

# CMC prepares for upcoming Career Fair

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The Career Management Center started the new school year off on a very positive note. They began by getting the incoming students excited for an increasing number of on-campus student jobs, which are available at their summer Orientation sessions, and getting their Jobs4Hawks (formerly, NaceLink) accounts registered. The Career Management Center followed up with an extremely successful, first ever, on-campus Student Employment Fair. With multiple offices represented, and jobs available for all students regardless of citizenship or class level, Hermann Hall was packed to stunning capacity with students thronging all possible and available job opportunities.

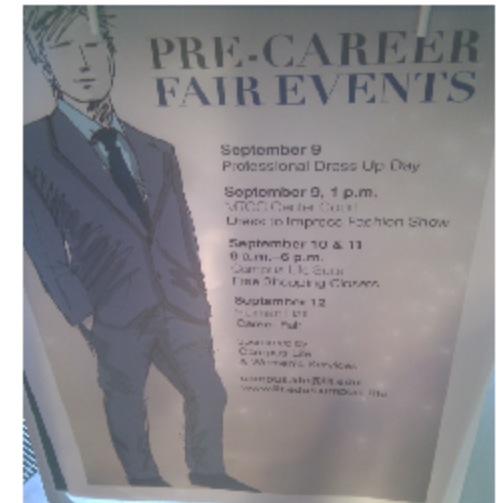
Moving from on-campus to professional job opportunities, the CMC will host the Career Fair the Fall Semester on September 12 from noon until 4 p.m. in Hermann Hall. With over 174 companies registered to attend and offering over 4200 jobs, including internships, part-time, and full-time job opportunities for recent graduates, this semester's Career Fair, although earlier on in the semester than usual, is one of the biggest Career Fair in the more recent history of the school. Fifty percent of these jobs are also available and open to international students for application, highlighting an upward trend in companies seeking and showing more confidence in international students. The big pieces of advice that Ken Smith, Kamara Jackson and Bruce Mueller, all of them long standing staff of the CMC had to offer were to dress professionally, conduct research on companies beforehand, tailor resumes accordingly, and practice the 30-second elevator pitch.

It is crucial to look at not only the job offers from individual companies, but the companies values and mission statements, the type of job(s) available, where the companies work, and what they do as a whole. Companies look for students who have conducted research about the company and are able to answer the crucial question, "how will you be a good fit for what we are looking for?" The list of companies attending Career Fair and hiring for your major are available for viewing at [www.cmc.iit.edu/pick.asp](http://www.cmc.iit.edu/pick.asp). This year, the CMC is also rolling out mobile apps, on Windows, iOS as well as Android, besides computer applications for Windows and PC, for the Career Fair. This app will have an interactive map, a list of all the companies present, among other things. The app is available for download using the QR codes on fliers posted across campus and on the CMC website, [cmc.iit.edu](http://cmc.iit.edu). The app also allows students to submit their resumes to five of their top companies beforehand, provided they check in at the career fair on the main day itself.

In preparation for the Career Fair, the CMC has been conducting multiple outreach efforts to provide students with advice, especially if this is their first time attending the Career Fair. Since some recruiters only attend the Fall Career Fair, they are hiring students for the summer as far ahead as now—which is an added incentive for incoming students to attend—so that they may gain some experience pitching themselves and talking to employers. The CMC's outreach efforts included RA resume critique programs in Gunsaulus Hall and McCormick Student Village, attendance at professional student organization meetings, as well as pre-registration for the Career Fair on the MTCC bridge on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch. Monday also saw

a Fashion Show put forward by the Office of Campus Life to showcase professional attire to students. Ann Taylor and Men's Warehouse will also be present, with generous discounts on professional clothing.

Ken Smith, Senior Employer Relation Specialist/SEO for the CMC, said he was truly pleased with the attendance at the on campus student employment fair, and hopes to replicate or even better the attendance at the Fall 2013 Career Fair. He wishes all TechNews readers good luck!



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## Road leading to **Fall 2013 Career Fair**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-registration for Career Fair — Avoid lines on Thursday! Stop by MTCC Bridge from 12-2pm to register**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Resume Critiques and Interview Tips from an employer - Council For International Programs— in MTCC from 12-2pm**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Resume Critiques and Interview Tips from an employer - Fast Enterprises— in MTCC from 12-2pm**

**Employer Spotlights— Honeywell – HH Alumni Lounge 5-6pm  
Epic - MT Auditorium 5-7pm**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Career Fair – HH 12-4pm**

**Free Make-up Styling by Mary Kay – in MTCC from 9am-12pm**

**Employer Spotlights— Goldman Sachs – MT Ballroom 5:30-7:30pm**

**Microsoft - MT Auditorium 5-8pm**

Remember to check the CMC calendar ([www.cmc.iit.edu](http://www.cmc.iit.edu)) for Professional Development Workshops

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