALOG

There is no better time to start a new career, and our programs will provide extensive training and industry-recognized certifications that are in demand. View our new catalog to see all the upcoming offerings in 2024.



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