

# Chronicles

CAREER QUEST LEARNING CENTERS • OCTOBER 2018

## Putting Great Knowledge to Good Use

**T**OSHA SQUIRES didn't take a direct path toward her dream job, but she's there now. And she says she never would have made it without all she learned at Career Quest Learning Centers.

"I get to use all of what I learned in some way or another, but medical terminology was one of my favorite things I learned in school and now I use it on a regular basis," she says. "I have even dug up some of my old books when I have a question. It's great to have a reference I can go back to."

As a medical receptionist, Tosha gets a chance to hear that medical terminology every day. She says she's thankful she understands as much as she does so she can help the patients that come into the practice. Just from what they're saying, Tosha often knows which patients need to be seen by which doctors and who needs to see someone right away.

Technically, Tosha didn't actually apply for the job she has. She had a great reputation at Career Quest as a successful and determined student and her resume was all set to go. So, when Brooke from Career Services found out about a job opening at Midland Family Physicians PC, she knew Tosha would be a perfect match and forwarded her credentials along.

When Tosha didn't hear back right away, she took the initiative and gave the practice a call, and that decision brought her name to the top of the list. She finished



her externship on a Thursday and was hired for the very next Monday.

However, not everything has gone as easily for Tosha. She'd tried attending different schools before Career Quest as a pharmacy major. But after three different universities in three different states, she knew it just wasn't working out. And when she got pregnant, she really wasn't sure what was going to happen. But she didn't give up. Her daughter was only six weeks old when she went back to work and enrolled at Career Quest. Her parents were a great help, but the combination of being an employee, a parent and a student was a lot!

"My favorite teacher was definitely Spencer Moore," says Tosha. "I'm left-handed so I learned that some things were harder — like blood draws. But Spencer was more than willing to help me figure out how I had to do it my way."

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Tosha says that everyone at Career Quest was really nice during her time there. "I loved the entire staff, especially here at Mt. Pleasant," says Tosha. "They're all great. We still keep in touch. They really do turn into this other family you have. I can't disconnect from them."

And since Tosha lives close to the campus, she doesn't have to. She still stops by, says hi, and lets them all see how much her daughter has grown.

"And I always offer to help. I do work a lot, but I'd like to give back and help someone succeed in the program like I did," says Tosha. "It might not be for everyone, but Career Quest is definitely 100 percent worth checking out."

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[www.careerquest.edu/blog](http://www.careerquest.edu/blog)  
to learn more.

## Regional Employee of the Month

We're pleased to announce **Rachel Higgins** as our September Employee of the Month. An Administrative Assistant at our Bay City campus, she's a dedicated, reliable employee who truly believes in the vision and mission of Career Quest. "She's always willing to jump in and help wherever needed and takes great pleasure in showing off our campus to anyone who comes in for a visit," says Bay City Campus President Cassie Ferrer. "I appreciate her hard work." Congratulations Rachel, you deserve it!



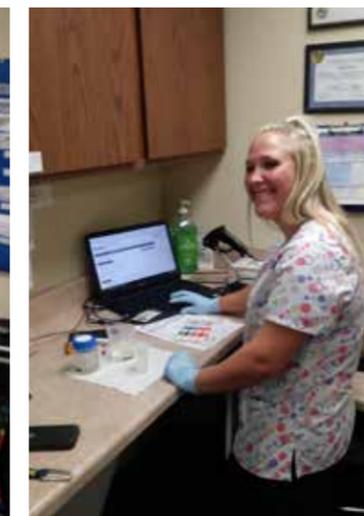
## Employer Highlight

**Arcpoint Labs of Lansing** is October's employer highlight. They're an occupational health facility that specializes in pre and random drug testing, finger printing, TSA pre-check and the only 24-hour Mobile Accident and Business testing truck.

Arcpoint Labs has recently expanded, doubling the size of their original facility. This allows them to take on more team members, and we're excited that they have chosen Career Quest students as their candidates.

"Career Quest students are very motivated. At Arcpoint, they observe for the first two weeks, so by the third week they're ready to jump in. Employees are excited to work, and excited to learn," says Clinical Manager Paula Emmons. "The best attribute of Career Quest students is that they're very personable with clients, because working at Arcpoint you do not see the same person every day."

We're proud to say we have multiple CQ grads working at Arcpoint labs, and we're excited to build on our relationship in the future. If you're interested in a career at Arcpoint labs, visit their website at <https://www.arcpointlabs.com/lansing/> or connect with one of our Career Services Representatives.



*M.A. Rose Norris and M.A. Kirsten Bruce*

## Jackson campus

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### Student of the Month • September



**Tara Bronson** is a great example of a student who is determined and motivated to succeed. "She won't let any obstacle hold her back," shares Jackson Campus President Elizabeth Kirchmeier. "She's a sincere person who not only cares about her success, but others' as well. From day one Tara has attacked her work head-on,

she stays after school and comes in on her days off." Tara is also part of the ride and drive program and helps students when they need a ride to make sure they can be successful too. We're lucky to have her on our campus. Keep up the great work Tara!

## Lansing campus

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### Student of the Month • September



**Harley Smith** is an Ophthalmic student at the Lansing Campus, and he's always bringing a ton of enthusiasm and energy into the classroom, which is just one of the reasons he deserves to be honored as this month's Lansing Student of the Month. "He's very outgoing and always willing to lend others a hand. Harley excels in his work, and gives 110%

in quality and quantity," says Campus President Mollie Woodworth. "He's punctual and always helping, whether that be other students or around the campus." Harley is the definition of a hard worker, inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you for all you do Harley, you are definitely going places!

