

DavidsonWorks

September 2018

Career Center Activities

	Lexington Career Center Monthly Total	Thomasville Career Center Monthly Total	*YTD Totals
NCWorks Career Center Customer Visits	431	372	2,602
Intensive services, i.e. Job Search Assistance and Interview Assistance	384	332	1,551
Workshops/Job Clubs/ Resume Assistance	20	17	685
DavidsonWorks Business Services	20	17	134
Business Recruitment Events	4	1	18

*YTD Totals are for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019



Career Services

- ◆ Career Services welcomed two new staff members and celebrated another staff person's promotion! Cheryl Lide has worked in the Lexington Resource Room for two years, but was recently promoted to Career Development Consultant. At the same time, Allison Walker and Megan Williams were hired to work in customer service in the Resource Rooms. After training, Allison will work in the Lexington Career Center and Megan will work in the Thomasville Career Center. We are thrilled to have them on the Career Services team!
- ◆ Career Development Consultants participated in a community event called "Relaunch Your Career Fair" held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Thomasville. There were approximately 10 employers present including Advanced Home Care, Vitacost, Relief Heating and Cooling, and Beaver Outdoor Solutions.
- ◆ Leggett & Platt laid off employees in September and NCWorks Career Center staff responded to meet with those affected. Employees affected by the lay-off were given information on how to apply for unemployment benefits, as well as resources available through the NCWorks Career Centers to help them return to work.

Youth News



- ◆ The students celebrated Spirit Week the week of September 24-28. The purpose of Spirit Week is to get the students enthused and supportive of the school. The week also serves to get students involved and working cooperatively on a common goal of promoting the school to potential students and their parents. The students had several activities for each day, which included students dressing like their favorite TV character, wacky tacky day, and dress like your teachers day.
- ◆ Get REAL had five new students enroll this month.
- ◆ Cindy Clodfelter from DCCC met with Get REAL students and talked about the various career pathways offered at DCCC. Specifically, she talked about careers in Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Transportation/Logistics, and Aviation.

WIOA Youth	Sept. Totals
Number in Work Experience	5
Number in Occupational Skills Training	3
Number of Students in HSE/AHS	20
Intensive Case Management	59

Adult & Dislocated Worker

Program Activities	Sept. Totals
Work Experiences	0
Occupational Skills Training	48
Intensive and Training Enrollments	73
Core Career Services	415

Finish Line Grants

DavidsonWorks is excited to be partnering with Davidson County Community College in offering Finish Line Grant opportunities to community colleges students who face emergency situations *and* who are also within 75% completion of their degree or training certification.

This is a new initiative that was announced by Governor Roy Cooper in the summer to help with completion rates. According to DCCC President, Dr. Mary Rittling, when asked about the grant funding, emergency situations are the number one reason students fail to complete their training programs.

DavidsonWorks and DCCC will begin working on a marketing strategy to promote the Finish Line Grants in October.

Business Services

DavidsonWorks and DCCC to Host October HPMa Event

Workforce development issues, programs, and solutions will take center stage at the next High Performance Manufacturing Association (HPMA) event on Tuesday, October 23rd. Workforce development professionals throughout the Piedmont region will be on hand to discuss solutions, share information about new workforce programs, and listen to your concerns. You'll also get to hear from a few businesses that have utilized workforce programs to recruit, train, and retain their workforce. This event will take place at Davidson County Community College's Rittling Conference Center. Any manufacturer interested in attending can contact

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Success Story of the Month

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Ms. Jane Doe (not her real name) attended community college after High School to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.



She was able to work in an assisted living community for a couple of years. Due to Jane having some health issues, she needed to find employment that met her limited physical abilities. She was able to find employment with a health care agency as an administrative assistant; primarily working as a data entry clerk. Jane worked a year in the administrative environment before the job came to an end.

Jane spent nearly three months looking for her next job by using a variety of online websites. She was focused on getting another job as an administrative assistant.

While Jane was unemployed, the bills were piling up. It took nearly two months for her unemployment insurance (UI) to be approved and for her to be directed to an eligibility review. Jane attended an eligibility review session and there she was provided additional information about her UI. She got information through the NCWorks.gov website, labor market and career information tools, educational programs, and community services that were available to her.

Finally, Jane got a job as an emergency services operator. Although she was starting a new job she was very thankful for the information provided at the eligibility review as possible assistance in her future.

Jane's new job was the opportunity she had been looking to use her skills and there is room for advancement in the future.

*Submitted by Keith Garner
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