Career Symposium

The Tech Prep Career Symposium took place on May 14, 2010. The Symposium brought together local high school instructors and Los Angeles Mission College faculty (approximately 50 people total) to discuss pathways from the high schools to the college. The pathways explored were: administration of justice; business, finance, and retail management; child development; computer applications and office technology; computer science information technology; culinary arts & food science management; and multimedia. Each pathway was discussed at a different table with the high schools and LAMC moving toward the aim of articulation. Some schools that had more developed pathway requested articulation review, while other schools that were interested, but not as well developed in the pathways requested a memorandum of understanding. The event was a resounding success and follow up with focus groups are being formed to continue the discussions.

Counselor Day

LAMC’s annual Counselor Day was held on Friday, March 5, 2010. Over 30 high school counselors from surrounding high schools attended this event sponsored by Tech Prep. Activities included a welcome by school administrators, a discussion of Issues in Counseling, a presentation on special programs and services, and an exposition of the various Career Pathways available at Mission. A video presentation entitled “Shift Happens” which shows how quickly the world is changing was played at the beginning of the event and set the stage for subsequent discussion. To conclude the event, LAMC faculty and staff joined the teachers in a networking lunch.

Middle School Career Outreach Wrap-up

In February, over 1300 7th and 8th graders from Maclay and Olive Vista middle schools explored their future careers with the help of Mission College, and the it’s up 2 u state developed curriculum. Booklets were purchased, teachers were trained and students learned about career pathways. Teacher gave positive feedback: “The students were engaged and were exposed to careers they hadn’t thought of…” One of the many students volunteered that the career they wanted was “police” and that they were good at “soccer.” This project was supported by the Community Collaborative grant.

Coming Events:

September 2010
21 — Fall Externship Orientation
   4:00-5:00 pm, Campus Center, Room #4
22 — LAMC Tech Prep Advisory Committee meeting
   10:00 am-1:00 pm, Campus Center, Room #4
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   4:00-5:00, Campus Center, Room #4

October 2010
14 — Regional Infuse Math into a CTE Program workshop
   8:30-3:00, Hyatt Place Ontario Mills, Ontario, CA
27 — LA/OC Regional Advisory Committee workshop
   Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

November 2010
5 — Focus on Careers at LAMC
   9:00-2:00, LAMC Campus Center
17 — LAMC Tech Prep Advisory Committee meeting
   Campus Center #4

December 2010
10 — Fall Externship Presentations
   3-5 pm, Campus Center #4
**Retirement**

The Tech Prep Department would like to congratulate Tech Prep Director, Geri Shapiro as she enters retirement as of June 30th, 2010. Geri has served Los Angeles Mission College for the past 18 years, and will continue to serve as a consultant for two days per week in the upcoming school year. In her free time, Geri plans on spending time with her family, golfing, and traveling.

**Going “Green”**

Collaborative partners, Los Angeles Mission College faculty and staff, and local high school teachers and counselors attended the Trends in Green & Sustainability Practices held at Los Angeles Mission College on April 30, 2010. Presenters from the field of ‘Green’ included the Centers of Excellence, who discussed green jobs and resources, Eco Safe USA Systems, a green company that uses ozonation technology to disinfect food and equipment in the food preparation industry and also focuses on water reclamation, Build LACCD, the Los Angeles Community College District’s sustainability build program, and Pickett Design Associates, a green interior design firm. A question and answer session with the panel of industry representatives followed the presentations. Concluding the panel discussion, participants and industry representatives participated in a networking lunch. The goal of the Trends in Green and Sustainability Practices workshop was for attendees to take the information they gathered at the event and disseminate it to their students. The hope is for more professional development events to be held in the future.

**Grant Update**

- **Community Collaborative**—Will continue this year with a focus on the Energy and Utilities industry sector. Provides for middle school career outreach, professional development, faculty externships, curriculum development.

- **Distribution Points**—Will continue this year with a focus across all industry sectors. Provides for regional professional development activities on implementing programs of study, the 11 key elements of a successful CTE program, and integrating core content with CTE programs.

- **Tech Prep**—Will continue this year. The program is a partnership between high schools, businesses, and community college programs to develop occupational pathways, work-based learning experiences and professional development for educators. Provides for annual Focus on Career and Counselor Day events.

Tech Prep Program Assistant, Yolanda Vargas, received her Associate of Arts in Sociology with Honors this June from Los Angeles Mission College. Yolanda will remain an integral part of the LA Mission Tech Prep department staff, while she continues her education at California State University, Los Angeles this fall.
Externships

Externships were completed at the following companies:

Le Cordon Bleu    ASAP Training    Mole-Richardson Co.    10th Century Fox T.V.
20 to 1 Films     Four Seasons Hotel    Real Goods, Inc.    SPG Solar
Warren Printing   Ryan & Co. Entertainment    Let’s Get Cooking    Acme Catering
West Lake Culinary Institute    ELS Entertainment Lighting Service
Jump-Run Productions    Red Lobster Restaurant    Black Meetings and Tourism

Another successful round of externship was completed, totaling completed 14 individual externships at 16 businesses for this academic year. Over half of the spring semester externships were completed in Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, focusing primarily on culinary arts. It must be the food! Other industry partners included 20th Century Fox and Mole-Richards, Co., a multimedia and digital arts company. Externship Coordinator, Richie Aribuabo, reports, “Even though it is a lot of work, it’s quite rewarding to hear the presentations about externship experiences influencing educators’ professional development which expand their knowledge in their personal life and especially in the classroom.” Recruitment for the fall semester will begin soon, concentrating on the Energy and Utilities industry sector, with an emphasis on “green”. If you are interested in completing an externship, please contact Richie Aribuabo for more information.

Externships, a term first used in 1945, involve “experiential, practical, hands-on learning.” They are “shorter and less extensive than internships and do not provide academic credit.” The benefit for teachers is that they “transfer to another working world.” The benefit for businesses is that they can “build relationships, help shape curriculum and recruit.” (Faculty/ Counselor Externships: A Model that “Works”, presented at Educating for Careers, 2009)

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