## Mount Pleasant campus

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### Student of the Month • September



**Susan Locke** is halfway through her Medical Assistant program at our Mt. Pleasant campus and her instructors have nothing but positive things to say about her. Susan attends Career Quest with her daughter Samantha and instructors say they set a great example for their fellow classmates. "Susan makes it a point to attend all of her

classes and is respectful to her peers and faculty," says Campus President Shelby Dalgleish. "She has returned to school a bit later in life and continues to overcome all of the challenges she's encountered." She is an exceptional student who works hard to succeed and she deserves to be recognized for all of her excellent work! Congratulations Susan!

## Bay City campus

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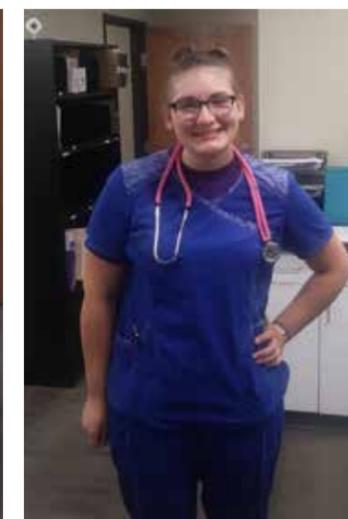
### Student of the Month • September



**Devynn Myslewski** was one of our first Medical Assistant students at the Bay City campus. From the beginning, she has taken joy in helping other students and assisting with campus events, making her a shoe-in for the role as our Student Association President. "Devynn has grown in her leadership role, while maintaining the GPA needed to be on

our President's or Director's list every mod," says Bay City Campus President Cassie Ferrer. "Her desire to help others, and the community, will be a great asset to carry over into the medical field." Great job, Devynn!

## Externship Site Highlight



*Career Quest Students Carrie Betz M.A and Tremain Council B/C*

We're proud to announce this month's externship highlight, **Workhealth Occupational Medical Center** in Lansing. They're a workplace/occupational medical practice that deals with work-related accidents and injuries, along with pre-employment tests and screenings.

Workhealth and Career Quest have worked hard to build a relationship that allows our students to get practical training during their last few weeks as a student in their externship.

"Most want to learn and become more proficient at blood draws and injections," says Clinical Manager Michelle Leslie. "They're well prepared and come in knowing how to use the EMR System and programs, do TB tests, and drug screens. Career Quest externs have provided valuable assistance to the employees of Workhealth."

We're thankful for our relationships with employers like Workhealth, because they provide our students with hands-on job experience and let them get the feel of what it's like working in the field before graduation. If you're interested in learning more about Workhealth and their job openings, visit their website at [www.workhealthmich.com](http://www.workhealthmich.com) or connect with a Career Services Representative.

# OCTOBER EVENTS



## Jackson

- Oct. 1 ..... Senior Send-Off, 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
Pre-Externship Meeting, Room 11, 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2 ..... Senior Send-Off, 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3 ..... New Student Orientation, 1:00 p.m.  
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 ..... Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5 ..... RMA & BC Proctored Exams, 10:00 p.m. & 12:00 p.m.  
Excel Proctored Exam, Lansing Campus, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8 ..... Post Externship Meeting, Room 11, 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10 ..... Halloween Door Decorating Begins  
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 ..... Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 ..... Student Association Meet & Greet, 1:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 18 ..... Student Association Meet & Greet, 1:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22 ..... Spirit Week: Program Color Day
- Oct. 23 ..... Spirit Week: Sports Team Day (with jeans!)
- Oct. 24 ..... Spirit Week: Mismatch Day  
Halloween Door Decorations Judged & Winners Announced  
Student Appreciation, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 ..... Trunk or Treat Event 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Spirit Week: Costume Day!
- Oct. 31 ..... Student Association Halloween Fundraiser  
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

## Mount Pleasant

- Oct. 1 ..... Student Association Student Store Re-Opening!
- Oct. 3 ..... Pre-Externship Meeting, 1:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 ..... Pre-Externship Meeting, 1:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 ..... Post-Externship Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 ..... New Classes Begin
- Oct. 12 ..... CPR Class, 9:00 a.m. & Noon
- Oct. 17 ..... Student Association Hot Lunch Fundraiser, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 25 ..... Student Appreciation Event, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Career Fair, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Lansing

- Oct. 1 ..... Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 3 ..... New Student Orientation, Room 12, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 ..... Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8 ..... Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10 ..... Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11 ..... Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Student Association Baked Potato Fundraiser
- Oct. 15 ..... Student Appreciation, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17 ..... Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Student Association Sweetest Day - treats and gifts sale, ranging from \$2 to \$10
- Oct. 18 ..... Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Student Association Sweetest Day treats & gifts sale, ranging from \$2 to \$10  
Short Term Program Orientation, Room 15, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 22 ..... Spirit Week: Decade Day  
Open Lab/ Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23 ..... Spirit Week: Sports Day
- Oct. 24 ..... Spirit Week: Crazy Hair Day  
Student Association Meet & Greet, Room 7, 1:20 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Computer Navigation, Rm. 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 25 ..... Trunk or Treat Event, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Spirit Week: Halloween Costumes  
Student Association Fundraiser, Paint & Decorate Pumpkins \$3  
Open Lab/Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 29 ..... Open Lab/Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 ..... Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Bay City

- Oct. 4 ..... New Student Orientation, 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 ..... New Classes Begin
- Oct. 11 ..... Student Association Meeting, 1:20 p.m.
- Oct. 24 ..... Student Appreciation Event, 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 ..... Halloween at Career Quest, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## All Campuses

- Oct. 8 - Columbus Day**
- Oct. 8 - Indigenous People's Day**
- Oct. 15 - White Cane Safety Day**
- Oct. 16 - Boss's Day**
- Oct. 20 - Sweetest Day**
- Oct. 31 - Halloween**