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.
  o Emailing students with details
  o $300 to all students who qualify for Title IV funding, full or part-time.
  o 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)
  o Part 1 - Some automatic awards based on EFC. Threshold being calculated.
  o Part 2 - Short application - 10 questions to access all emergency funds. Will determine which fund is most appropriate for the student.
  o 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: Exhusted
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  abrack6890 : 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  kaitlylynventa : Alan - what if a student has not declared a major? Can they still access the scholarships through the colleges?
From Andrew Smith: What documentation is needed for students to apply for emergency aid?

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?

From Keri Gilbert: *documentation of expenses

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

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


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

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?

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

From Douglas Swink: Yes - for UMKC

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

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

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

From Douglas Swink: Here is our new page: https://www.umkc.edu/admissions/visit/index.html

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.

From Shani Lenore-Jenkins: maryville.edu/visit

From Drew Griffin: ucmo.edu/visit

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

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

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


13:13:34 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  abblack6890 : Feeling more informed; thank you!
13:13:45  From  LHill : Futuristic
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.
13:14:05  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, MHSA, 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!