

Career Services *Your Career Navigation System*

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The Office of Career Services is excited to join The Voice family. We look forward to bringing you relevant and current news and information regarding professional development and hope that you look forward to reading our articles in every edition of The Voice this semester.

In addition to our regular column in The Voice, we will continue using workshops, classroom presentations, emails, and on-campus recruitment initiatives; as well as, our web site, bulletin board, and resource library to help you chart the course to your future. The following are upcoming professional development events that you don't want to miss.

Etiquette Dinners

The manner in which you conduct yourself in a dining setting, whether formal or informal, can say a lot about you. Employers who take

job candidates out to lunch or dinner use this "deal breaker" time to surmise your professional image and how it will impact their company.

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring several etiquette dinners this semester to help you learn what you didn't know and polish up on those things you may have forgotten. Each FREE session will be held according to College or School and will accommodate only 55 students.

Registration is required and you must come dressed in professional attire. If you don't own professional attire, please visit our Clothes Closet, M-F, 9am-4pm.

College of Arts & Sciences ONLY

Jan. 28, 2010, 5-7:00pm, Olivia Chavis Multi-purpose Room, RJSC.

School of Business & Economics ONLY

Feb. 10, 2010, 5-7:00pm,

Olivia Chavis Multi-purpose Room, RJSC.

Student Leaders ONLY

Mar. 16, 2010, 5-7:00pm, Olivia Chavis Multi-purpose Room, RJSC.

Registration

In person: Office of Career Services, SBE Suite 230, phone: 672-1098. Email: mtsmith@uncfsu.edu

CIAA Career Expo

On Feb. 25 we are sponsoring a bus to the CIAA Career Expo in Charlotte.

This is your opportunity to network and get job leads from recruiters representing businesses, graduate schools, law enforcement agencies, and school systems from across the country.

Students desiring to attend the fair will be required to put down a \$5 deposit to hold your seat, which will be refunded when you board the bus. The fair is free and lunch will be provided. You will be responsible for breakfast.

All students attending are required to wear professional attire. The bus will leave FSU at 6am and return around 5pm.

Registration: Office of Career Services, SBE, Suite 230 (\$5 deposit)

Career Expo: 10:00am-2:00pm, Charlotte Convention Center, Ballrooms A-D, Contact person: Mrs. Marquita Smith, 672-1098

Census 2010 Employment

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers in the Fayetteville area for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay and flexible hours. A representative from the U.S. Census will be on campus recruiting for the following positions: Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants and Census Clerks.

Recruiting sessions are scheduled for Jan. 21 and Jan. 27 at 5:00pm in the Shaw Auditorium. These sessions are for FSU students only and your Bronco ID is required for admittance. You must register for one of the sessions in the Office of Career Services; walk-ins will not be granted admittance.

New Staff Member

We would like to welcome Ms. Devin Sturdavant as a new Career Counselor in our office. Ms. Sturdavant comes to the University from East Carolina University and will serve as the Career Counselor for freshman and sophomore students. To contact Ms. Sturdavant, call 672-1100 or email her at: dsturda1@uncfsu.edu.

In addition to their other roles, Mrs. Daisy Osborn (dosbron@uncfsu.edu or 672-1647) is now the Career

Love Conquers All

By: Francine Dunbar

The United States has been taken by storm with new cases of Autism. Children all over the nation have been diagnosed with the brain development disorder that is characterized by impaired social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behavior. Violet Brown, a junior Special Education major, noticed these distinct signs in her son before his second birthday. After her son, Ian, received his 18 month old set of vaccinations, Brown noticed there was a significant change in Ian's behavior. "His skills digressed so much because he stopped talking and saying the few words he already knew how to say. He cried a lot, had no eye contact, often injured his self, and he was just plain frustrated."

The personal diagnosis was unofficial at first, but medically reaffirmed by a Pediatric Specialist at a center for child development. Ian's development at age three was that of a six month old infant. Professionals referred medications for Brown to give her son, in addition to names of group homes if she was no longer able to care for him. Brown denied the medications and never considered a group home. "Where I come from, we do not give our children away. I knew my child needed me because we had a mutual understanding that no other person has him." Instead, Violet turned to her

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religion. She fasted and prayed for her son and relied on her family as a secondary support system. Ian was enrolled in early education programs that were centered specifically to Autistic children.

Ian is now 11 years old. He is communicating freely and developing into a young man. He knows how to read on a third grade level, has basic mathematic skills and is familiar with his address and telephone number. What he lacks in other skills, he makes up for in his interest for architecture. Ian aspires to be an engineer because he enjoys making buildings out of cardboard boxes and

is fascinated by trains.

Brown says her personal experience inspired her to further her education to become a special education teacher and help others who have children with mental illnesses. Brown has great advice for a mother who has just been told her child has been diagnosed with Autism. "Take to the Lord in prayer," exclaimed Brown, "and if the woman is not religious, then take it to her maker." She also recommends doing research on the specific condition by reading books, magazines, and online articles. Brown stressed that it is not the fault of the mother and to never give up. Most importantly, Brown says "love that child with all the strength possible, because it conquers all."