To toastmasters SC state

On Thursday April 9, 2009, students, faculty, staff, advisors, and representatives from Toastmasters met, to officially establish a Toastmasters Club here at SC State. Darrah Weston, President officially received the gavel from Mr. Fred Broughton, District Representative. The following is a list of club officers: Club President: Darrah Weston Vice President Education: Gisela Kloess Vice President Membership: Thomas Burton Vice President Public Relations: Zachary Middleton Club Secretary: Maygen Blake, Club Treasurer: Linnie Garrett Sergeant at Arms: Alexia Watkins Parliamentarian: Jeff Roberts Advisors: Dr. Ann Winstead, Dr. Marion Sillah and Mr. Joseph B. Thomas, Jr.
Bi-Lo Interviews

On Thursday April 23, 2009, representatives from the Bi-Lo Corporation interviewed Jenae Jackson (Business), Antwain Toombe (Marketing), Yana Lytkina (Marketing), Diamond David (Accounting), Brandon Dixon (Business), Brandon Collins (Marketing), Marvis President (Agri-Bus), Walter James (Bus-Econ), Irran Duncan (Accounting) and Tyrell McPherson (Bus-Econ) for six co-op, and two internship positions. The management training for co-op and internship will take place at the Corporate Headquarters and various locations throughout Bi-Lo.


School District(s) Placement

The following students received job offers or contracts with School Districts:

Amy Cobb—Early Childhood Education: Contract- Allendale School District
Jessica Johnson—Elementary Education: Contract-Clarendon II School District
Enchante Lawson—Mathematics Education several offers, "Lancaster, Rock Hill, Spartanburg School District #5, have not decided
Jennifer Smith—Business Education: Contract-Bethune Bowman High School
Robert L. Grant—History/Social Studies Education: Contract-Spartanburg Schl. Dist. #5
Brittani Hampton—Early Childhood Education: Job offer Williamsburg County School
Shontay N. Snider—Family Consumer Science/Child Development: Palmetto Medical Center, Columbia, SC.

Mrs. Rudine Williams, Career Counselor for the College of Education Arts & Humanities.
Information Session
SC State Student Athletes

On Wednesday April 22, 2009, Joseph B. Thomas, Jr Interim Director Career Center presented to student athletes on the services of the Career Center. Students were also informed on internships and co-op opportunities.

Job Referrals (internship-co-op)

**SC DOT**
Jamar Gause – CET
Charles Zeigler – IET

**SPAWAR**
Michael Turner - CS
Jared Murph – CS
Thomas O’Neal – CS

**School to Work Transitional Program (SC DOT)**
Markenson Jean – CET
Anthony Reed – CET

**GEICO- FINAL INTERVIEW**
(4/24/2009)
Larry Bowden- Management

**Enterprise**
Malcolm Brown- Marketing
On Thursday April 16, 2009, SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic conducted an Information session on career opportunities within their company. SPAWAR is a Department of Navy organization that employs 2,892 civilians, 10,000 industry partners, and 129 military personnel. Twenty two students from the College of Engineering, Math & Science participated in the information session. Students were invited to SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic in Charleston SC. Ms. Sherry Mack, Counselor coordinated the event.
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Geico Achievement Award

On Friday April 17, 2009, Deborah Lipsey of Geico presented Kristen Pratt, Sophomore Business with a Geico Achievement Award of $1,000. The award was based of civic leadership, community service, character references and GPA. Kristen was recommended by Ms. Kristal Hutchinson, Counselor Career Center. Deborah Lipsey is also member of the Business & Industry Cluster.

Internship
Palmetto Academy- Quinnell Ross, Junior-MET

Scholarships
Eisenhower Transportation Scholarship- Mustafa Salaam – MET, Easton Rhodes – CET, Constance Leak- Crim Just

Referrals


In conjunction with the Campus Activities Board the Career Center participated in the Bulldog Fest- Internship Explosion Event. Representatives from Booz-Allen-Hamilton, Superior Honda, South Carolina Federal Credit, Waffle House, US Army, USDA, and the Columbia Police Department were in attendance to offer students internship/co-op opportunities along with the staff of the Career Center. The event was coordinated by Ms. Kristal Hutchinson (Career Center), Mr. Marvis President (Campus Activities Board) and Joseph Thomas.
Class Visits

SC Department of Transportation

On Thursday April 9, 2009, Ms. Donna Price, and Mr. Brandyburg of the SC Department of Transportation presented to various classes in Engineering on Internships, Co-op and Permanent job opportunities with the agency. The class visits was coordinated by Ms. Sherry Mack-Michael.

CLASSROOM VISITATIONS SCHEDULE

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Internships-Co-Ops

Bi-Lo

Three students from SC State participated in the Bi-Lo Internship Program during the summer of 2008. Because of their success, Bi-Lo has extended the program to 6 Co-Ops, and 2 Interns. The following students submitted resumes for the summer ‘09 internship/co-op program.

