

PSU students discover opportunities during Career Expo week

Pittsburg State University students are focusing on careers this week through a variety of events hosted by the PSU Office of Career Services.

The week's activities begin on Tuesday, Sept. 27, with a Senior Etiquette Dinner and Extreme Makeover: Career Edition. The dinner, at 6 p.m. in the Wilkinson Alumni Center, reminds students that dining etiquette can be a critical part of their job search. Many employers use a meal to assess how job candidates conduct themselves in social settings with clients and others.

Dr. Peggy Snyder, dean of Continuing and Graduate Studies, will be in charge of teaching dinner etiquette to a group of 50 seniors.

A new feature to the Etiquette Dinner this year is the Extreme Makeover: Career Edition. Two lucky students were selected from a number of applicants to receive a career makeover, which is designed to demonstrate to students that appearance can make a difference in a job search.

The makeover winners are Polly Herman, a secondary English education major from Fort Scott, Kan; and Bruce Rash, an accounting major from Independence, Kan.

The winners will receive a \$200 in clothing from J.C. Penney's, more than \$100 from Salon 9 for a haircut, style, manicure and eyebrow waxing, a \$27 padfolio for resume/interviewing from the PSU Bookstore, and a Mary Kay consultation from Ann Geier.

On Wednesday, Career Services will host the first of two days of Career Expos. The first day is devoted to education and non-profit employers. Nearly 40 employers have registered for the Wednesday expo, which will run from 1-4 p.m. in the Overman Student Center. The employers registered include a wide variety of school districts and special education cooperatives to agencies such as the Peace Corps, law enforcement agencies and graduate schools.

The second Career Expo day, on Thursday, Sept. 29, is devoted to business and industry. It will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the student center. About 80 companies are registered for the Business & Industry Career Expo. They range from American Honda Motor Co. to Wal-Mart and Wells Fargo Financial Services.

Also on Thursday, the Kansas Technology Center will host Company Day from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the

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KTC. Company day specifically targets regional construction students and the students in the Department of Engineering Technology.

On both days, students will be able to meet representatives of the companies and agencies and find out more about the employment opportunities they have available.

For more information, please call the Office of Career Services at 620-235-4140 or visit their Web site at <www.pittstate.edu/car/careerfairs.html>.

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