

STL Graduates Brown Bag Lunch April 24, 2020

Summer Internships and Job Programs

Jerica Robinson – STL Youth Jobs

- Youth Employment program – 16-24 year olds - Summer work experience
- Must live in specific areas of St. Louis City or North St. Louis County
- Jobs pay \$10 an hour
- Job readiness, financial literacy, job coach – mock interviews, resumes, goal setting, etc.
- Intending to have a program – will look different
- Three scenarios
- Work experience as planned - start working in June – go to a worksite – **not going to happen**
- Delayed start date – won't start until later in the summer – intake and training is virtual, go to an actual job later in the summer
- 100% virtual – intake, training, and actual job are all virtual
- #1 priority - How do we keep young people safe?
- Do we have the technology for young people to have the experience? Have some grant money to purchase technology.
- Serve many SLPS students – district has given out devices – can students use them through the summer?
- Actively recruiting young people and employers – first come, first served

Danielle Anderson – St. Louis Internship Program

- SLIP was in the middle of their training component of program when stay at home started – had already had 4 training sessions
- Current students and graduating seniors – provided resources, SLIP assistance program (counseling)
- Training is continuing – 91% of students are still participating – don't want it to be an added stress (students have enough going on!)
- Virtual Training – professional marketing messages, mix of workshops and one on one
- Usually an 8 week paid internship – considering a 6 week virtual internship - \$10/hour
- Looking and connecting to a variety of programs and resource for students – what are alternatives to a work experience that would still be beneficial for students?
- Career clusters
- Virtual career symposium
- Recruit in the fall of each year – open to any student in any district – Applications will be available October 2020

Higher Ed Emergency Grants – CARES Act Updates

- Half of CARES Act funding has to go to students in emergency aid
- Undocumented and DACA students are NOT eligible
- Funding must be used over the course of this year – current students and fall students

Alan Byrd – UMSL

- 3 sources of emergency grants already in place
 - **UMSL Student Financial Aid** - \$100k a year to emergency scholarships – students who owe \$1,000 or less – needs to talk to financial aid office – no specific application, just work with the financial aid coordinator to identify the need
 - **Each College has an unrestricted emergency fund** – awarded through the academic advising office – talk to the academic advisor – the advisor makes the referral – can be used for books, school supplies, etc. – must have a major declared – have to apply through advising office – each college has their own process and amount of money
 - **Triton Emergency Fund** – Student Social Work Services Funds - cannot be applied to tuition – emergency loan option, but can also receive funding from the Triton fund - \$500 – CARES team makes the decisions on students – may ask for documentation
- CARES Grant application will go live next week (Monday or Tuesday) will be emailed to students – up to \$2,000 per student who meet Title IV requirements – to cover disruption costs due to COVID-19 – payments to students in 3-5 days
- UMSL receiving \$2.9 million in HEERF funds – expect to disburse it to students in the next couple weeks. Not expected to have funds remaining for the fall.

Lenell Hahn – SEMO

- CARES funding awarding process not finalized yet but here is where it stands
 - Developing a communication plan – students will be emailed, president message, specific website, messages to academic advisors so the campus community is aware of the process
 - Grants will be paid directly to students – not count or show as financial aid
 - Mix of need and first come, first served
 - Want awards out as quickly as possible
 - Primary communication via email
- Planning to do wellness calls to students
- Technology not provided to all students – emergency funding can be used to purchase a computer
- Immigrant and undocumented students – eligible for the current university emergency funding, just not CARES Act funding
- Still working through the federal guidance on the CARES ACT policies
- If a parent has lost a job, students could potentially update their FAFSA - can use personal judgment/special circumstances – contact financial aid office

Douglas Swink – UMKC

- Existing student emergency fund includes funding from student government association via unused activity fees. Online application. Amounts up to \$2,000, sometimes documentation is required – trying to keep it easy.
- Short term emergency loan fund as well to help with payments/expenses
- CARES ACT - \$3.5 million – half will be used now, half for the rest of the year – don't have specific amount for student awards yet. The application will have about 3 questions.