**CO-OP:** YANA LYTKINA, TYRELL MCPHERSON, MARVIS PRESIDENT, CHE AMOROSO, DIAMOND DAVID, ANTWAIN TOOMBS, BRANDON DIXON, BRANDON COLLINS, KELLIMA THOMPSON, IRRAN J. DUNCAN

**INTERNSHIP:** JENAE JACKSON, BRANDON COLLINS
The Career Center hosted its Annual Educators’ Day Recruitment Fair on Thursday, April 2, 2009. The theme for this year’s annual event was “Education for Life.” The event was held in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. School Districts from South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland and Tennessee was in attendance. Students was able to network and interview on the spot with School District representatives. This year’s event was advertised, covered, and announced by WSSB, WIS-TV 10, WLTX-TV-19, and The Times & Democrat. Joseph B. Thomas, Jr. Interim Director, Rudine Williams Coordinator of Event.
Internship/Job offers

Samuel Whaley, Senior- (Computer Science) ---------Duke Energy
Kristen Pratt, Sophomore-(Management) --------------Automatic Data Processing (ADP)

Job Referrals

Data System Technology- Jared Murph (Computer Science) Jermaine Williams (Mechanical Engineering) Michael Turner (Computer Science)

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration- Templeton Tisdale (Biology) Adonya Rose (Biology)

Savannah River Site - Brian Hare (Mech- Engineering) Terrance Williams (Industrial Engineering) Michael Turner (Computer Science) Derrick Hare (Computer Science) Angela Whetstone (Mech-Engineering)

Westinghouse-Willeyce Davis (Mech –Engineering) Sherwood Smith (Mech-Engineering) Jalapa Patel (Mech-Engineering)

Travel Channel- Brittney Cokley (Digital Media)

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Education- Mustafa Salaam (Mech-Engineering) Jared Murph (Computer Science)

Bowling Green State University – Robert Grant (History) Stacy Jackson (Psychology)

Presentation

On Thursday April 2, 2009, Mr. Abraham Hutchinson, Sophomore Political Science, presented his research paper on Skill Training for Inmates and Internship Experience to the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Representatives.

Class Visits

On Wednesday April 1, 2009, Ms. Sheri Kelly of Automatic Data Processing, (ADP) and Ms. Kristal Hutchinson, Career Center, presented to Business Students in Ms. Black 9:00AM and 10:00AM classes. The topics: Interviewing, Resume Preparation, Career Center.

Staff Development Training

Sherry Mack-Michael- Internet Native Banner Training
Class Visits

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

South Carolina Federal Credit Union representatives Corey Pace, Sharon Ellington and Nicole Miller attended South Carolina State University on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Representatives presented to Dr. Spann's Business classes on interviewing tips, resume writing, dress attire, internship and co-op positions. The presenters did a wonderful job with their presentations. Students participated in mock interviews and other activities. Prizes were given to students who asked and answered questions pertaining to different situations. There were a total of 45 students in the 9:30 class and 31 students in the 11:00 class. Kristal Hutchinson Career Counselor coordinated the class visits.
On Tuesday March 24, 2009, Mr. Barrett Tolbert, Interim Director of Contracts with the Charleston County Procurement Office presented to 25 students in Mr. Joseph Thomas Guidance-210 class on Professional Etiquette. Topics included: Professional Communication, Appearance, Networking, Training & Development and Career Management. Students were able to interact and ask detailed questions pertaining to the changes & challenges of today’s job market.
Seminars

Joseph Thomas attended the **Personal Pathways to success Connect 2 Business Seminar Presentation**, hosted by Joni McDaniel, Coordinator of the Lower Savannah Regional Education Center, at OC Tech. The main focus of the seminar presentation was to introduce Business and Counselors in the Middle and High School level to the online system that Kuder Corporation developed for the SC Department of Education. This is part of the Education Improvement Act for Public Schools, which we participated in with John Ford Middle School (job shadowing), and Rivelon Elementary School (career day). The system is designed to assist Career Specialist and Counselors with the Career Planning of students from assessments to careers in public and private schools. The Kuder system, Pathways to success Connect 2 Business is still in its infancy stages, and would need to be develop more to meet the needs of college students, and adults. However, there are some programs that could be used. There were a total of 10 participants. No Businesses or Industries were present at the meeting.

Internships

Below is a list of students who are interested in an **Internship for the summer & fall 09**. Please note that counselors are continuously following up with students to meet application deadlines.

