

## THE NUMBERS

- 1,200 young adults
- \$4.1 million stimulus
- 1,200 local jobs
- Week 1 checks: \$249,692

**2** Weeks left.  
Make them count!

WCF Summer Job  
Connection

# Spotlight

"When given the time to glow, let your true skills show."  
Alana (Summer Job Connection Intern)

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## Ready for your close up?

Has the Summer Job Connection intern film crew stopped by your work site? If not, you might see them soon. The crew is documenting how the Summer Job Connection program is benefiting employers and making a difference in the lives of the participants. So if we stop by your job site, take a second and let us know what impact this program has had on your life.



## Summer Job Connection Intern "Shine Time"

by | Isaiah Tillman (Summer Job Connection Intern)

When Jessica first began the process of applying for the Summer Job Connection Program she had no idea what was in store. When she saw the number of applicants at the kickoff event, she began to wonder if she would be offered a position for the summer. To her delight she was selected, and on June 22nd she began her Summer Job Connection internship as a receptionist. Jessica has gained valuable workforce skills, and is enjoying her new position and responsibilities. She states, "I love my job," and "I'm very happy with the experience I've gained." After the program is over, she would like to pursue a career in a similar field and is glad she is a part of the Summer Job Connection program.



*"Jessica is a valuable addition to our team, and I appreciate her professionalism and dedication."*

Paulette Deal - Intern Supervisor

## Turn Your Portfolio into a New Laptop or Other Great Items

### Have you been filling out your portfolio?

Your portfolio has been designed to help you document your experiences and reinforce the workforce lessons you've learned through the Summer Job Connection program. To get the most out of your Summer Job Connection experience, make sure you are looking through your portfolio and completing all the activities and journal entries. At the end of the program, if you have completed your entire portfolio and provided thoughtful responses to the journal entry questions, your career specialist will collect your portfolio and enter you into a drawing for one of the items listed below (36 Total being awarded)...

- **HP Mini Laptop**
- **8GB iPod Touch**
- **Cannon 10 MP Digital Camera**
- **Nintendo Wii**
- **Xbox 360**
- **Playstation 3**
- **\$250 Gift Card**

If you haven't started yet, it's not too late. Just make sure you give some thought to the activities and journal entries. All portfolios will be reviewed for neatness, creativity and responses to the questions, so don't think you can just put anything down and get into the drawing. Remember, your portfolio is designed to help you increase your work readiness skills.

So make sure you complete your portfolio. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Deadline to have your portfolios completed is July 31st.



## Social Networking: Pros and Cons

by | Oscar Moreno  
(Summer Job Connection Intern)

Over the years communication between people has increased, first by mail, then phone, and finally the internet. One of the most popular ways of communication today is MySpace and Facebook. With more than a billion users for each Web site, communication has never been easier. At the same time, many people take advantage of these web sites, and use them for inappropriate conduct, such as profanity and inappropriate pictures, to name a few.



Now with the increase of unemployment in the United States, more and more people are searching for jobs. But many are getting turned down because what some job seekers don't realize is that their employers look through their online profiles. In order to prevent rejection as well as embarrassment, you should keep profiles clean, without profanity, and keep pictures appropriate.

## Making Your First Impression Count

by | Francis Tapia (Summer Job Connection Intern)

The first impression a potential employer has can be the difference between getting hired and being turned away. The key to making a positive first impression during an interview starts with dressing professionally and conservatively regardless of the job. There are some general rules you should follow when dressing for an interview.

- For men, a suit (black, navy blue or gray), a belt, a tie, dark socks, dress shoes, a neat hairstyle, little or no jewelry, light cologne, clean nails, and clean shaven or trimmed beard.
- For women, a suit (black, navy blue or gray), the suit skirt should be long enough so you can sit down comfortably, a coordinated blouse, conservative shoes, limit the jewelry (no dangling earrings or arms full of bracelets), professional hairstyle, neutral pantyhose, light make-up and perfume, and neatly cleaned nails.



A portfolio and pen are always something to consider bringing to an interview, as well as extra copies of your resume. You may also want to take a mint before the interview begins to ensure you have good breath, but make sure you finish it before the interview starts.

Some things that can hurt you during an interview are: wrinkled clothes, chewing gum, your cell phone ringing, having headphones or a Bluetooth headset in your ears, bringing coffee or soda with you, numerous piercings, and visible tattoos.



Following these guidelines shows the employer that you are serious about the opportunity and you respect their time. If you stick to these suggestions, you will be on your way to making a good first impression, and making a good impression is the first step to a successful interview.

### What Employers Are Saying:

- "We're having great experiences with the interns. In fact, I think several are slated to be hired permanently for the fall."
- "I just wanted to say what a great group of interns we have and I think your team did a good job screening and training them."
- "Have heard nothing but good feedback from regular crew."
- "Very pleased with their work and attitudes all day long."

### What Interns Are Saying:

- "Happy to be working" & "I learn good stuff everyday!"
- "Very happy to be a part of the organization learning about Diabetes and how to care."
- "My biggest success is everything I have learned in so little time."
- "Learning new things that I didn't think I could do."

## Interns at Work

Summer Job Connection



Goodwill Industries



Rock Church



Orange County Library



Seminole Regional Chamber



2 Cool Pre-school



Habitat for Humanity



Nurse Association



Orlando Science Center