- Marketing and messaging to students – updating emergency application to cover the key CARES Act questions
- #rooready Phonathon – outreach from faculty/staff to students
- Triaging technology and internet needs – especially in remote locations

Rob Moore – Missouri State

- Shout to MSLF for Director’s Choice Grant – very helpful to students
- Multiple emergency funds available
- Emergency Scholarship fund – through Foundation
- Degree completion – for students nearing end of degree program
- [Unified application](#) – MSU COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Application – apply in one place, and then MSU determines how to award and from what funds – PDF or on the student platform
- Distributed to students as needed
- Soft cap at \$2,000 – need approval for higher amounts
- Internet hotspots – ask on the application if students have working internet. If not, working with Verizon to expedite hotspots to students – sent out 30+ so far, recently received 100+ requests , need to return it in 6 months, no cost to students
- CARES ACT – still working on a plan – phased approach – initial disbursements – no application, then will have application for additional funds
- Up to \$1,000 for students who apply for funds, then can access funding from the Foundation
- Evolving their plan with continued guidance
- New Fall students – communication campaign about professional judgement and family financial changes

Sally Mullen - SIUE

- Existing one-time emergency grant program – usually around \$300
- Emergency fund in financial aid office – only for tuition and fees – award up to \$3,000, one time only, must have exhausted all other types of aid
- Foundation raised COVID-19 fund – students applying at a higher rate than donors are donating
- Working on CARES act fund plan
- CARES Act funds – expect to focus awards on students with the most financial need
- Most likely will be some type of form or application to complete

Shani Lenore-Jenkins – Maryville

- Already had Special circumstances forms for professional judgment
- CARES Act – emailing students and a website to communicate process
- No application process for students – developing a rubric for students based on financial need
- 75% going to Pell eligible students, 25% to non-pell eligible (taking into consideration that some family financial situations have changed)
- Funds directly to students
- Funding up to \$6,000 – based on situation (current and incoming students)
- Incoming students – supplemental grant funding already available – students can still request through their admission counselor

- CARES funding for incoming students as well
- All students receive iPads. Shipping iPads directly to incoming students' homes

Drew Griffin – UCM

- In This Together Emergency fund – 30 students already awarded
- Airport received \$30k in funding from CARES ACT – for airport and aviation students
- CARES Act - \$3.5M directly to students – have not received money yet
- Working on their plan, here is where it stands.
 - Emailing students with details
 - \$300 to all students who qualify for Title IV funding, full or part-time.
 - Application process for special circumstances – up to \$6,000 to offset other costs
- COVID-19 response page
- Chrome books and hot spots available by request – provided 35 so far.
- Food pantry has been very busy – 80-90 students a week
- Wellness calls from student advising center
- Planning to open in August
- Mid-late July on campus orientation – back up online plan if needed

Cari Wickliffe – SLU

- Several emergency funds from institution
- CARES Act – 3 parts (being finalized)
 - Part 1 - Some automatic awards based on EFC. Threshold being calculated.
 - Part 2 - Short application - 10 questions to access all emergency funds. Will determine which fund is most appropriate for the student.
 - Part 3 – Funding set aside for special considerations – particularly summer
- All online in the summer
- Admitted student days online
- Special circumstances forms for new students
- Communicating through email – presidents office sending out communications
- Emergency webpage
- International and DACA students – fill out the form and they will find a fund that can support
- Hoping to start awarding before May 1 – so students can pay May rent if needed

Colleges also shared that they are working on virtual tour offerings – many have video tour on websites already, working on live streaming tours too. Check the admissions site at each college for more information.

Scholarship Updates

Scholarship Central

- Scholarship Central is only 300 applications away from the total number of student users last cycle – with months left in this application period. Thank you counselors and advisors for spreading the word!
- Students may be feeling impatient waiting for scholarships – many extended deadlines, and some scholarships are having to change their interview/selection process
- Encourage students to keep checking their email and Scholarship Central for the latest updates.
- Most colleges are being flexible or have extended commitment deadlines. Could give students more time to wait to hear about a scholarship before making their decision.
- There are 20 Scholarship Central deadlines before May 1 – make sure students are applying! Variety of criteria on these scholarships – some specific but many that are very open. Nearly any student could find a scholarship to apply for.
- SLPS Foundation scholarships are due April 30 – students can apply to multiple scholarships with one application.
- Scholarships for students from specific racial/ethnic backgrounds – multiple opportunities for African American students, one for Asian students (OCA – deadline April 30) and 4 opportunities for Hispanic students that are due in June
- Kaitlyn is happy to run a report based on either high school or college access program (must be listed on general application). Can show your student's general application and specific scholarship status.
- You can also email Kaitlyn if you want to receive periodic updates about Scholarship Central. kventa@myscholarshipcentral.org

Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation

- All programs continuing as planned – deadlines in June
- All Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation opportunities are for Missouri students at Missouri schools
- Access Extra – awarding daily – 27 on ACT, EFC <\$12,000
- MOFELP – interest free/fee free loan - fill the gap after students have received other aid– initiated by the financial aid office – students can ask their financial aid advisor about it
- Director's Choice Emergency Grant – student is referred by the financial aid director – special circumstances, technology, etc. - over \$120k disbursed since the pandemic started
- Working to process applications daily to get money to students quickly

