

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CAREER & JOB PLACEMENT

Fall 2022

On behalf of Career & Job Placement Services, Happy Holidays! Our students have worked very hard this year in their classes and have invested a lot of time exploring career paths, identifying their dream jobs, applying for jobs, and preparing for interviews. Many students and alumni have landed amazing jobs and we look forward to helping more students reach their job and career goals! Students and alumni can set up appointments to meet with Career Services through Starfish, by calling 209-588-5273, or emailing wattsm@yosemite.edu.

Below are some job success stories from our students and alumni:



Business management graduate Ellie Nelson has recently started working as a Social Worker Assistant for Tuolumne County. After graduating from Columbia College, Ellie received her BS in business management and human resources from Stanislaus State. Ellie is very excited about this role and is pleased to now have a stable county job.

Columbia College alumnus James Hanson has recently been promoted to be the Center Manager for Mother Lode Job Training's Sonora office! James graduated with distinction from Columbia College with an AAT in sociology and an AA in social and behavioral sciences and is currently in an accelerated sociology program at CSU San Marcos. In his new role at Mother Lode Job Training, James has transitioned from providing direct services to job seekers and employers to planning, implementing, and supervising programs that assist the community and local economy. "I am happy to be a part of MLJT and to continue serving our community." James shared, "Columbia College served as a great resource to start my education and career and I am happy to continue to partner with Columbia College to assist our community."



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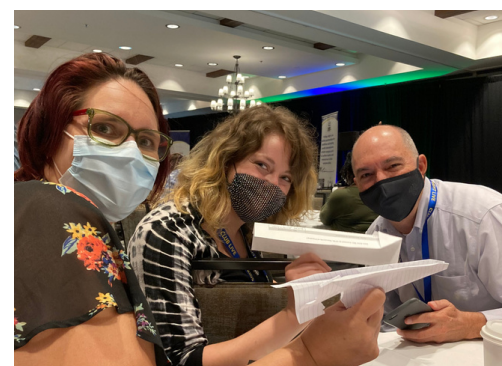
Columbia College alumnus **Bill Hurst** has recently started his Human Resources/Recruiter role at Sierra Pacific Industries. While studying at Columbia College, Bill worked as a Student Ambassador and a Student Veteran Representative. Bill has his BA in psychology from Stanislaus State, and is working toward his MS degree in psychology. Bill shared that he is thankful for Alicia Kolstad, Anne Cavagnaro, Colleen Henry, Mike Igoe, and Brandon Price for making an impact on him during his time at Columbia College.



Engineering major **Michael Storey** has been interning this Fall in the Tech Shop at Hetch Hetchy Water and Power. In his role, Michael repairs and troubleshoots electronics supporting the water and power grid. This experience on the ground floor is helping Michael understand the importance of good planning in engineering. After he graduates from Columbia College, Michael is planning to transfer to get a bachelor's degree in engineering. Michael shared that he is thankful for Colin Thomas for helping get his brain in working shape for STEM classes.

ATCAA Internship Update

The Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) has partnered with Columbia College for an internship program, which has provided invaluable experience in youth development for two Columbia College interns, **Tiffany Rizzo-Weaver** and **Linda Valenzuela**. After attending a four-day Leadership Training Institute, Tiffany and Linda have been delivering state-funded Friday Night Live (FNL) curriculum to local high school, middle school, and elementary school students. Tiffany Rizzo-Weaver shared that she absolutely loves working for ATCAA and has developed a range of knowledge and skills from this internship. Tiffany graduated in the Spring of 2022 with degrees in behavioral health and social sciences and administration of justice. ATCAA Youth Programs Coordinator **Tori Bors** is thrilled with ATCAA's ongoing partnership with Columbia College, which allows them to locate and secure high-caliber local candidates who while studying in related or complementary fields can train and continue to "learn as they earn."



Mathiesen Internship Update

This fall semester, Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic hired five Columbia College students/alumni to participate in a behavioral health internship. The students who participated are Isabella Vargas Rosales, Collin Harless, Alexa Hughes, Sierra Porter, and Sydney Rojas. Psychology major Sierra Porter shared that this internship is giving her great experience to support her career goals in the field of neurology. The internship at Mathiesen provides “practical experience in the behavioral health field through directly shadowing mental health professionals at the Red Feather Clinic’s medically assisted treatment program for substance abuse recovery,” Collin Harless shared. Collin graduated in May of 2022 with degrees in psychology, sociology, and social and behavioral sciences and is thankful for Michael Igoe and Courtney Sutton during his experiences in Student Government and as a Student Ambassador. Collin is set to graduate in the Fall of 2023 with a BA in psychology and will then pursue an MA in psychology with the goal of becoming a LMFT with a career in counseling.



(From left to right, Alexa Hughes, Isabella Rosales, Collin Harless, Sidney Rojas, and Sierra Porter)

Fall Event Highlight

On Wednesday, November 9, Career Services hosted a LinkedIn Workshop to show students how they can use LinkedIn to develop and explore career opportunities.

LinkedIn is the largest professional networking platform and has many tools to help job seekers make connections and explore the skills and education needed to get their dream jobs.

Having a strong LinkedIn profile can open up many opportunities for job seekers.

Following the workshop, students and staff took advantage of free professional headshots.

Contact Career Services at wattsm@yosemite.edu if you would like to learn more about how to use LinkedIn for career exploration and networking.



Job Fair Spotlight

On February 15, 2023, Columbia College and Mother Lode Job Training will host a Community Job Fair.

Employers will have the chance to meet with students, alumni, and community job seekers. This event typically attracts hundreds of job seekers and over 60 employers.

Job seekers: This is a great opportunity to find jobs now or explore future dream jobs. Dress for success and bring several copies of your resume.

Employers: It is recommended that you register early if you wish to attend by filling out the [registration form](#) and emailing your company logo to wattsm@yosemite.edu.

For more information, visit gocolumbia.edu/employment/jobfair.php.



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