"Career Services" - new name with same great benefits for Sullivan students and alumni

Sullivan University’s Graduate Employment Services (GES) department has been renamed to Career Services. The name change embodies the philosophy that students should begin thinking about their career early in their program, and not necessarily wait until it is time to graduate. Graduates will continue to receive job opportunities in their field of study, plus one-on-one training for a successful interview. Career Services is an important part of Sullivan University and continues to have an excellent graduate success rate. These employment services are available to alumni for a lifetime, at no charge.

Did you know?

Current students and alumni use Sullivan’s Career Services department for part-time job leads, internship opportunities, and opportunities to receive job offers in their field of study. Sullivan’s Career Services office provides assistance with part-time job leads, specific to degree programs, to students. Amy Daugherty, Career Services Administrative Assistant, updates the part-time job list weekly. The leads are available near the culinary labs, on the bulletin board outside of the office, and are accessed via the student portal.

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The verdict is in! Sullivan’s Mock Trial team had an Outstanding season!

Mock Trial is a nationwide competition for undergraduate students, sponsored by AMTA (American Mock Trial Association). Engaging in competition with teams from other institutions, students develop critical thinking and public speaking skills, as well as, knowledge of legal practices and procedures. Sullivan University’s Mock Trial team, Lexington campus, enjoyed a successful 2008-2009 season, winning numerous awards at various competitions throughout the region.

The season began at Ohio State University’s tournament, an important learning experience since only one person on Sullivan’s team had ever participated in mock trial. Student Chip Boone, Janessy Estes, Matthew Nicholson, and Laura Robinson participated in the tournament.

At Eastern Kentucky University’s tournament, Sullivan took a number of ballots, with an overall win-loss record that tied Duke University. Sullivan mock trialers Janessy Estes and Chip Boone distinguished themselves by winning Best Attorney and Best Witness awards respectively.

At Middle Tennessee State University, Sullivan’s Amy Messner engaged employers on-campus and in the classroom. Julie Saifullah, Director of Career Services, and Allie Darden, Career Services Specialist, present on various panels in several classes including First Year Experience (FYE) and Professional Development.

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Also posted on the bulletin board and student portal are a variety of paid and unpaid internships for those degrees that do not require an externship as part of the program. If you are interested in gaining experience in Human Resources, Management, Marketing, Information Technology, Tourism, & Event Management (or any other degree that does not require an externship component), you are encouraged to check out these opportunities. Paid or unpaid, an internship is an excellent way to add experience to your resume!

Recently, Craig Mayer (Culinary Arts) and Chris Sherer (Tourism & Event Management) accepted paid internships through Disney’s College Program, and worked for several months at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Career Services hosts a variety of employers on campus, as well. Employers are encouraged to set up informational tables in the student lounge, or meet with candidates one-on-one in on-campus interviews. These opportunities are advertised in advance through emails, posters and on the student portal.

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The Castle opens!

A Special Birthday Celebration was held at the new-opened Castle Past and Sullivan University students were asked to join the celebration for their 1977 Triple Crown Jockey, Jean Cruguet’s 70th. Sullivan University students were involved in all culinary aspects from table setting to special plans of Castle Past Chef Cannon Irvine. Four students took a moment to pass in the front entrance of the Castle. Left to right, Chris Simms, Timothy Engel, Ms. Libby Allie, and Keane Miller.

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…”My personal experience during those competitions were rewarding, enlightening, and helped establish a great first-hand look into a career’s legal system. We were a great team who accumulated many awards and competed against some of the best schools in the country. Teamwork was overall critical and of each other’s talents at time went on. This was the greatest (out of classroom) learning experience anyone could ask for.” - I strongly recommend going Mock Trial to try, especially if you are pursuing a legal career. You will never come out ahead and the excellent staff and plus add experience to your resume! I can’t wait for Mock Trial to start again! - CHIP BOONE, Paralegal

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