**Alumni Workshop**

Due to the current economic conditions and the number of alumni requesting job help, The Information Technology Services, recently held a two-hour Alumni Job Search Workshop. Mrs. Moore spoke on the current job market and steps alumni need to take to compete. Topics included professional attire, business etiquette, job search techniques, networking, and job searching tips. She also spoke on the benefits of the College’s Lifetime Review privilege and how invaluable current technical skills and knowledge are to employers.

Alumni were encouraged to bring a friend who might find the information valuable, or who may have interest in the many great career programs at the Sullivan College of Technology and Design. Participants received a packet of information which included job search websites, social media links, and interview techniques.

Josh Richardson, Recruiter for TEK Systems, spoke about how to build a resume stand out from many a potential employer may receive. Josh has helped many alumni get into the IT workforce, and participants appreciated his realism and expertise.

Mike Bryant, General Education Department Chairperson and Professional Development Instructor, participated in a question and answer session.

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**Employer has even a brighter future waiting for him**

Since the news is always filled with stories about layoffs and downsizing, it’s refreshing to hear of a company who knows the value of a good education and is paying an alumn to receive it. John Bennett is a 1999 graduate of the Mechanical Engineering Technology/Robotics program, and has worked as a technician as he completed his degree. Last year he moved to a new company, Momentum, where he works as a Materials Management Engineer. “I chose Tech because this school has the highest job placement and a relaxed student environment,” he explained. “I chose my field of study because I love design and mechanical aspects of things and I really enjoy working on projects. By going to college I am no longer working in a factory but I am out in the business field in which I have degree. I like my job and am achieving success. Currently I am a Mechanical Design Drafter at the Lyons Companies in Louisville, Kentucky where I design parts for the sheet metal industry. Right now I am designing parts for GE, Whirlpool and other facilities around the world.”

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**On-campus Job Fair had big payoff for this alum**

Jessica Peaver ’05 wrote, “It’s been four years since I graduated from Sullivan College of Technology and Design (formerly LTI). I came to Tech after a year of nursing school, which clearly was not for me. My first quarter I was actually enrolled as an Interdisciplinary student. However, after completing the CNSF classes, I found that I enjoyed designing the structures of the houses more than the interior, which prompted me to yet again change my major. Now, I finally had found something that I really liked doing and something that I could do with a degree. In 2007, I used all of the skills that I had learned in Photoshop to produce images for Apple’s new Macintosh.”

Tracy Pierce ’07, ’08 “I am an Architectural Drafting student and I am currently a junior. I chose Tech for many reasons but mainly because the Mechanical Engineering Technology program gave me the tools necessary to excel in design and engineering,” stated Tracy Pierce ’07, ’08. “I've always been very interested in drawing, some of those images and returned to SCTD to earn my 2008. "I've always been very interested in drawing, some of those images and returned to SCTD to earn my degree. My experience was great; I met a lot of people that helped that I needed. My student experience was great. I met a lot of people that helped me along the way. . . . I really liked AutoCAD and wanted to play a small part in her life.”

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**Although their fields and study graduation dates are different, these alumni have one thing in common. They all enjoyed their experience at Sullivan College of Technology and Design (formerly LTI) and the degrees they earned have been instrumental in their career success. If you’re an alumn or soon to be graduate, be sure to check out Alumni.sctd.edu for more success stories, resources, events and opportunities to reconnect with former classmates.**