



SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cooperative Education/Career Services and Transfer Affairs

Building 27, Room 265, (413) 755-4464, M-F, 8-4 p.m. (open year-round)

March 2010

Transfer Affairs

The annual National College Fair will be held on *Sunday, March 7, 2010, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*, and again on *Monday, March 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon*. The Fair will be held at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) grounds on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, MA in the Young Building, behind the Better Living Center. The Fair is sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Over 300 colleges and universities along with other educational services are expected to attend. Information will be available concerning the application, selection process, transfer requirements, and admission deadlines of these colleges. Special workshops will be held on financial aid and athletics. This is a great opportunity to visit with several colleges and universities all under one roof on the same day. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** There is a \$5 charge for parking on the Big E grounds unless you are a West Springfield resident. For more information and directions, please visit the following website www.thebige.com.

College Transfer On-Campus Recruitment

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Date</u>
American International College	Tuesday, March 2
Elms College	Wednesday, March 3 & Wednesday, March 31
Bay Path College	Monday, March 8 & Monday, March 29
Western New England College	Wednesday, March 10
Springfield College	Thursday, March 25

Note: All College representatives will be located in Bldg. 2, Scibelli Hall, near the cafeteria area, from *10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.* Take advantage of this opportunity to find out more about the academic programs that are offered at these four-year institutions. Please contact this office for more information regarding other colleges coming to campus during the month of March. Also, please stop by at your convenience to check out our bulletin board for various college and university open house dates.

EMPLOYMENT CALENDAR

On-Campus Open Recruitment
(Dates to Remember)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Recruiter</u>
Tuesday, March 9	U.S. Census	Kim Nguyen
Wednesday, March 24	TruGreen Lawn Care	Armen Cruz

Note: All recruiters will be in Scibelli Hall, Building 2, near the cafeteria from *10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* This is open to all students who may be looking for a job or to get information. Please check with our department for updates on additional recruiters coming to campus during the month of March.



The Office of Cooperative Education/Career Services and Transfer Affairs
Presents a
Career Symposium

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Scibelli Hall, Bldg. 2, 7th Fl., Rms. 701-702 and 703-704

Co-sponsors: The STCC Business and Industry Committee: Rhoda Belemjian, Richard Collins,
Carol Mathison, John Wakelin, Mark Wells, and William Kwolek

Theme: Career challenges in the 21st century - golden rules required for pushing past the interview and
successfully nailing the job offer.

Agenda

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| I. 11:00 a.m.-Program Overview and Introductions | Pamela J. White, Director
Cooperative Education/Career
Services and Transfer Affairs,
STCC |
| II. 11:05 a.m.-Welcome | Ira Rubenzahl, President, STCC |
| III. 11:10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.-Keynote Speaker
Networking-Making Connections | Daniel McDonough (STCC Alum)
Vice President, Human Resources,
Lenox Saw Company, East
Longmeadow, MA |
| IV. Lunch 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Rooms 701-702 |
| V. Workshops-(See Schedule) | |
| VI. 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-Wrap up and Evaluations | |

Workshop Schedule

Workshops 1 and 2

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

1. Topic: Resumes/Cover Letters (Professional Branding, Proper use of a Career Objective, Profile, Summary Statement and a portfolio) other topics will include the use of selected “soft skills.”



Presenter: Cynthia Landry
Human Resources Generalist, Health New England
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 404

2. Topic: Interview Etiquette (Professional Attire, Questions, Answers, Lunch and Telephone Meetings)

Presenter: Christopher Fedina
Director of Recruitment and Staffing, Baystate Health
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 417



Workshops 3, 4 and 5

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

3. Topic: Pros and Cons of Social Networking



Presenter: Lindsey Porter
Employment Specialist, Big Y
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 417

4. Topic: Entrepreneurship: Starting your own Business-Tools and Resources

Presenter: Shaun Dwyer
Vice President, Berkshire Bank
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 416



5. Topic: Careers Beyond DisABILITY



Presenter: Kris Kozuch
Coordinator of Disability Services, STCC
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 418

Workshop 6, 7A & 7B (same topic), and 8

Time: 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

6. Topic: Financial Literacy (Learn How your Credit can Impact a Job Offer)

Presenter: Sheryle McMillan
Regional Director of Education & Community Relations
Money Management International
Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 416



Workshop Schedule-continued:

7. Topic: Progressing in your Career through Continuing Education: Beyond the Associates Degree (Transfer Programs: Joint Admissions, MassTransfer and Articulation Agreements)
- A. Presenters: Pauline Mortenson, Director for International and Transfer Admissions American International College; Dawn Bryden, Director of Admissions, Bay Path College; Becky Lescarbeau, Associate Director of Admissions, Elms College; Pamela J. White, Director, STCC, Cooperative Education/Career Services and Transfer Affairs

Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 417

- B. Evelyn Cohen, Assistant Director/Transfer Coordinator, Springfield College; Terri Labine, Senior Assistant Director, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Michelle Kowalsky, Assistant Director, Coordinator of Transfer and International Admissions, Western New England College

Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 418



8. Topic: Veterans: Education Opportunities and Services—other topics will include Career Assessments: Strong Inventory and the Myers Briggs
Presenter: Carol Mathison, Sr. Academic Advisor, L.M.H.C./STCC Counseling Center

Location: Scibelli Hall, Rm. 404



Job Fair

College Career Centers of Western Massachusetts Job Fair 2010

STCC Students and Alumni

**Mark you calendars now and plan to attend this event!
Full-time, part-time, co-op, and internship positions will be available**

**Don't miss this opportunity to network with recruiters who
represent a wide variety of industries
at**

American International College

Butova Gymnasium

Thursday, April 1, 2010

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY:

American International College

Bay Path College

Elms College

Holyoke Community College

Springfield College

Springfield Technical Community College

Western New England

Westfield State College

Mass Transfer Program

The Department of Higher Education is implementing a new statewide transfer program called Mass Transfer. The Mass Transfer program policy is for any student in the Massachusetts public higher education system that completes and satisfies the 34 credit general education transfer block.

The following STCC degree programs have been identified as having Mass Transfer status:

1. Liberal Arts/General studies Transfer Compact- LTGS.AA
2. Liberal Arts Transfer Compact- LTTR.AA
3. Secondary Education- EDSE.AA
4. Elementary Education- EDEL.AA
5. General Business Transfer Compact- BTCM.AS

STCC graduates of these degree programs will be guaranteed full transferability of their credits to the Massachusetts state Colleges and the University campuses.

For more information, please contact this Department or visit:

<http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/home.asp>

How much student loan debt is reasonable?

(MSN Money 2/2010)

As an investment in yourself, student loan debt can be one of the best investments you'll ever make. With an education, you will hopefully earn a higher income and greater job satisfaction for the rest of your life. However, too much student loan debt can be a heavy burden for decades. If your student loan debt isn't more than two-thirds of your expected first-year salary, you should be able to recoup the cost easily. If you are closer to retirement or you have children or other obligations, you may want to keep your total student loan debt even lower.

For more information about developing a safe financial future, please reference the following websites:

www.studentfinancedomain.com - Money management for college students

www.forbes.com - Free personal investing information

www.MSNMoney - Financial and business news

www.online.wsj.com - Financial and business news

www.smartmoney.com - Financial and business news

www.barrons.com - Personal finance

www.marketwatch.com - Personal finance

www.suzeorman.com - Personal finance

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