JOB OPENINGS TARGETING NEW GRADS UP 20% THIS YEAR

Source: Simply Hired news release, April 14, 2015

The number of permanent, full-time job openings for new and recent college grads is up 20 percent this year over last, according to an extensive data analysis by independent search engine Simply Hired.

“The class of 2015 is entering a post-recession job market where good opportunities have been growing over the past few years,” says James Beriker, president and CEO of Simply Hired.

“There are significantly more real entry-level jobs available this year, which we define as full-time, permanent, contract, or internship positions.”

Beriker also notes that companies tend to post even more jobs targeted to new grads later in the year.

“So the number of positions (targeting new grads) is likely to grow over the months to come,” he says.

SOFT SKILLS TRUMP HARD SKILLS

Source: Instructure news release, March 29, 2015

Employers hiring for entry-level jobs value soft skills—especially attitude and work ethic—over hard, industry-related skills, according to a recent study by Instructure, a software-as-a-service (SaaS) company in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The survey questioned 750 managers from various industries, in companies around the US. Its key finding: Employers place their highest emphasis on recruiting and hiring people who have skills “that are difficult or impossible to be taught,” notes a news release describing the study.

“When hiring, virtually all managers said attitude and work ethic are the most important considerations in choosing a candidate, and 85% reported work ethic as the most important attribute for employee success.”

“Most companies are hiring talent based on soft skills like attitude and hard work, with the hope that they can train people to be up to par on things like tech skills and industry knowledge,” says Davis Bell, vice president of corporate markets for Instructure.

NEW RESOURCE FOR UNDECIDED MAJORS: ROADTRIP NATION

The people behind the “Roadtrip Nation” television series and online resource have come out with a new book aimed at helping “emerging careerists” find the right path in the world of work. Roadmap: The Get-It-Together Guide for Figuring Out What to Do with Your Life features interviews and advice from more than 130 professionals who describe how they found their way in their careers. Visit: www.chroniclebooks.com/titles/roadmap.html

The Roadtrip Nation website is http://roadtripnation.com/
NEW TRADITIONS SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY SPRING 2015

Awards totaling $7,252.27 were disbursed to 22 MACC students through the New Traditions Program this semester. The awards ceremony took place on March 9, 2015.

**($3,352.27) Displaced Homemaker Fee Waivers (DHFW)** – Five students received awards from this program. They included majors in AADN, A.D.N., P.N., MLT, and IND.

**($1,500.00) Institutional Scholarships** – Three awards were allocated this semester. These Institutional scholarship awards provide $500 per semester and are renewable for an additional semester if students maintain GPA and credit hour eligibility criteria.

**($2400) Private scholarships** – Fourteen scholarships were awarded from nine donors representing individuals and community organizations.

NOT PICTURED: Ronda Blakley, representative, Beta Sigma Phi-Preceptor Laureate Eta, and Veronica Cedillo-Glasgow, AAT, Moberly, recipient
NEW TRADITIONS SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY SPRING 2015

MO Association of Family and Community Education (FCE) Randolph County Chapter
Bonnie Kisor, FCE Representative; Anna Failor, AA, Carrollton; Pat Riely

Allied Health students and faculty
*Front row:* Yuvonna Shivers; Christina Deneer; Louise Shaw; Ruth Jones, Director of Allied Health; Terry Bichsel, PN Coordinator, Moberly  *Back row:* George Osebreh, Brittney Donahue, Shauna Tuggle, A.D.N. Instructor; Susan Owen, AADN Coordinator

Ruth Lawrence & Kimberlee Enochs Keithley Scholarships
Pat Riely; Amanda Alexander, AA, Moberly; Melva Deane Lipsey, Ruth Lawrence’s daughter; Nita Enochs, Ruth Lawrence’s daughter and Kimberlee Enochs Keithley’s mother; Renee Brochu, AAT, Columbia; not pictured: Elizabeth Perkins, AA, Harrisburg; Misty Rohr, AA, Mexico

New Traditions Institutional
Dr. Lashley; Rebecca Whitworth, AA, Ashland; Stephanie Ley, IND, Moberly; Pat Riely, not pictured: Austin McCoy, A.D.N., Centralia

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 2654
Pat Riely; Mallory Kitchen, AA, Moberly; Elaine Avery, LAVFW Representative; not pictured: Andrea Perkins, AA, Harrisburg

Displaced Homemaker Fee Waivers
Dr. Lashley; Yuvonna Shivers, AADN, Mexico; Louise Shaw, MLT, Mexico; Brittney Donahue, PN, Bevier; Wendy Eaton, IND, Huntsville; Jo Fey, Dean of Career and Technical Education; not pictured: Shannon Smith, A.D.N., Columbia
Moberly Area Community College
Students Receive Recognition
in the State-wide Breaking Traditions Awards contest

Three Moberly Area Community College students were recognized in this year’s Breaking Traditions Awards contest: Casey Willingham, Mexico, MO, Computer Information Technology major – Female Post-Secondary Region II, nominated by her instructors Richard Bright, David Pence, and Semi Necibi; Sean Muckerman, Mexico, MO, Practical Nursing major, Male Post-Secondary Region II, nominated by Mexico program Practical Nursing Coordinator Ryan House and Instructors Susan Gale and Stephanie Baldwin; and Wesley Koenig, Moberly, MO, Practical Nursing major, Honorable Mention, nominated by Moberly Practical Nursing Coordinator Terry Bichsel.

