

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

Career Center Summary

College of Engineering

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Career Center. Spring Semester has been a busy one for CoE students!

- **100** Employers attended Expo '11 Job & Internship Fair; **56%** were seeking **Engineering Majors**
 - **2,227 students** attended Expo '11 Job & Internship Fair; **46%** were **Engineering Majors**
- **689 students** utilized the Career Center's appointments in Spring Semester; **20%** were **Engineering Majors** and **63%** of those were **Graduate Students**
 - **Yahoo, Novellus, PMC Sierra, and California Hydraulics** conducted Information Sessions Spring Semester to recruit **Engineering Majors**
- **3797 Engineering Majors** are currently registered with the Career Center through SpartaJobs

Highlights from Green Careers in Science & Technology

- To be successful in the Green Industry a science or engineering background is helpful; however, communication skills are critical to explaining and interpreting data and studies to your colleagues or customers.
- Technology is being developed on an ongoing basis; stay flexible and open minded regarding the job functions you are willing to do.
- Problem solving is essential. Demonstrate outcomes on your resume to show your ability to problem solve to an employer.

Employer Tips for Job & Internship Search Success

Resume & Cover Letter

"Your resume is a reflection of your personal brand. Use it to create a connection with the recruiter. Show us who you are through your class projects and activities." -*Technical Recruiter*

"Be certain that your resume is targeted, specific and tailored to the position for which you are applying. It is fine to go beyond a page as long as the information is relevant." -*Technical Recruiter*

Desired Skills

"Leadership, collaboration, and the ability to think outside the box are key skills and qualities we seek in our top candidates." -*Technical Recruiter*

The Phone and On-Site Interviews

"Be prepared! Do your research and know what the company does, what the job is. Prepare questions to ask the employer relevant to the company and the position." - *Technical Employer*

"How well you can express yourself is critical. Pace your answers – it's ok to stop, think and respond or to ask for a moment to consider the question."

-*Technical Employer*

"If you don't know the answer, demonstrate your resourcefulness by talking through how you would find it and resolve the problem." -*Technical Employer*

Signs of an Improving Market for Grads

- **508** Salary Survey Cards were collected at the Engineering Graduation Ceremony in May. **38%** had a position secured, a **15% increase** from May 2010.
- Employer attendance at Expo '11 Job & Internship fair **increased 23%** over last year.
- Employer attendance at the Spring Job & Internship fair **increased 38%** over last year.
- SpartaJob postings are up **59%** over this time last year. There are **over 1800** unique postings in SpartaJobs.

Alumni Services Spotlight

Grads who join the Alumni Association (\$20 for new Grads) receive a Career Center Membership **Free!** Or purchase a Career Center membership for \$25! Membership includes access to:

- **SpartaJobs & Career Center Website**
- **Job Fairs and Employer Information Sessions**
- **Workshops and Panel Discussions**
- http://www.careercenter.sjsu.edu/alumni_comm/alumni_comm.html for more details!

Summer Services:

- **Office Hours by Appointment**
General Career Info: T-W, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.
Choosing/Changing a Major: TH, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Log into SpartaJobs and click "Request an Appointment"
- **Online Resources Available 24/7**
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www.thesjsucareercenter.wordpress.com
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