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International Student and Intern
at the Double Tree in Rohnert
Park, Mahmoud.

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Greetings Work Experience Faculty
and Work Experience Partners!

Welcome to Work Experience Department's newsletter—for those of you who've been around for a while, you'll remember this department having one a few years back. And we're happy to bring it back again! For our inaugural (re-inaugural?) issue you will find information about our fantastic instructors as well as a spotlight on some of our key industry partners in the area. Our first issue instructor highlight is bittersweet—our very own Jody Deike is retiring from the department at the end of this summer after 12 years of teaching in the Work Experience Department. I know you all will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement and fun-filled adventures with her husband, Jay.

Some exciting things are happening in the department in my short tenure as associate dean that I'm thrilled to share: Leena Her has introduced an online version of General Work Experience which will kick off Fall 2017. We are working on a high school pilot project bringing work experience to current high school students doing apprentice work through their school. Our team, led by Leena and Kim Kinahan, have been hard at work perfecting the Canvas shells for our courses. The department has a new administrative assistant—Jamie—who's jumped in and is very much a part of the team. That's just a sample highlight of what's going on in Work Experience...and I'm excited for where we go next growing the department and increasing options for our students to benefit from our courses. So, enough of my yammering on...read on for yourself and see what's going on! As always, it's been my pleasure working with such a fantastic team of staff and faculty, and I look forward to the future of what is to come for the department. Cheers!

Internship News

Why should students get an internship? In an online article by Quintessential Careers, here are 8 good reasons:

1. Employers increasingly want to see experience in the new college grads they hire.
2. Employers increasingly see their internship programs as the best path for hiring entry-level candidates.
3. Students may get paid more when graduating if they've completed one or more internships.
4. Students can earn college credit toward their degree.
5. Internships enable students to take their career plan for a test drive.

Students in internships will:

6. Gain skills and confidence.
7. Build motivation and work habits (soft skills).
8. Build their resume.



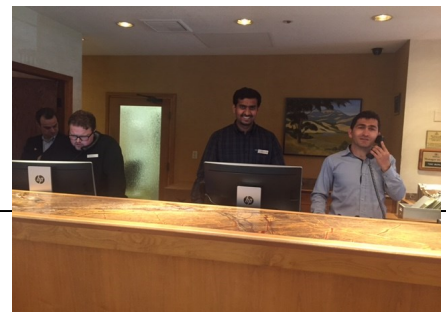
Spring 2017 has 141 interns registered in multiple Career and Technical Education disciplines.

Human Service Certificate and degree candidates hold the most positions of any single discipline with **18 students** enrolled this semester.

Employer interest in internships is growing, and Lauralyn will be adding a new **Employer Internship Promotion package** available through the website by this summer. CTE Faculty are encouraged to promote internships with their students, and have them connect via email with Lauralyn to help guide them in the Internship development process. See: <https://workexperience.santarosa.edu/employers>

Please refer students and employers to our Student Employment Job Board at:

<https://studentemployment.santarosa.edu>



Employer In-Focus

Hilton Sonoma Wine Country

Outstanding Intern Manager, Travis Mcdowell, of the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country and two of this semester's exceptional International Interns, Ali and Fazal.



This semester alone Travis Mcdowell and his team have taken on five SRJC interns. The interns were treated just like every other employee at the hotel and allowed to learn as many departments as they wanted to. Ali Razaq, an International student and intern at the hotel stated, " In this Internship, I have specific objectives to focus on which include learning how the scheduling of staff works, the reservations desk, restaurant management, the sales department, and marketing department because I want to be a Hotel General Manager. In my computer training with the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel I will be registered as an actual user at my workplace and learn everything the employees learn as well. "

We want to offer a large thank– you to Travis, his team, and all the other businesses who have invited us into their businesses to offer an exceptional Intern Program at the SRJC.



**STUDENT IN-
FOCUS:
Ryan Sansome
Recovery Support
Specialist Intern.
SRJC**

What began as a classroom project that was never intended to become anything more than a graded assignment has become a life passion for Ryan Sansome. Currently enrolled for his third and final semester in Counseling 99I: Human Services Internship, Ryan is the first ever Recovery Support Specialist Intern here at the SRJC. He is the first in this position because he created it from scratch after seeing a need to serve “students who have traditionally been marginalized, ignored, and isolated on this campus.”

While taking Human Services courses here at the SRJC he began to see friends and cohort members that he describes as the brightest school mates relapse with alcohol and drug addictions. There was an obvious void of support for these students on campus so Ryan began researching other colleges programs and eventually drafted his own proposals to our intern coordinator and the Human Services Department. The motivation to succeed came through heartbreak for his fellow cohort members.

Ryan has expressed the most rewarding part of this entire experience has been being in a role where he can watch the cohort grow, come together, and become advocates for themselves and other students.

As Ryan prepares for his exit from his role he is advocating that it continues as he moves on. Through the Work Experience Internship and his courses here on campus, he has made connections with politicians and other leaders in the Human Services Field that will allow him to continue his passion well after he graduates from SRJC.



Ryan Sansome, intern, shares some of his experiences while serving as the first ever Recovery Support Specialist Intern at SRJC.





Faculty In-Focus
Laurie Bacci
Adjunct Faculty
Work Experience

Laurie Bacci has been an adjunct faculty member in the Work Experience Department since January of 1999 and an adjunct at the SRJC since 1986. Laurie started her college years as a student at the SRJC after being a work experience student at her local High School and received an AS Degree and received a Certificate of Completion in the 2 year Dental Assisting Program. After completing the JC, Laurie went on to receive her B.S. in Health Science with an emphasis in Education and then completed her Lifetime Community College Teaching Credential.

What she enjoys most about being an adjunct in work experience is the students. She says, "If there is one thing I can help them find out about themselves, it's worth it. I help validate what they're doing, and help them find direction."

Laurie offers advice to those working with our students that are juggling classes, often multiple jobs, and families, "We need realistic expectations for these students. We want to push them to the next level and we don't want them to just settle. We want to create smart objectives that are reasonable but encourage growth."

Laurie describes her participation in the Work Experience department as, "Amazing, rewarding, and inspirational." She spoke of a story regarding a current student she has (one of her 66 students she is currently the Instructor for) that is about 75 years old and decided to return to school after the death of her husband. This particular student has inspired her to keep moving forward by being an active participant in class, volunteers regularly beyond her commitment to Work Experience, and has won the affection of everyone in her classes.

If you have had the pleasure of working with Laurie you know she goes above and beyond with her students and we are so very grateful she continues to thrive in our department.

"When students come and tell me their success stories of new jobs, promotions, scholarships, and all the great leaps they're making, it continues to inspire me." - Laurie Bacci, Adjunct Instructor

Community involvement
News

Jody Deike Retiring

At the end of this summer we will be saying goodbye to our very own Jody Deike. She has played an integral part of the Work Experience department since January of 2005. Being the sole instructor for the Community Involvement courses here on the Santa Rosa Campus, her commitment to the students shines through during her one-on-one meetings with every single CI student that enrolls in the course. Even in this last semester before she hangs up her instructor role she has continued to offer herself and her time to her students to find the best fit of volunteer location for personal or professional growth.

Carrie Myers, an instructor in our Work Experience Department offered these kind words regarding Jody, "So much could be said about Jody. Generous, thoughtful and compassionate. hard worker, upbeat positive and always there for her students!"

We are all going to miss Jody! We applaud your dedication these last 12 years.

