It is hard to believe that May is just around the corner! MOSO CAPS has had a phenomenal semester, and we have a lot to celebrate as we close out this academic year.

MOSO CAPS would not be successful without our Industry Partners! We currently have over one-hundred industry partners and continue to welcome new industry partnerships. MOSO CAPS Student Associates gain valuable experience and knowledge from our industry experts during the 80+ hours in the field each semester.

MOSO CAPS is currently on track to have 70+ students during the 24-25 academic year! This will be our third year of continued growth and we are excited to meet our new student associates and their parents at Orientation on Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the MSSU Billingsly Student Center Ballroom. Second year student associates will serve as CAPS Ambassadors during orientation and throughout the 24-25 academic year.

Corporate Sponsorships equal Student Success! MOSO CAPS student associates rely on our Corporate Sponsors’ generous donations, which help offset the $60 cost-per-credit-hour of their tuition and other nominal expenses throughout the year. Please let us know if you or your organization are interested in a

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In late-March, over 60 industry partners from the Joplin and Neosho business communities volunteered their time and talents at the 2nd Annual Interviews & Expectations Day, a mock interview event co-hosted by the MOSO CAPS and NEWcaps programs.

Two sessions were held for students, each beginning with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the education, business and healthcare fields. Panelists helped set expectations for students by talking about various aspects of their field’s hiring process then offering advice on how to have a successful interview.

Following the panel discussions students practiced their interview skills by participating in four mock interviews, each with a different volunteer interviewer. Students were able to gather immediate feedback regarding their interviewing skills and resumes.

Overall, more than 300 mock interviews were conducted on the campus of Missouri Southern, impacting a total of 80 CAPS students and future professionals.

Thank you to all those who helped make this event such a success, we couldn’t have done it without you!

To relive the action and hear from two CAPS students who participated in the event, click here and watch the segment that aired on KSN/KODE.
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Sponsorship Opportunity that will have a positive impact on our area’s future young professionals.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the annual Interviews and Expectations event in March! Old man winter forced us to reschedule this January event and we appreciate the flexibility of our industry partners who interviewed approximately 80 MOSO CAPS and Neosho’s NEWcaps student associates during the morning and afternoon sessions. MOSO CAPS students provided a lot of positive feedback and stated that while they were nervous (and some even dreading the day) – they were so happy that they had this opportunity which provided them quality feedback on their resume and interviewing skills.

Applications opened on March 1 and closed on March 31 for the MSSU Science to Jobs (S2J) Summer Academies. There was an overwhelming response and S2J is excited to welcome 150 students to our campus this summer. Debra Schow-Smith and I are the Co-Directors of the academies and Abbie Berryann serves as an Assistant Director. We are collaborating with MSSU faculty and local industry partners to create unique learning opportunities for students currently in grades 5-10. A second middle school two-day session was opened to accommodate the last half of the 120 applicants. This no-cost opportunity would not be possible without the support of our local state legislators. Please check out the S2J website to see what is planned for this summer.

Celebrating the MOSO CAPS Seniors! “Senior Shoutouts” posted on the MOSO CAPS Facebook and Instagram pages this semester are a wonderful way to celebrate their accomplishments. First and second-year senior student associates exude leadership qualities and have acquired critical tools and connections during their time in MOSO CAPS to have a successful future. A celebration will be held on Friday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Cornell Auditorium in Plaster Hall to recognize all of our Student Associates.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors, Industry Partners, District Partners, Parents, and Student Associates for making the 2023-2024 academic year an enormous success!
Where Are They Now?

In late March, MOSO CAPS Student Associates started their final spring internship rotations. Below are a few of the selfie shots they’ve snapped at their Industry Partners during the 2023-24 academic year.

LEFT: Kallie, Human Services strand student associate, explored a career in mortuary science and embalming at Simpson’s Funeral Home, receiving some custom swag as a thank you for her time.

RIGHT: Second year Health Sciences strand student associate, Payton, interned with the MSSU Athletic Training department, shadowing university trainers and learning about the processes and procedures used to keep Missouri Southern athletes in the game.

BELOW: While interning with the marketing team at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, future entrepreneur and Business strand student associate, Austin, had the opportunity to meet and visit with Missouri Governor Parson during the reopening celebration of the Joplin Range Line Road bridge.

BELOW: Hadlee, Health Sciences strand student associate, was eager to start her rotation at Access Family Care to learn more about pediatrics and women’s care as it relates to her future nursing career. Hadlee also experienced rotations in a hospital setting and at a local preschool center.

