

Fair participants possess various goals

Businesses at the career fair will look for various skills and will help students in different ways

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The students who visit the Career and Internship Fair are not the only ones with goals in mind; the participating representatives from the professional world are also looking for something specific.

While the career fair is beneficial to students who can explore career options and make contacts, it benefits the organizations as well. Organizations can use the fair to recruit employees and obtain resumes from educated students who are about to enter the job market.

A wide variety of organizations will participate in the career fair, each with its own objectives and each looking for something different from students.

Representatives from Boeing "will ask for resumes and get a feel for students who are interested," said Michele Harrington, administrative lead in college relations. "They may even set up interviews."

According to Harrington, resumes collected at the career fair will be scanned into a data base, which will then be consulted when a position opens up.

By giving Boeing representatives a resume, students can place themselves in the running for a job or internship with the

company.

The Oregon State Police will be at the fair to give information and to answer questions about the organization, said Sr. Trooper Robert Dicey. Interested students can find out whether law enforcement is a desirable option for them.

"When they first come up at job fairs, you really get a feel for a person in terms of their ability to be outgoing and have communication skills," Dicey said.

Due to a loss of members to retirement, the Oregon State Police will hire several recruiting troopers and are looking to begin the hiring process in July, according to Dicey.

Applications will be available at the career fair and can be turned in on the spot or mailed in later.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will send representatives to the career fair as well.

"The things we look for are good people skills: people who know how to mediate and assertive people who can work with people who have broken the law," said Sgt. Linda Marsmaker.

According to Marsmaker, the sheriff's office is expecting a lot of job openings in the near future.

Showing interest in the agency is the best way to make a good impression, she said.

FBI applicant coordinator Pat Geonetta, who will represent the agency at the career fair, said he is looking for qualified future candidates who are interested in the agency. Although many candidates for the FBI must have

work experience before applying, Geonetta will talk to students and help them find out if they are qualified for a position with the agency.

Geonetta will also take addresses and send applications to interested students.

The American Cancer Society will be present for students who are interested in participating in a nonprofit organization, said assistant director Cassie Quinn. Representatives will be looking for computer skills, people skills and the ability to produce newsletters.

Quinn said students who are dressed nicely and who have professional attitudes will make the best impression.

Adrienne StClair, president of Oregon Nannies, Inc., said the organization emphasizes a background in child care and development. Both male and female students who are interested in becoming nannies should show tenacity, or the ability to "stick things out."

"We're looking for someone who doesn't mind moving in with a family and taking instructions," StClair said. "Daily household responsibilities will be cleaning, preparing nutritious meals for the children and keeping common areas clean."

Oregon Nannies offers a variety of job opportunities, including a summer job that will begin immediately after schools lets out and will end on Labor Day. The career fair will provide an opportunity for students to find out about these jobs and ask questions about the organization.

Career fair to consist of wide array of participants

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As the Career and Internship Fair kicks off its two-day run in the EMU, nearly 100 organizations will be present.

Representatives from businesses, government offices, social services, science and technology and graduate schools will be on hand to answer questions students have about getting started in their desired careers.

Representatives will include people from Allstate Insurance Company, Boeing, IBM, Intel, Seattle University School of Law, Fred Meyer and Frito Lay.

"With the amount of organizations that we have at the fair, it should really be kind of a one-stop shopping experience for the students," said coordinator Jeaneth Villegas.

Each organization will want to talk to students about possible internships, hiring trends in the current market and whatever else students would like to discuss about business, including what opportunities exist in their field of interest.

Other topics company representatives will discuss with students are what skills are required for each job field and what the work environment is like.

Villegas said many of the representatives attending the

fair play a key role in the hiring process.

"Many of the representatives who will be at the fair are people such as admission directors for graduate schools, or managers from businesses — key hiring people," Villegas said.

The career fair will not consist only of businesses, however. Representatives from nearby colleges will be present to promote the different graduate school options that are available.

The U.S. Government will also have representatives available for interested students. Individuals from the military will be present for those who are interested.

Organizations such as Camp Easter Seals will attend the fair to talk to students interested in looking at charity groups for a career.

Villegas said that while many of the groups on campus are looking beyond this summer, all hope is not lost for those looking for just a summer job or internship.

"There should be some chances for students to get a job for just the summer at the fair," she said. "Also, there is another fair in April which focuses mostly on summer employment. Usually there have only been camps at that one, but we should have some businesses there this year, as well."

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