

JOB FAIR SUCCESS

CAREER Quest, Monroe County's largest Job Fair, was held at Fernwood Hotel Resort last Tuesday, April 14, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm. The **PA CareerLink** Monroe County once again partnered with the Pocono Mountains Media Group (Pocono Record) to sponsor the 7th Annual CAREER Quest. This community event provides our local citizens resources to obtain quality employment opportunities locally without having to commute too far from home.

The theme this year was "Partnering for Success". With the assistance of Fernwood Hotel & Resort staff, our county's educational providers and employers, the Monroe County Transportation Authority, and of course the staff of both the **PA CareerLink** and the Pocono Record, close to 1,400 job seekers came through the doors. They had the opportunity to network and meet with 60 employers and educational providers.

As in the past, the Monroe County Transportation Authority provided free transportation to individuals interested in attending CAREER Quest every hour, on the hour. In this year of economic stress, many more job seekers took full advantage of this service.

The **PA CareerLink** preparation seminars offered in the weeks prior to CAREER Quest were well attended and the results apparent. Many job seekers obtained on the spot interviews with their "Public Service Announcement" created in the workshop, "How to Work a Job Fair!".

CAREER Quest provided employers and educational providers with one of the best marketing tools to advertise their job openings, programs and company exposure. The simple equation is having the job seekers and employers at one event to meet and greet.

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What's going on Next Week.....

"Resumes & Cover Letters"

Presented by Kim J.

Monday, April 20th, 9:00-11:30 am

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Kim J.

Tuesday, April 21st, 10:00-11:00

"Mock Interviews"

Presented by Kim J.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1:00-2:00 pm

"Computerized O'Net Assess"

Presented by Ken O.

Wednesday, April 22nd 11-12 noon

"Tuition Waiver Program"

Presented by NCC

Thursday, April 23rd 10:00 am

"Resume Critique"

By Appointment with Debbie H.

Friday, April 24th 9-12:00 noon

The staff and partners of the **PA CareerLink Monroe County** would like to express our very deep appreciation to all the **Vendors, Employers and Educational Training Providers**, who responded and participated in this years CAREER Quest. Without your support, the event could not have happened.

Special thanks go out to the following:

Major sponsor- **Pocono Record**

Host-**Fernwood Hotel & Resort**

Transportation-Monroe County Transportation Authority

Supporting Business-Access Office Technologies



CAREERLINK WEEK

When we began the process of planning for the 7th annual CAREER Quest, no one realized the significance of the date for Monroe County's largest job fair. The day before the event at Fernwood Resort, Governor Edward G. Rendell proclaimed April 13-17, 2009 as "**Pennsylvania CareerLink Week**" in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the state's one-stop resource for job training, education and placement services.

"Workers, businesses and communities have benefited from a decade of service from **PA CareerLinks**," Governor Rendell said. "Dedicated **PA CareerLink** staff continues to help connect citizens with employers, keeping our businesses and commonwealth competitive. As we meet the challenges that lie ahead, I know that the **PA CareerLink** system will continue to play a vital role in our success."

Launched on April 14, 1999, with four locations, the **PA CareerLink** system now features 67 professionally staffed offices that provide a variety of services including career counseling and assessment, training, education, placement assistance, and resume-building for job-seekers. Services for employers include: coordinating job fairs, on-site recruitment, and identifying tax credits and funding available to assist with employee training.

"**PA CareerLinks** are the backbone of our efforts to ensure our workforce development initiatives are industry-driven and focused on training Pennsylvanians for high-growth, in-demand careers," Governor Rendell said. "The dedication of our staff and partners benefits businesses and workers and makes Pennsylvania a national leader in workforce development."

In addition to its office locations, **PA CareerLink** is available online at www.cwds.state.pa.us to allow individuals to search for jobs, create and post resumes, access training programs and research prospective employers. Employers can post job openings, prescreen candidates, access labor market information and provide a direct link to company information.

Happy April Birthday to.....

Donna Gerrity

Jay Shumaker

Sheryl Youngblood





TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



Administration TEAM



Geranium Sale to benefit Women's Resources of Monroe County. \$4.00 for a 4" potted plan in bud and in bloom. Order and money is due by April 20th. Order several for your mom, sister, aunt, friend, neighbor or your own garden. Help Women's Resources "Paint the Town Red"! Please see **Nancy Henry** if you're interested.



Business Services TEAM



The US Census Bureau will be doing the final recruitments and testing for the spring session on Friday, April 17th and April 24th. Have any interested job seekers call 1-866-861-2010 to reserve a seat. The Census Bureau is recruiting for field staff-Recruiting Assistants, Enumerator and Crew Leaders.



Customer Information & Resource TEAM



Northampton Community College Staff will present a "Tuition Waiver Program Information Session" on Thursday, April 23, 2009 , 10:00 am at the PA CareerLink in Tannersville. All those in attendance will gain information on NCC's tuition waiver program and will learn about the following:

- Eligibility Requirements
- Eligible Programs
- Services Available to Students

To register call 570-620-2850 or sign up at the **CareerLink** front desk. There is still space available, but seats are going fast!

www.cwds.state.pa.us
www.monroecountycareerlink.org



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Pocono Pool & Spa

—Sales Associate Store Clerk
-web 629254

Loving Care Agency

—Licensed Practical Nurse
-web 628873
—Home Health Aide
-web 628877

Solomon Dental Corp

—Associate Analyst
-web 629995



Wyndham Vacation Ownership

—Accountant
-web 628823

Coastal Material Handling

—Warehouse Supervisor
-web 627006
—Fork Lift Truck Driver
-web 626994



Coolbaugh Township

—Road Foreman
-web 628805

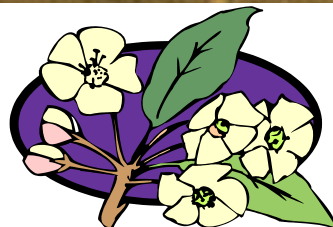
Writing on the Wall....

**As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that
the highest appreciation
is not to utter words,
but to live by them.**

-John F. Kennedy

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