RIGHT: Technology enthusiast and Business strand student associate, Nathan, took a moment to pose with Robert Stokes and a member of the Stokes Robotics team after attending the Joplin Regional Innovation & Technology Summit. Nathan was an intern at Stokes Robotics, learning how to repair and program robots.

FAR RIGHT: Natalie, Human Services strand student associate, spent time with Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney Theresa Kenney and her staff learning about the criminal justice system and the various tasks associated with preparing and prosecuting cases at the county level.
THANK YOU

The MOSO CAPS program would not be possible without the support of our Industry Partners. These experts in their fields offer guidance to student associates, helping them explore career options relating to each student’s identified profession.

Thank you to our 2023-24 MOSO CAPS Industry Partners!

Academy Animal Hospital  Joplin Irving Elementary School
Access Family Care Pediatrics  Joplin Jefferson Elementary School
Access Family Care Women’s Health  Joplin Municipal Court
American Ramp Company  Joplin NALA Read
Animal Clinic of the 4-States  Joplin North Middle School
Animal Clinic of Diamond  Joplin Police Department
ARC of the Ozarks  Joplin Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Arvest Bank  Joplin Soaring Heights Elementary School
Big Charlie’s Fireworks  Journey Canvas
Carl Junction Early Childhood Center  MAPP Technologies
Carl Junction Intermediate School  Mason Woodard Funeral Home
Carl Junction Primary Center  Mercy Behavioral Health
Carthage Hardware  Mercy Critical Care
Carthage Police Department  Mercy Emergency Department
CD Aviation Services  Mercy Ethics
Central Pet Care  Mercy General Surgery
Champions Feed, Pet & More  Mercy Neurosurgery
City of Joplin, Finance Department  Mercy Orthopedics
City of Joplin, Human Resources  Mercy Pediatrics
City of Joplin, Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services  Mercy Social Work
Coley’s Cookies  Mercy Wound Care
Diamond Elementary School  MSSU Acacia Center
Diamond Middle School  MSSU Athletic Training
Downtown Imaging  MSSU English Department
Ferguson Real Estate/ProX Realty  MSSU Information Technology
Freeman Health Dietician  MSSU Lion Cub Academy
Freeman Health System  MSSU Reptile & Mammal Lab
Freeman NICU  MSSU University Relations & Marketing
Freeman Operating Room  Mutt Medics
Freeman Population Health  Olsson Engineering
Freeman Radiology  OWN Engineering
Freeman Social Work  Parkview Animal Hospital
Freeman Sports Medicine  Pennington Station
Freeman Yellow Pod  SERC Physical Therapy
Fyzical Joplin  Simpson Funeral Home
The Glenn Group  Southwest Missouri Bank
Golden Paws Pet Rescue  Spoke & Wheel
Great American Title Company  Stokes Robotics
Guru Marketing  Trinity Circle Horses Healing Hearts
Hardy, Wrestler & Associates  Uncommon Orthodontics
Jasper County Circuit Clerk’s Office  Unearth Potential
Jasper County Sheriff Department  USDA– MO Dept of Ag Market News
Jasper County Treatment Court  Vision Carthage
Johnson, Vorhees & Martucci  Webb City Dental
Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce  Webb City Middle School
The Joplin Globe  Interested in becoming a MOSO CAPS Industry Partner? Give us a call at 417-625-9623 or email Hull-S@mssu.edu.
Joplin Humane Society

Upcoming Events

Save the date and join us at our next MOSO CAPS event!

Wednesday, April 17
CAPStone Project Pitch
Come see how MOSO CAPS Student Associates are giving back to their communities! The purpose of the CAPStone Project is for Student Associates to showcase their project management skills by designing a service-minded project that positively impacts or supports their school, community or region.

Monday, May 6
MOSO CAPS Student & Parent Orientation
During this mandatory orientation, members of the 2024-25 MOSO CAPS cohort and their parents/guardians will be given an overview of the CAPS program and policies and asked to complete required CAPS paperwork. Students will also meet their Strand Coordinator to share career goals and expectations.

Friday, May 10
End of Year Celebration & Senior Recognition
Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our 2023-24 MOSO CAPS student associates! We will also recognize our MOSO CAPS Seniors and present the 2024 CAPStone Project Pitch awards. Check your inbox for more details arriving soon!