Every spring MACC hosts a combination job fair and college fair, our CAREER EXPO. This event is designed for MACC students and alumni to network with employers and college representatives, as well as high school students from throughout the region and job seekers from the general public.

**We will provide FREE PIZZA and soft drinks at noon!**

This is a unique opportunity to network with business, industry, and college representatives. Come ready to find your future!

**ALL MACC STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**
WORK STUDY NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

Students can become eligible for the Federal Work Study Program if they receive Pell grants. They can apply through the Financial Aid Office for many different positions in a variety of departments at the college and are hired to work during the semester. This gives students flexibility to work around their class schedules, learn valuable work-related skills, and not have to commute for work. Right now the Career and Placement Services department needs a Work Study to work as a Computer Lab Assistant weekday afternoons. Please see Pat Riely ASAP if you are interested in a part time job this semester! Lab assistants monitor the lab and assist with clerical tasks.

NETWORKING 101
Creating career connections through communication and contacts

NOTE: College Central Network offers Podcasts and other helpful advice on their website.

Remember, networking is about the quality of contacts, not the number. Here are a few tips to help you when attending functions for the purpose of professional networking:

- Arrive early. You’ll have more time to make connections; turn off your phone.
- Dress appropriately for the function to create the right impression.
- Wear your name tag on your right for easy visibility when shaking hands.
- Determine what you hope to achieve and whom you’d like to meet.
- If you are shy, remember that half the people in the world are introverts. Take a deep breath, step outside your comfort zone, and approach someone who you would like to meet.
- Talk less; listen more; don’t interrupt or monopolize the conversation.
- Don’t apologize. People attend functions to network, so it’s not an imposition to ask.
- Ask questions. The purpose is to learn and make contacts.
- Be brief; make your 30 second elevator pitch specific and interesting.
- Be conversational; be genuine. Interact in a professional manner.
- Listen and give honest answers. Devoting 8—10 minutes per person so you can mingle is acceptable.
- Ask for and give referrals.
- Always follow up immediately on leads and new acquaintances.

People invest in people. The truth is that people like to work with people they like. Use common sense. It’s a small world. You never know who knows whom.
FALL 2014 NEW TRADITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

New Traditions scholarships and grants come from a variety of sources, the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, MACC, and private donors. Twenty students received awards totaling $6581.57 in the Summer and Spring of 2014. Nine private citizens, corporate entities and civic organizations donated $2050 to complement $2031.57 from the state Displaced Homemaker Fee Waiver fund and $2500 in Institutional awards from MACC. A ceremony in the Blue Room, main campus, was held on November 3, 2014, featuring Dr. Lashley, President of MACC, to celebrate the success of these hard-working students.
NEW TRADITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

MACC students may apply for New Traditions scholarships for the SPRING 2015 semester up until JANUARY 30, 2015. Applications are taken over the phone: (660) 263-4100 ext 11319 between 8 am—noon and ext 11232 between 1—5 pm. Additionally, MACC Institutional Applications for the FALL 2015 semester can be completed online from the MACC web site, http://www.macc.edu/financial-aid-forms. The deadline for those applications is APRIL 1!

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Nita Enochs, Ruth Lawrence’s daughter; Amanda Alexander, Centralia, AA; Patricia Riely

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PEO—Chapter KJ
Amy Hager, PEO-KJ representative; Cheryl Bowen, Moberly, AA; Patricia Riely

BUSINESS WOMEN OF MO—HUNTSVILLE
Fannie Lou Wilhite, BWM-H President; Christina Deener, Jacksonville, PN; Patricia Riely

Not pictured: Displaced Homemaker Fee Waiver: Shannon Smith, Columbia, A.D.N.; Institutional: Sierra Davis, Columbia, A.D.N.; Stephanie Ley, Moberly, IND; Kerrah Tate, Fulton, AA; Ashley Pate, Macon, AADN; Beta Sigma Phi: Veronica Cedillo-Glasgow, Moberly, AAT; Family and Community Education: Wendy Eaton, Huntsville, IND; Dottie Rasmussen, Moberly, AA; Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 2654: Andrea Perkins, Harrisburg, AA; New Traditions Advisory: Sontoyia Jefferson, Columbia, AA
The Career and Placement Services department received two grants within the past year to fund 80 administrations of Strengthsquest® assessments and expand the delivery of Career Focus Workshops specifically targeted to girls and women in transition.

The MACC Foundation provided a $300 grant and the Foundation for Missouri Women provided a $500 grant.

Strengthsquest®, valued at $9.99 for each administration, is an online vocational assessment tool developed by Gallup to assist people in defining their greatest strengths and assets. It will help people in making career choices by identifying their top five strengths from among 34 strength categories.

Career Focus workshops include Strengthsquest® and the Myers Briggs Type Inventory, a personality assessment that clarifies preferences for mental processes. Interactive activities focus on identifying core values, setting goals and staying motivated. Other career-related resources are shared, including Missouri Connections, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's official career guidance website, which provides a variety of career-related resources, assessment and exploration activities.