

Chronicles

CAREER QUEST LEARNING CENTERS • AUGUST 2018

Preparing Students for the



Helping students find fulfilling careers is so important, it's right there in our name. This means that in addition to giving students an education, our team is proficient at helping them with the other skills they'll need to accomplish their career goals.

Our Career Center prepares students for their future with job services that complement our programs. The Center is open for extended hours to help accommodate the schedules of busy, working students, and the Lansing and Jackson campuses provide access to computers, Internet service, placement coordinators and job support in one convenient location.

Talisa McKissic has worked in education for five years, and she started as Career Quest's Regional Director of Career Services in June. She's excited about the potential for changing lives and said that it's important to start working with students from the beginning of their Career Quest experience.

McKissic said the Career Quest staff helps students build their career skills wherever they can. "Since this is such a career-focused school, there are a lot of

"People can be nervous at the idea of being a professional when they finish, so we talk to them early on to help them deal with any feelings of anxiety or fear they might have," she said. "Then we work with them on skills that include resume building, interviewing, workplace conflict, communication skills and other issues they'll face in the workplace."

opportunities to talk through issues in the classroom," she said.

"We address how to deal with conflict, how to present ideas, how to dress professionally and other things like that."

Lansing Externship Coordinator Dominique Vaughn works with area employers to establish externship opportunities for students, which allows them to acquire hands-on, real world experience before they graduate.

We also bring employers right to the campus.

"I help students take what they learn in the classroom and put it to good practice in the real world," Vaughn explains. "This gives them a valuable learning experience to prepare them for their careers when they graduate."

Whether it's to offer information or participate in career fairs, they offer students the chance to practice their interview skills and even sometimes hire them.

"We're focused on what's beneficial for students and employers, so we do what's most convenient for both groups, whether that's providing transportation resources or hosting a job fair," McKissic said. "It's all about helping our students transform their thoughts into actuality."

Please visit our blog at www.careerquest.edu/blog to learn more.

Jackson campus

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Student of the Month • July



Amanda Van Dyke has only been a Medical Assistant student at Career Quest for a short time, but she has already made a big impact with our staff and students, which is why she has been named Student of the Month for July. She stays after class and comes in on her days off to

help tutor her classmates. As a member of the Student Association, she has helped raise money for the upcoming Relay for Life. “She is professional while on campus and always has a smile on her face,” said Campus Manager Elizabeth Kirchmeier. “Amanda is a role model for other students as well as her family. We’re all very impressed with her.”

Staff Member of the Month • July



Staff Member of the Month, **Brittany Braman**, has made a major impact on her Medical Assistant students. They’re excited to come to class, they show up early and she’s always helping them excel. “Brittany is very knowledgeable and she’s always willing to help students and staff members, while

balancing the work involved in continuing her own education,” said Kirchmeier. “She has been a great addition to the Career Quest family!”

Lansing campus

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Student of the Month • July



Ophthalmic student, **Betty Drumheller** has been named July’s Student of the Month for Lansing. Her instructors say she’s always prompt and prepared when coming to class and oftentimes her assignments are completed well before they’re due and the work is always of high quality. “Betty has

embraced being a leader within the classroom. She continuously steps up to help others, even students who are not in her class,” said Campus Manager Mollie Woodworth. “She can be observed assisting students in the media center, along with helping students find other resources.”

Staff Member of the Month • July



Medical instructor, **Charlene Blanchard**, has been with Career Quest for just over a year and she has been an amazing addition to the Lansing campus. She works extremely hard to make sure that her students are 100% ready for their career when they leave her classroom. “Charlene is committed to

helping students not just in the classroom but also in their professional endeavors,” said Woodworth. “She has done an amazing job creating partnerships that allow her students to be seen by some of the industry’s best.”

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Mount Pleasant campus

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877-345-8505

Student of the Month • July



Colleen Hansen has persevered through every obstacle she encountered and now she's only a few short months away from completing her Medical Assistant program. "Her helpful attitude and willingness to learn has been rubbing off on fellow students," said Campus Manager Shelby

Dalgleish. "Colleen is an amazing example to students, past and present, of what hard work and dedication can accomplish."

