



International Day 2004 Career Week



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Career EXPO 2004

The 26th Annual Career EXPO was made possible through generous contributions by The ASGC Inc., GEICO Direct, UPS and VIEJAS Enterprises and many other supporting Sponsors.

Grossmont's Career Center and Student Job Placement Office welcomed nearly 100 employers to campus for Career EXPO. Employers provided career information and job opportunities for students and community members including approximately 200 local high school students. We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this effort despite the rain.

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STUDENT JOB PLACEMENT

“GEICO DIRECT: Creating a Great Place to Build a Career!”

GEICO DIRECT currently has a high demand for personnel in many career areas within their company. GEICO DIRECT is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway.

They are the largest direct marketer of insurance products and one of only five U.S. insurance companies to sell over 5 million policies.

GEICO DIRECT has been in business for 68 years without a lay off!

Mike Palumbo, Recruiting Supervisor and Orvilyn Ordonez, Regional Recruiter, provided a presentation for Grossmont College students on Dec. 1st regarding their employment opportunities including, Claim Service Representative, Senior Service Counselor, Mentor, Coach, and Trainer or Supervisor. In addition, they provided details about their comprehensive benefits package which included tuition reimbursement for a 4-year degree at \$4,000 dollars per year.

If this employer matches your career path, please come to the Student Job Placement Office for more details.



HOT JOBS

Speech & Language Pathology Asst., FT - \$25/hr. (Job #19665/19330)

Description: Provide therapeutic remediation in speech and language skills to students with special needs, including activities designed to develop pre-language skills, oral-motor control for speech production, vocalization and other assigned duties.

Requirements: Valid CA Driver's License and Certificate of Completion of Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful.

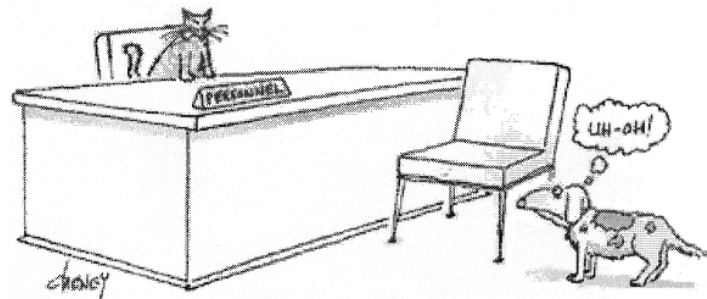
Payroll Clerk,

FT - \$34,000/yr. (Job #18748/19326)

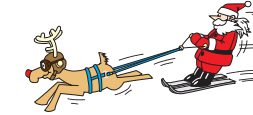
Description: Process 450 checks weekly with detailed information per employee, like job numbers, cost codes etc. Help with maintaining employee files, W4s, INS, EDD responses, garnishments, wage changes, terminations, etc.

Requirements: Typing speed 60 wpm with excellent data entry skills required and knowledge of the above duties.

For more information, stop by the Student Job Placement Office in Room 626!



In the News Local, State, National



Career Voyages Website - Check out the Career Voyages website at www.careervoyages.org This site is a resource collaboration between the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education to provide information on high growth/demand occupations including the education and skills required for those jobs.

Potential Economic Windfall from CA Prop. 71 -

A recent AP article reprinted in The Fresno Bee, stated that California voter's passage of Prop. 71 which allows the state to borrow \$3 billion for research on stem-cell technology may well be a "gold mine in the making for biomedical businesses" in California. It is expected that Prop. 71 funding for Advanced Cell Technology will attract companies to the state with the potential to create jobs & income. (Fresno Bee, November 9, 2004/EDD California Regional Bulletin, November 19, 2004)

Buck Knives Relocating - El Cajon employer "Buck Knives" is relocating to Post Falls, Idaho in mid-December. The company cited the high cost of manufacturing in California as the reason for the move. The company has been in business in San Diego since the '40s and in East County since 1968. (San Diego Business Journal, November 29, 2004.)

Local Unemployment Rate - San Diego County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in October '04. In comparison, the unadjusted California rate was 5.6 percent and 5.1 percent nationally respectively during the same time period. (EDD Press Release, November 2004)

San Diego Telcom Industry - A recent survey conducted by accounting firm Deloitte & Touche reported that 36,831 San Diego County workers are employed in the telecommunications industry, higher than previous estimates. Survey findings concluded that wireless technology is San Diego County's primary telecommunications market. According to the article, the San Diego Association of Governments "ranks the telcom industry as the primary driver of San Diego's economy." The survey was commissioned by the San Diego Telcom Council. (SignOnSanDiego, September 21, 2004)

Minority Women Lead in Business Growth - The Center for Women's Business Research study recently concluded that businesses owned by minority women grew six times faster than other U.S. companies between 1997 and 2004. (California Regional Bulletin, December 3, 2004)

DID YOU KNOW?



Seventy percent of Americans are dissatisfied with their jobs and if they were given an opportunity to change jobs, they would. A lot of job dissatisfaction stems from the fact that people choose careers almost randomly. Few Americans take the time to identify their strengths, interests, values and passions.



Students graduate with an expectation that somewhere, out there, is an employer who will manage their training, their learning, and their career growth. The reality is that more and more people will have to re-invent their careers several times before retirement - maybe put off retirement indefinitely.



Successful career climbers demonstrate particular kinds of understanding. They know that:

1. Work is a "deal," a balance of personal goals with the objectives of the organization.
2. Time invested into understanding and communicating personal, academic and competency strengths is vital.
3. For a promotion or your next career move, think *research before job search*.



Finding a better job depends on three basic questions:

1. What kind of work do I really want to do?
2. What does my employer really need?
3. How can I exploit the overlap, or create one?

*"Success is getting what you want.
Happiness is liking what you get."*

- Anonymous

*All of us here at the Grossmont College Career Center and
Student Job Placement Offices wish you a happy and safe holiday season!*

