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Opportunities!

for University of Idaho Students with Disabilities



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Dear Student,

You are receiving this correspondence from the University of Idaho Disability Support Services (DSS) and the office of Career and Professional Planning (CAPP) in partnership with the DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) program. The purpose is to inform you about many opportunities available to you. We invite you to review these and participate in activities that interest you.

There is information about how to participate in networking opportunities, a career fair and on campus events. On page three, there is information about **Internships**. Page four contains information about **AccessSTEM and AccessComputing**. It also describes **DO-IT** and the **Assistive Technology** available on campus.

DSS invites UI students with disabilities to complete a survey about our programs and services. Input from the survey is helpful in identifying both areas of service that work well for students as well as those that don't, so that we can make necessary changes and provide the best services possible. Please visit our website at <http://www.students.uidaho.edu/taap/> and click on "Evaluations," then choose "DSS Program Evaluation." DSS staff appreciate your participation in the survey as it assists us in the provision of timely and useful accommodations for students we serve.

DSS, CAPP, and DO-IT staff sincerely wish you a successful and enjoyable college experience.

Sincerely,

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Assistive Technology

The University of Idaho has computer labs throughout campus with assistive technology (AT) available for use by students with disabilities. Software that is currently available is JAWS version 5, Kurzweil 1000, WinDVD version 4, Dragon Naturally Speaking version 7, and 1 ViewPlus Tiger Max Braille embosser. Laptops are also available for checkout from the UI Commons building information desk and the UI Library book-checkout counter.

Any student who requires information and/or training on AT may contact Center for Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) for assistance at: <http://www.educ.uidaho.edu/cdhd/>

For information on the location of computer labs with AT on the UI campus equipped, please contact:

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On-Campus Career Events

The following events are open to all students. Consult <http://www.capp.uidaho.edu> for more upcoming events.

Dress for Success!

Commons Whitewater Room
Monday February 27, 2006
5:30-7:00 PM

Mock Interviews

Sign up for interview times on VandalTRAK
CAPP Office
Tuesday February 28, 2006
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Job Search 101

Idaho Commons Ice Spring Room
every Wednesday
12:30-1:30 PM

Combating Sweaty Palms

(Interviewing Strategies)
Idaho Commons Ice Spring Room
Thursday, February 23 and March 9, 2006
4:00-5:00 PM

Internships, Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

The Washington Center Scholarship Program for College Students with Disabilities

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars offers 50 scholarships to college students with disabilities interested in working in the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of the federal government. Applications are available at http://www.twc.edu/disability_about.shtml. Scholarships are available for Spring and Fall semesters only. The deadline for Fall is May 2, 2006. For more information please contact Jennifer Taransky at 202-457-0046 or email: jennynt@twc.edu.

Financial Assistance for Women with Physical Disabilities

The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, Inc., (ELA) provides scholarships to women with physical disabilities who are enrolled in college. Awards are based on merit. Scholarships range from \$500-\$2000 per year. The application deadline is June 1, 2006. For more information, visit <http://www.ela.org/>. Scholarships are awarded in August.

The National Business & Disability Council National Resume Database (NBDC)

The NBDC will enter your resume into their National Resume Database! This is a free service for college students with disabilities who are approaching graduation. To register, visit <http://www.business-disability.com/> and click on "job seekers" and "post resume," or fax resume to 1-877-634-7068.

The Youth to Work Coalition

The Youth to Work Coalition (YWC) was established to assist businesses in creating or enhancing internships and mentoring programs available for youth with disabilities. For more information on the YWC, please contact Joe Timmons at 612-624-5659 or tim0119@umn.edu or visit <http://www.ncset.org/youthtowork/default.html>.

MIUSA's List of Internships with International Exchange Organizations

Mobility International USA, an organization devoted to empowering people with disabilities around the world to achieve their human rights through international exchange and international development, provides a web page which lists over 20 internship opportunities and list serves in international development and exchange. For more information, visit <http://www.miusa.org/ncde>.

Scholarships List at California State University Sacramento (CSUS)

CSUS web resources include a comprehensive list of disability-related Scholarships. The site is at <http://www.csus.edu/sswd/services/scholarshipsdisabilityrelated.htm>.

Entry Point! 2006 (AAAS)

Entry Point! is a program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) offering Outstanding Internship Opportunities for Students with Disabilities in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, and some fields of Business. AAAS has developed unique partnerships with IBM, NASA, Merck, NOAA, Google and university science laboratories to meet their human resource needs. For more information visit <http://ehrweb.aaas.org/entrypoint/>.

Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (COSD)

COSD is a unique consortium composed of large and small universities, national employers and US Government agencies focused on the career employment of college graduates with disabilities. COSD is funded through a grant provided by the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. For more information, visit <http://www.cosdonline.org/index.shtml>.

National Business Leadership Network (BLN)

The purpose of the BLN is to help employers understand the value of hiring and promoting people with disabilities. There is a national organization and a chapter in Washington State. For more information about networking through BLN, visit <http://www.usbln.com/network/wa.html>.

Seeking Students with Disabilities for AccessSTEM and AccessComputing

DO-IT's Northwest Alliance for Access to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (*AccessSTEM*) provides opportunities for students with disabilities in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska to locate internships and other work experiences, participate in career preparation events, develop disability disclosure and accommodation strategies, and network with mentors and business professionals. To access the online application, go to http://www.washington.edu/doit/Stem/team_app.html.



The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington and DO-IT sponsor *the AccessComputing Alliance* for the purpose of increasing the participation of people with disabilities in computing careers nationwide. This *Alliance* provides a nationwide resource to help students with disabilities pursue computing fields and computing educators and employers, professional organizations, and other stakeholders develop more inclusive programs and share effective practices. Read more about *AccessComputing* online at <http://www.washington.edu/accesscomputing/>.

If you are interested in arranging an internship in the fields of science, technology/computing, engineering or math, please contact Tami Tidwell at 206-616-7850 or tamitha@u.washington.edu.

About DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, Technology)

DO-IT serves to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in challenging academic programs and careers. It promotes the use of computing and networking technologies to increase independence, productivity, and participation in education and employment. Based at the UW Seattle campus, DO-IT works with students preparing for college, in addition to those students currently attending a two- or four-year college or university.

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About this Publication

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