Outstanding educators who are teaching in a nontraditional career program are nominated by their students, with secondary and postsecondary State winners recognized. Employers who are supportive of nontraditional students and employees are also honored.

Again this year, State and Spirit winners will receive scholarship offers from every Missouri community college and from the State Technical College of Missouri. Scholarship amounts and guidelines vary and are set by each school. State and Spirit winners have been given a list of college people to contact for more information about these scholarships.

In addition, each State, Spirit and Regional winner who continues his or her education next fall will receive a $100 scholarship from the Missouri STEM Foundation. College and Career Consultants have information on these scholarships.

Sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Regional College and Career Consultants, the Breaking Traditions awards are an excellent opportunity for students, career-technical programs, educators and schools to receive recognition and statewide publicity. Special thanks go to the instructors who took time to complete nomination forms for their outstanding students.

The process for receiving these awards is rather arduous. The first step is that nominees are selected by their instructors or department chairs. Both the nominators and the nominees are required to answer a list of questions and the nominees also draft a 500 word essay. The finalists from each school, only one per program, are then submitted to the judges.

Moberly Area Community College has consistently participated in this program since its inception. Multiple regional winners and at least four state winners in past years have been recognized in past Breaking Traditions Awards contests.

Breaking Traditions Awards are sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to recognize outstanding nontraditional career and technical students and the adults who support them. This is the twenty – second year of this program.

The Missouri Breaking Traditions contest recognizes exemplary students in nontraditional career and technical education programs who can serve as role models for others. Nontraditional means occupations or fields of work in which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in that occupation or field. Breaking Traditions honors outstanding students who have chosen specific career and technical programs based on their interests and abilities, and who have not let their gender influence their career decisions.

Career Centers, public two–year colleges and comprehensive high schools can nominate a single student from each nontraditional program. Winners from the nine regions in the state are chosen by a panel of judges, and these finalists then compete for male and female secondary and postsecondary/adult State Awards. Daphna Jones Spirit Award winners are selected from nominees who have overcome extreme obstacles to be successful in their career education programs.
Casey said: “I went in thinking this is what I want to do and I’m going to do it! Having a strong mindset is very important when deciding what you want to do for the rest of your life.” Casey has made Dean’s List or President’s List every semester during the CIT program while maintaining a job at the same time as being a full-time college student. She was independently recommended for this award by all three of her primary instructors and is recognized for being a hard-working, attentive student who loves challenges and is a great problem-solver and communicator.

Sean said, “Seeing the impact that the nurses have on patients and their families really influenced me to pursue this career path. ..All male nurses that I have met have nothing but good things to say about their career choice.” Sean has worked at University Hospital in Columbia since 2011 as a Certified Nursing Assistant and volunteers to present workshops on hygiene to 7th grade boys. His nominator, Susan Gale, wrote, “Sean is a very enthusiastic student. He talks about his future in nursing and how much he is looking forward to it. Sean frequently volunteers to help his fellow students and is a good example for them.”

Wesley Koenig said, “My advice would be to go for it. Don’t hesitate or worry about anything. If you have a dream that involves a nontraditional career choice, go after it… I was a little nervous at first thinking friends and other people would have jokes and insults ... Halfway through the program I realize that it had the opposite effect. Everyone I talk to now has nothing but respect and admiration when I tell them I’m going into a field dominated by the opposite sex.” He was awarded the Thelma Shaw Memorial Scholarship in October of 2014, and the Hartig Memorial Scholarship in December of 2014 and was nominated by his class as their representative at division meetings.
NEW TRADITIONS
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

MACC’s long-standing New Traditions program provides scholarships and grants from a variety of donors and three separate sources of funding. MACC offers five annual institutional awards valued at $500 per semester and renewable for one semester. The application deadline for those awards is April 1 each year.

However, there is also funding through state legislation that offers fee waivers for Displaced Homemakers and there are also privately funded New Traditions scholarships. Students who may have missed the deadline or were not selected for Institutional Awards can still apply for other scholarships and grants for the fall 2015 semester through the New Traditions program.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply by phone. Please contact Elaine Avery, Career Specialist, weekdays between 8 am—noon at (660) 263-4100 ext. 11319, or Pat Riely, Director of Career and Placement Services, ext. 11232, between 1—5 pm.

The application deadline is September 18, 2015

CHECK THE CAPS WEBSITE FOR UPDATES, CAREER FOCUS WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS:
http://www.macc.edu/services/career-placement

UPCOMING EVENTS

OFF-CAMPUS SCHEDULE
Career Counseling by appointment
660-263-4100 ext 11232

FREE services include vocational assessment, academic support, and applications for grants and scholarships through the New Traditions program.

Columbia
Friday June 19
Friday June 26
Friday July 10
Friday July 17
Friday July 31
Friday August 7
Friday August 21
Monday August 24
Monday August 31

Mexico
Thursday July 9
Thursday August 13

Hannibal
Tuesday July 7
Thursday August 6

Kirksville
Wednesday July 8
Friday August 14

GREYHOUND ORIENTATION EXPRESS
(New Student Orientation Sessions)
Hannibal: 10 am, Thursday August 6
Moberly: 9 am, Wednesday August 12
Columbia: 10 am, Wednesday August 12
Mexico: 10 am, Wednesday August 12
Kirksville: 10 am, Friday August 14