Staff Member of the Month • July



Caitlin Hartman may have just recently joined the Career Quest family, but the impact she has made in her new role as Enrollment Coordinator has been felt throughout the organization. "Her enthusiasm and welcoming demeanor have provided our students with a feeling of comfort while they begin a new and

exciting journey here at Career Quest," Dalgleish said. "And we know Caitlin will continue to do great work in any situation she's in."

Bay City campus

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Student of the Month • July



Medical Assistant student **Beth Petrimoulx** is the definition of a team player! As a student who catches on quickly, she is consistently helping other students during and outside class. "It's not uncommon to catch her after class tutoring multiple classmates to ensure they're catching up on work and understanding the material," said Campus Manager Cassie Ferrer. "Beth was also recently elected to be Treasurer of the Student Association, proving that others are noticing her hard work as well."

Staff Member of the Month • July



The Bay City campus has benefited greatly from **Kelli Revard's** wisdom and ability to think outside the box in her role as a Medical Instructor. She's always coming up with creative ways to present her lessons and tips to help students retain the information. "Kelli has dedicated time to hold open labs for

students, and also to help train and coach newer instructors," said Ferrer. "Her humor brings fun to our campus and her knowledge instills confidence in her students. We're lucky to have her."

AUGUST EVENTS



Jackson

- Aug. 1 Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 2 Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 3 Relay for Life, Cascades 6:00 p.m. - Volunteers needed!
- Aug. 4 Relay for Life ends at 6:00 p.m. - Volunteers needed!
- Aug. 8 Student Association Meet & Greet, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 9 Student Association Meet & Greet, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Student Appreciation Event, 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
Student Appreciation Event, 5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Children's Challenge, Michigan International Speedway -
Volunteers needed!
- Aug. 22 Career Fair, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Go Nuts for Donuts! Student Association Event, 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.
Go Nuts for Donuts! Student Association Event, 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.
Student Association Meeting 1:15 p.m. @ Student Lounge
- Aug. 23 Go Nuts for Donuts! Student Association Event, 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.
Go Nuts for Donuts! Student Association Event, 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 24 CPR Class, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Senior Send-Off 1:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Pre-externship meeting 3:00 p.m. Rm. 11
- Aug. 28 Senior Send-Off 1:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29 New Student Orientation 1:00 p.m.
Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
- Aug. 30 Student Association Meeting, Student Lounge, 1:15 p.m.
Last Day of MOD
- Aug. 31 RMA & BC Proctored Exams, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lansing

- Aug. 1 Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 2 Open Lab/Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 3 CPR Training, 11:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Student Appreciation, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Open Lab/Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 8 Student Association Meet & Greet, Room 7, 1:20 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 9 Open Lab/Study Time, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 13 Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Student Association Fundraiser, Front Lobby
Hot Meal (Chili & Vegan Chili, Chips, Soda, Cookies) \$4 Meal or
\$3 a la carte
Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Student Association Fundraiser, Front Lobby
Hot Meal (Chili & Vegan Chili, Chips, Soda, Cookies) \$4 Meal
\$3 a la carte
Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20 Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 23 Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 24 Open House Event, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Computer Navigation, Room 9, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
New Student Orientation, Room 12, 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 30 Open Lab/Study Time Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 31 Computer Tune-Up, Room 9, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Post-Externship Meeting, Room 14, 2:00 p.m.
AAS Student Orientation, Room 14, 2:45 p.m.

Mount Pleasant

- Aug. 3 CPR Class, Room 4, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 13 Open Labs, Room 1, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14 Open Labs, Room 1, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Student Appreciation, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Advisory, Room 4, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Pre-Externship Meeting, Room 2, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Open House Event, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bay City

- Aug. 6 Student Appreciation, 11:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.
- Aug. 14 Student Association Meeting, 1:20 p.m.
- Aug. 17 Open House Event, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Student Association Meet & Greet, 1:20 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Student Association Bake Sale
- Aug. 30 Student Association Bake Sale
New Student Orientation

All Campuses

- AUG. 7** - Purple Heart Day
- AUG. 13** - International Left-Handers Day
- AUG. 21** - Senior Citizens Day
- AUG. 26** - Women's Equality Day
- SEPT. 3** - Labor Day (All campuses closed)