St. Louis Community Foundation

- Community Foundation usually notifies students at the end of May – on track for 80% of scholarships to notify students in that time frame
- Will be notifying through Scholarship Central
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL!! Students need to follow up to stay eligible
- Graybar Construction Trades Scholarship – national – associates, apprenticeship, certificate \$1k, renewable - May 15 Deadline
- Fresh Start – GED/HiSET/Excel Center – going on to an associate's degree – June 1

Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

- Deadlines extended to May 15 – reviewing as students submit if they are missing anything
- Hoping to communicate with students about awards by the end of June

Next week – supporting seniors – STLCC and UMSL will present. [Register here.](#)

CHAT NOTES

12:03:11 From Monica Nickolai : Ok

12:03:12 From Blair Dammerman : Exhausted

12:03:15 From kaitlynventa : Happy it is Friday!

12:03:15 From Kacheena Lucas : Meh

12:03:16 From Cari Wickliffe : Overwhelmed

12:03:16 From Kayleigh Rogers : Good

12:03:18 From Brian Kruger : Fortunate

12:03:18 From K Byrd : Great!

12:03:18 From Julie Kampschroeder : Blessed to have St Louis Graduates

12:03:19 From Stacey Nielsen : Getting through

12:03:19 From JuMah : Well

12:03:20 From Connie Litzsinger : Better than last week!

12:03:20 From Victoria Reeves : overwhelmed

12:03:20 From Jrobinson : Good

12:03:20 From Ryane Boyd : Tired

12:03:21 From Alan : Good

12:03:21 From Beth Neighbors : Concerned

12:03:21 From kaitlynventa : Amazed we have made it 6 weeks at home

12:03:23 From Sally Mullen : I'm feeling great!

12:03:23 From Brandi Higgins : blessed

12:03:24 From Simone Britto : Better

12:03:25 From Amanda Samuels : emotional, educated, and hopeful

12:03:25 From Danielle Anderson : Pretty good

12:03:26 From Douglas Swink : Glad it's Friday and glad to see good people

12:03:26 From Shani Lenore-Jenkins : Exhausted but blessed

12:03:27 From Derrick Small Jr. : Tired, but happy it's Friday!

12:03:27 From Desiree : Good

12:03:27 From Keri Gilbert : Excited for the weekend!

12:03:28 From Mary Giunta : loving the weather!

12:03:28 From RobertS : Good

12:03:29 From Shanise Johnson : Grateful

12:03:29 From Mikyla Murphy : hreat!

12:03:29 From Monica Fleisher : Optimistic!

12:03:31 From KarlaBriggs : Like it's groundhog's day

12:03:31 From TRUCK : We have found our groove so much better now. Happy Friday!

12:03:31 From Linh Mach : So done! But glad to be here :)

12:03:32 From Melissa Findley : tired but good

12:03:33 From Ebony Stiles : Busy

12:03:35 From ellen : Happy it is Friday!

12:03:35 From Margaret Brockmeyer : Thankful!

12:03:37 From cegan : Good

12:03:43 From Jennifer Irvin,MHSA, CCHW-BJC HealthCare : Happy to be connecting and in good health

12:03:48 From ablack6890 : Feeling fine; enjoying the sunshine!

12:03:58 From LHill : Blessed

12:04:10 From Kate Kindbom : Blessed as well!

12:06:13 From Alan : Hi Jericka!

12:06:25 From Ashley June Moore : <http://stlyouthjobs.org/>

12:07:09 From Keri Gilbert : Thanks Ashley!

12:12:41 From Ashley June Moore : <http://stlouisinternship.org/>

12:21:13 From kaitlynventa : Alan - what if a student has not declared a major? Can they still access the scholarships through the colleges?

12:22:25 From Andrew Smith : What documentation is needed for students to apply for emergency aid?

12:23:28 From Keri Gilbert : Are there any exceptions to your CARES/HEERF fund amount of \$2,000? If a student can provide expenses in excess of \$2,000, are you meeting that amount?

12:24:30 From Keri Gilbert : *documentation of expenses

12:34:34 From Amanda Samuels : Doug- did you say the 2000 is a loan for the student emergency fund? or is it a grant?

12:38:49 From Amanda Samuels : can you say that again. attach that website

12:40:22 From Rob Moore : <https://www.missouristate.edu/assets/financialaid/COVID-19-Emergency-Assistance-Application.pdf>

12:44:49 From Amanda Samuels : right now many that weren't needy may be needy now due to family job loss- how will you handle that?

12:49:42 From LHill to Ashley June Moore(Privately) : Would any of the colleges and universities be able to provide virtual group tours that can be arranged and guided by an "live" student or ambassador?

