

COLLEGE FAIRS

A much-needed dose of perspective: The time is now!

Attending a College Fair is an easy and fun way to get yourself (and your parents) thinking about college whether it is first time or as a transfer student. You can simply be in fact-finding mode, without feeling pressured into making any decisions or commitments just yet. It's also a great way to learn what the entrance requirements are for the schools you're interested in, such as which ones ask for an extra year of math, or a second year of a foreign language.

A great way to get YOUR name on the colleges' radar!

After meeting with college reps at the College Fair, they can scan your barcode and then be able to follow up with you for any admissions questions you may have, such as scheduling a campus visit, and any college-specific scholarship deadlines you should know about. It helps to have a 'go-to' contact at the colleges, in case any urgent questions or concerns pop up later on in your college process.

It instills the importance of being proactive instead of reactive

College reps want to meet you. They want to try and 'wow' you into attending their college. Do them (and yourself) the favor of meeting them halfway. Whether you stop by the College Fair for 20 minutes or stay for a full two hours, if you are actively seeking out information now, you will be in a better place to make an informed decision later, especially before any of those admissions deadlines creep up on you. Senior year of high school is a busy time for everyone, so do yourself the favor of getting some of these easy college planning steps out of the way early. The same is true for an AA student planning to transition to a 4-year college/university. Don't wait; prepare now!

Decide if it's worth scheduling a campus visit to that college

Campus visits are the best way to find the college that's a good fit for you. However, if your time is limited, your school schedule or parent's work schedule doesn't have a lot of flexibility, or if you don't want to spend the money to make a college visit without first knowing a thing or two about that school, then attend your nearest College Fair. Fairs are a great way to get your initial questions answered, which help in deciding whether traveling to a specific college will be worth your time and attention.

It's all FREE!

Free information, free handshakes, free smiles – it's free! The only requirement: arrive with tons of questions for those friendly college reps!

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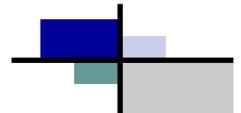
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CAREER FAIRS: IN THE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Career Fairs are a great way to meet a large number of companies looking to hire. As a job seeker, your goal at these events is to quickly and effectively communicate your skills and to convince company representatives that you are a good fit for their team. To make a great impression, have more than just your *elevator speech*, resume, and interview attire ready. Research all attending businesses before you go. Make sure that when a recruiter asks, "What do you know about us?" you have a solid answer prepared. Bear in mind, how well you respond can make—or break—your chances of landing an interview with that company.

It's good to be up-to-date on all company and industry news, both the good and the bad. However, focus on the good news when speaking to the company reps at a career fair. Is the business growing? What new products and services are they focusing on? A quick news search will give you one or two topics to discuss with a recruiter, if needed.

If you're in line waiting to meet with a company representative, pay attention to the conversations ahead of you. Try to determine what's most important to recruiters based upon their exchanges with other candidates. You'll be better prepared and save time by not having the recruiter repeat him/herself. The more you know the better chances of impressing a recruiter at a career fair and being considered for an interview. Your knowledge will affirm your interest and help establish common ground with the hiring manager; let your extra effort be an indicator of your future performance as a potential employee. Speak intelligently, have the credentials, and connect—be remembered more than the next job seeker in line.

So, do your career fair homework and take full advantage of these recruiting events at any age: you can make in-person connections, learn from industry professionals, and set yourself apart as a savvy candidate.

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What is an Elevator Speech?

An elevator speech is a clear, brief message or "commercial" about you. It communicates who you are, what you're looking for and how you can benefit a company or organization. It's typically about 30 seconds, the time it takes people to ride from the top to the bottom of a building in an elevator.

Ex: Let me give you an example of one of my most successful projects. I was leading a virtual team across 3 competing companies in a project mandated by the European Regulatory Agency. My role was to plan and lead the monthly meetings where we decided how to test and validate our methods and where the labs compared their data. I am happy to report that we came up with a methodology that became an international standard, despite one company's up-front stated goal to drag the project out as long as possible. My name is _____, and I am interested in taking on scientific challenges in an emerging biotech firm.

Check out **College Central Network** at www.collegecentral.com/macc

This web site sports half a million job postings geared for college students and new graduates and hundreds of articles to assist you with a successful job search. You can also post resumes and portfolios & search for internships.

SAVE THE DATE

MACC ACTIVITIES CENTER
101 COLLEGE AVENUE
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1:00 PM
TO
4:00 PM

MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FALL ACTIVITIES FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

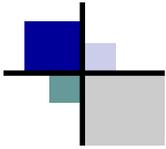


HEALTH FAIRS: SCREENINGS FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE!

Early detection and information on risk reduction is a benefit that you can use for a healthier life! Many health problems and diseases leading to premature death or disability are preventable. Programs that assess risk, increase awareness of risk, and provide information, coaching, and support of healthier lifestyles can have a major influence on reducing health costs.

MACC students from the Allied Health Programs will be assisting with the FREE education and screenings: alongside many local health organizations in order to provide flu shots, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure and pulse ox; and glucose screens.

There will also be a blood drive in the upper level of the Activity Center. You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day. Some believe it is the right thing we do. Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life. You will receive a mini physical to check your: Pulse, Blood pressure, Body temperature, and Hemoglobin. Come prepared. Have a light meal and plenty to drink. Bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Bring the names of medications you are taking.



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New Traditions

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. Recipients will be recognized at the Scholarship Ceremony on Monday, November 7, 2016 in the Blue Room at 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Elaine Avery, Career Specialist, weekdays between 8 am—noon at (660) 263-4100 ext. 11319, or Sonda Stuart, Director of CTE Data & Student Success, ext. 11232, between 8 am and 5 pm if you have any questions.

CHECK THE CAPS WEBSITE FOR UPDATES, CAREER FOCUS WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS:

<http://www.macc.edu/services/career-placement>

Updates at the Career Center

New Staff Member at Career Center
Sonda Stuart, Director of Career & Technical Education Data & Student Success
Replaces Pat Riely upon her retirement
June 30, 2016.

Do you need to create or update your resume? Would you like to start a career portfolio? Stop by the Career & Placement Services



Computer Lab
C21!

