

RETAIL: Shopping for an employer

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Through its diligence in offering certificate programs to students, Clackamas Community College was chosen to be part of a four-college consortium to receive funds from the \$12 million ACT-On grant.

"The ACT-On grant is a Department of Labor-funded grant to promote the attainment and streamlined acquisition of education for students who are interested in retail management," said Moredock. "If doing this full time, [students] can get the certificate in less than a year."

The retail management certificate isn't a new certificate program, in fact the college has offered this program for over 10

years, but with the infusion of the ACT-On grant money, CCC has increased the program's support structure — comprehensive career counseling, increased instruction and events to connect students with retail employers.

On Oct. 30, Clackamas Community College will host a Retail Job Fair. In cooperation with the CASE grant team and the CCC Career Services Department, the ACT-On grant coordinators have conspired to bring retailers from all around the area to the college. Moredock's excitement about the fair is infectious.

"The Retail Job Fair is a great marriage of the CASE grant staff and the ACT-On grant staff here on this campus," said Moredock. Clackamas Community College

hasn't hosted a career fair since 2009.

"So we are breathing life back into it," said Kara Leonard, career coach for the CASE grant office. "There is such a huge labor market for retail jobs and [for] training in that area."

Local stores such as Albertsons, Fred Meyer, Goodwill Industries, Haggen and Safeway are set to be among the multitude of companies expected to be on campus for the event. Students are encouraged to attend, but not just attend — bring your résumé, talk to the company representatives, ask questions and learn about the work they have available. Winter break is coming up and with it the holidays. Now is the best time to start looking into seasonal, part-time or full-time work.



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for the Case grant office

"We strongly encourage anyone who is interested in attending the Retail Job Fair next Wednesday to come by and meet with a career coach, or stop by the Career Center to talk to coaches about their résumé, what's appropriate to wear to a job fair," CASE project director Jaime Clarke adds.

For more information on the ACT-On Retail Management Certificate program at Clackamas Community College, contact: Paul Moredock, ACT-On program director. 503-594-6186. ACTONInfo@clackamas.edu



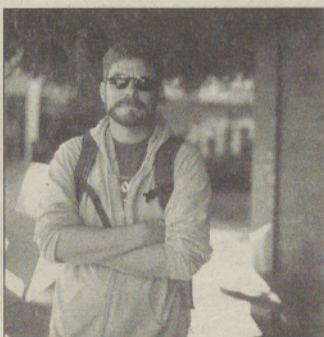
STEVENS

"I have been selling PartyLite since summer. It's fun and I get to talk to and meet different people every day."



CANFIELD

"The biggest challenge was the language and cultural barriers. Sometimes math was the only common language."



LINDBERG

"In college I worked as a Kinkos cashier for a while. Flexible hours and it paid the bills."



STAUFFER

"I really enjoy working in the ASG office. I like talking to people."

Pictured left are students with their comments on past retail experience.

Clackamas EMTs on the scene

Jesse Henninger
Arts & Culture Editor

It is a good thing CCC has a popular EMT program. Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Pauling Center, a female student collapsed during a Biology 112 class.

Alyson Boytz was in the class and recounted the event. "[She] was getting up to get a drink of water, said Boytz. "She was being helped by another classmate."

Suddenly the afflicted student buckled, spurring her cohort into action.

"[The assisting student]

laid the girl out in the aisle as [Shannon Kelsey], the instructor called for emergency medical services," Boytz said.

It was reported to be the second time in six months Kelsey called for such services during one of her classes. "It's the best class for it to happen," Kelsey said. "There are five EMT stu-

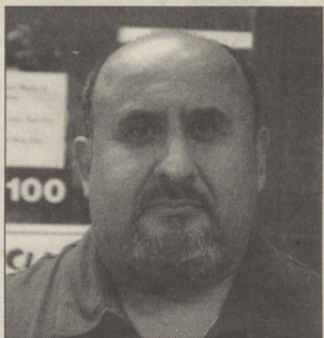
dents in my class."

Campus police declined to comment.

The student declined transport to the Emergency Room. Was this due to the swift response of her EMT classmates? What would have happened if there weren't five EMT students present in this class?

New student info

The Clackamas Print asked some people around campus what their best advice would be for new students. These are the responses given.



"One, talk to the advisers. Two, check with career coach in case you're interested in a fast track program if you want to get right into the workforce. Last thing, find out if you qualify to be a peer assistant. New students are going to be stressed coming into a new environment, returning students are going to be stressed. So I'd advise them to speak to the counselors about the resources available."

— Tito Mendoza, student and peer advisor.



"See an advisor once a term. We have a lot of students that can do ed[ucation] plans on their own, but sometimes they'll think they're on the right path and one class will throw them off. That's why we can check. Come see us about Halloween [time] for next term, to beat the rush."

— Heather Arbuckle, Academic & Career Coach.



"I think the best thing that new students can do is ask for help. So many times they will shy back and not ask for help instead of being aggressive."

— Kathie Woods, Head Volleyball Coach.



"Go to class. That's half of succeeding in life."

— Ric Jenkerson, Enrollment Services Specialist.

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