A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director

MOSO CAPS Associates are MSSU students during their time in MOSO CAPS. They are representing the program and MSSU very well. Our students are logging approximately 80 hours of industry partner experiences this semester on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays while successfully completing coursework on our campus from our MSSU professors on Tuesdays and Thursdays. With the experiences and coursework, our students will definitely have an advantage over students not in the CAPS program as they move forward with their post-secondary education and career plans.

It has been said that “a picture is worth a thousand words” and the pictures of our MOSO CAPS Student Associates hopefully provides a window into their amazing experiences in the Industry Partner settings this semester.

What Are They Saying?

The MOSO CAPS program would not be possible without the support of Industry Partners, but what are these experts in their fields saying about our MOSO CAPS student associates? Take a listen.

Whitney McNelly, co-owner of Pennington Station, had this to say about Maddox, a Business strand student placed with the virtual reality destination. “We’ve enjoyed having Maddox! He attended Tomorrow’s Business Leaders with Ben [and when] I got to work with him I found out he was trying to reach a Missouri legislator about proposing a bill and got him connected with our rep whom I have a personal connection with. We invited him to join us for a private networking event at the Pennington, [which] he’s excited to attend and be part of. He plans to spend most of the day absorbing the Tech Summit with us. He’s a remarkable, smart young man with a great work ethic and sweet personality. He is going to go far in whatever he chooses to do. It’s been a pleasure getting to know him. Thanks for sending him our way!”

Carthage Crosslines executive director, Toni Smith, shared this feedback about Kayleigh, a Human Services strand student interested in criminal justice and public safety. “I couldn’t wait to share with you [Kayleigh and I’s] final conversation. I said I know you were perplexed as to why you were being sent to a food pantry, but now what have you learned from coming here? [Kayleigh] teared up and said she had told her family and her church all about her experience and was very grateful for the opportunity. Further, she arrived on her last day with a carload of donations that she had rounded up! In parting she said she would be back to volunteer. HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY I am that her young eyes and heart were opened up to the need for what we do. And grateful to you for your wisdom and direction for these young people on the verge of entering adulthood and all that it entails.”

Interested in being an industry partner or know of a potential partner? Email us at MOSOCAPS@gmail.com.

Pitching Energy Juice

In late October, business strand students Ari, Maddox and Tanav (shown below), participated in the Business Gateway event hosted by the College of Business at MSSU. The team created a mock product, At The Moment (ATM) Energy, and pitched their idea during the event’s pitch competition. As part of the competition, the team had to conduct research to complete a business plan that described the perceived issue in the market, their proposed solution, the product’s ideal customer, proposed marketing efforts, and first-year sales estimate. The team was one of over a dozen in the pitch competition and did a fantastic job representing MOSO CAPS!
Our Student Associates journal about their daily rotation experiences in order to reflect on what they have learned. In December, they will submit a paper and share their takeaways in a presentation to their peers.

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Thank you for supporting MOSO CAPS!

LEFT: Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney Theresa Kenney, poses with Nathan, aspiring lawyer and current human services strand student during a recent industry partner rotation.

ABOVE: Cutler, a business strand student, is shown lending a hand during his rotation with the City of Joplin’s Information Technology department.

**Business Strand Shout Out**

“To be a business administrator or to even go into the business field it’s good to have tons of connections. With Mercy I have met several great leaders that do so many amazing things at Mercy to keep it running”

-Sydney

“Mercy, one of the 25 largest U.S. health systems and named the top large system in the U.S. for excellent patient experience by NRC Health, services millions annually with nationally recognized quality care and one of the nation’s largest Accountable Care Organizations. Mercy is a highly integrated, multi-state health care system.” http://mercy.net/about

**Health Science Strand Shout Out**

“I didn’t want to work with large animals but after working with Dr. Hunter Smith I have found that I really love horses and even cows are fascinating!”

-Ashlynn

“Smith Equine and Veterinary Services is a large and small animal veterinary clinic located in Carthage, Missouri, operated by Hunter Smith, DVM, graduate of Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.”

http://smithequineandvet-services.vetsourcecms.com/

**Human Services Strand Shout Out**

“I love being able to sit in on a classroom. I’m getting great experience by being able to see the way a classroom is run from a teacher’s perspective.”

-Abigail

“Carl Junction Schools, in partnership with our community, cultivates a vibrant and diverse learning environment that prepares students to be productive citizens. Carl Junction Schools seeks to create a challenging learning environment that empowers our students to be positive community members who have a sense of understanding and compassion for others along with the courage to act on their beliefs.” http://www.cjr1.org

**Interviews & Expectations**

Wednesday, January 18

8:30AM-10:30AM & 12:30PM-2:30PM

MSSU Ballroom

MOSO CAPS and NEWcaps are joining efforts to host a 1-day mock interview event for our CAPS Student Associates!

If you’re interested in volunteering to help build tomorrow’s work force, sign-up to be a mock interviewer by clicking below!

EVENT SIGN-UP FORM
Where Are They Now?
MOSO CAPS Student Associates are getting to spend time learning from experts in a wide range or locations! Check out these awesome Second Day Selfie shots with some of our industry partners!

LEFT: Health Science strand student, Ad-dy, is exploring the field of medical care during her rotations with Mercy. During her industry partner rotations she will be with the pediatrics, cardiology, and neurosurgery departments.

RIGHT: Conducting site visits, testing soil samples and reviewing land surveys were just a few of the things Ari, Business strand student, accomplished during his rotation with Anderson Engineering. Ari is interested in heavy equipment management and was able to shadow both the surveying and field crews to learn how land development plays a part in construction and design.

BELOW: Jace, Human Services strand student, was able to interact one-on-one with attorneys and learn about the local legal system firsthand during his first rotation with the Joplin Municipal Court system.

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