12:49:49 From JuMah : What are the other institutions doing for incoming students?

12:50:04 From Douglas Swink : Yes - for UMKC

12:50:24 From Douglas Swink : We are moving to an online Orientation and working to provide virtual tours

12:50:55 From Alan : Yes for UMSL. We are working on an interactive virtual tour right now.

12:51:02 From Todd Burrell : From SIUE we would work with any group request. contact Kelley Brooks at kbrooks@siue.edu

12:51:14 From Douglas Swink : Here is our new page:
<https://www.umkc.edu/admissions/visit/index.html>

12:54:23 From Lenell Hahn : <https://www.semo.edu/visit> has a video walking tour and <https://www.semo.edu/map> has an interactive map with 360 degree photos.

12:55:53 From Shani Lenore-Jenkins : maryville.edu/visit

12:56:27 From Drew Griffin : ucmo.edu/visit

12:56:48 From Douglas Swink : UMKC is planning to hold online classes.... faculty are planning to be online ready in the event we would need to shelter in place again in the fall

12:57:00 From Douglas Swink : Sorry - UMKC is planning to hold classes in person in the Fall

12:57:14 From RobertS : Will you provide alternative resources for DACA/Undocumented/International student since they will not be able to receive the \$300 support? - UCM

12:58:25 From Drew Griffin : Yes, we have specific aid to assist international students through our International Student Services. Unfortunately, we do not provide much assistance for DACA students.

13:00:39 From kaitlynventa : Thank you colleges! So inspiring to hear everything you are doing for students!!

13:01:34 From Ashley June Moore : <https://myscholarshipcentral.org/covid-19-update/>

13:04:32 From Douglas Swink : Hi everyone, I am sorry I need to hop off and address another issue. I was really great meeting everyone today and let me know if you have additional questions from UMKC.
Doug Swink

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13:05:01 From kaitlynventa : kventa@myscholarshipcentral.org

13:05:15 From Ashley June Moore : <http://www.moslf.org/programs.html>

13:05:44 From Emily Mess : Hi Kaitlyn~I would love to be added to your email list. I am the Supports for Success Program Manager at Sherwood Forest. We met briefly, and talked about Aliyah Walls :)

13:05:54 From Emily Mess : emilym@sherwoodforeststl.org

13:06:39 From kaitlynventa : Taylor has already awarded hundreds of students!! Go Taylor!

13:09:19 From GBC : Is the Director Choice Award available for High School Seniors?

13:10:33 From Melissa Findley : Director's Choice - student needs to be enrolled at a higher ed institution in MO

13:10:40 From Mrs. Cindy Burreson : Thank you to everyone. I have another meeting! Stay well!

13:11:13 From Ashley June Moore :
<https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/3126> - Graybar Scholarship

13:13:34 From kaitlynventa : inspired

13:13:34 From Stacey Nielsen : Lot's of great info. Thanks!

13:13:35 From Kimberly Merrill : Great Call!!

13:13:36 From Becky Ford Haffner : Armed with good knowledge

13:13:36 From GBC : Renewed

13:13:37 From Ryane Boyd : Optimistic

13:13:37 From Amber Mitchell : I feel better!

13:13:38 From Brandi Higgins : informed

13:13:39 From Amanda Samuels : happy for our students that there are so many resources out there to help them

13:13:42 From Maggie Brockmeyer : Thanks all of the presenters!!

13:13:43 From Veronica Clay : Great

13:13:44 From ablack6890 : Feeling more informed; thank you!

13:13:45 From LHill : Futuristic

13:13:46 From MacKenzie Gleason : informed

13:13:46 From Cari Wickliffe : more relaxed

13:13:47 From Drew Griffin : It is great to see everyone! I feel better hearing/seeing everyone. Stay safe and healthy!

13:13:49 From Simone Britto : Informed!

13:13:51 From Melissa Findley : great!

13:13:52 From Ellen Vietor : <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/3434>
Fresh start Scholarship for students who have GED, HISet or graduated from Excel Center.

13:13:52 From RobertS : <3

13:13:53 From KarlaBriggs : Great resources

13:13:53 From Emily Mess : thank you all for sharing!

13:13:54 From Sally Mullen : It was nice to hear from everyone. I'm still feeling great.

13:13:55 From Kacheena Lucas : Good and well informed.

13:14:05 From natalygarzon : Impressed with everyone! Thank you for everything that you are doing to support students.

13:14:09 From Tanisha Joyce : This was really helpful!

13:14:17 From Jennifer Irvin, MHS, CCHW-BJC HealthCare : Feeling much better! Thanks for all that each of you are doing for the students!

13:14:22 From Karissa Anderson : Thanks, Laura!