**White House Internship** (summer-fall)
Ashley C. Hughes- Professional English
Lakita Williams- Criminal Justice
Robert Gill- Criminal Justice
Sherita Small- Criminal Justice
Shannon Tedder- Social Work
Thomas Oneal – Computer Science
Michael Turner – Computer Science
Brittany Green – Computer Science
Quinell Ross – Mechanical Engineering
Linwood Jones – Civil Engineering
Raquel Drayton – Industrial Engineering
Kisien Reeder- Business
Preston Clinkscales- Business

**Hilton Hotels Intern**
Jenae Jackson- Pending

**South Carolina Community Bank**
Kisien Reeder – Pending
Tiffany Pearson- Pending

**Verizon Wireless**
Ashley Dublin- Preparing for 3rd and final interview for permanent position.

**United States Senate Sergeant of Arms Internship**- Washington, DC-
Raynette Gregory

**ADP Student Interns; summer 2009**
Lashan McMillian – Business
Kirsten Pratt – Business
Britney Green-Computer Science
Brittany Burgess-Computer Science

**USDA**- Raynette Gregory- Applied for Internship
Community Outreach

Rivelon Elementary School Career Day

On Tuesday March 23, Sherry Mack Michael, Career Counselor, participated in Rivelon Elementary School Career Day. The purpose of this event was to bring awareness to students of various career opportunities. Over Two hundred students participated in this event. The students were very excited to learn about various professions. The display theme was: “You can be…..whatever you like”
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- 3/09/09- Dr. Varnum Sports Communication class- Conducted seminar on resume writing, center services and internship opportunities - 31 students/ Ms. Sherry Mack-Michael presenter.

- 3/9/09- Ms. Beverly Jamison Professional English class- Conducted seminar on resume writing, center services and internship opportunities - 23 students/ Ms. Rudine Williams presenter

- 3/10/09- Detroit University Mercer School of Law on campus visit Barbra Stock well-Rudine Williams Coordinator

- 3/11-12/2009- Administered the Holland Self-Directed Search test to students to explore career occupations

- 3/23/09 Rivelon Elementary School Career Day Presenter- Ms. Sherry Mack-Michael

- Two students interviewed for internships on 3-6-09 with South Carolina Community Bank.

- RBC Bank in Charleston, SC is considering Two Business students for an internship positions.

- Two students that have been confirmed for the final interview for the ADP Internship Program.

- Ashley Dublin (Business) is in her 3rd and final interview with Verizon Wireless for a full-time position.

- Disseminated Internship information to Residence Life & Housing

- Created a Career Center Brochure for students, and stakeholders (Ms. Darby)

- In the process of developing a Career Center newsletter for students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

- 3/14/09 Black Expo participant Charleston SC- Ms. Kristal Hutchinson, Counselor

- 4/2/09- Educators’ Day Teacher Job Fair participants to date is 35
Mr. Clyde Jones and Sheri Kelly of Automatic Data Processing conducted an information session on Tuesday February 24, 2009 about career opportunities with ADP. Over 20 students interviewed on Wednesday February 25, 2009 for internships and permanent positions. Kristal Hutchinson (Career Counselor) coordinator of the information session
Over 40 Students and Educators from John Ford Middle School in St. Matthews SC visited our campus on Thursday February 26, 2009 to learn about careers within Student Affairs, WSSB Radio, and UCITS. Ada Hannon (Career Specialist John Ford Middle School) and Joseph B. Thomas, Jr. (Interim-Director Career Center) thought it would be a good idea to expose students to different careers in Higher Education. Rudine Williams (Career Counselor), Krystal Hutchinson(Career Counselor), Sherry Mack(Career Counselor), Howette Davis (Admissions), Abiola Wilson(Admissions), Michelle Lucas(Admissions), Mr. Mack (Admissions) and Latron Davis (Student Mech-Engineering), escorted students to various offices around campus. Major Michael Bartley informed students on safety and security around campus. Students had an opportunity to interact with faculty and staff in-reference to their profession, duties, and qualification. Students were also entertained with a brief step show by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
Students had an opportunity to eat in the famous Washington Dining Hall.

Students and Teachers gathered in front Washington Dinning Hall prior to departure.
Career Center
Job Shadowing/John Ford Middle School

Site visits
1. Career Center
2. WSSB
3. Financial Aid
4. UCITS
5. Brooks Health Center
6. Counseling & Self Development Center
7. Student Life & Leadership
8. Intramural Sports
9. Housing
10. Washington Dining Hall

It is with great remuneration to enlighten “John Ford Middle School Students” into the world of higher learning.” By Rudine Williams

“It’s a privilege to expose future generation to professions in higher education. We hope that one day these young and talented students may become future Bulldogs.” By Sherry Mack-Michael

Other Activities
• Meeting Gateway Program February 23, 2009
• Meeting Budget Development Workshop February 24, 2009
Orangeburg, S.C. - S.C. State’s Career Center hosted its third annual Business and Industry Cluster on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the campus of SC State.

The Business and Industry Cluster is a hybrid organization of representatives from member businesses, non-profit organizations, government businesses, and SC State faculty, staff and students. The Cluster’s mission is to determine and integrate the best business practices and technologies into the SC State instructional program with the goal of producing graduates equipped for work in today’s global economy.

Cluster members met with President George E. Cooper, SC State faculty and staff to learn more about upcoming University initiatives. They also discussed recruiting, internship and co-op opportunities for students. Classroom and informational seminars were conducted on Business Etiquette, Corporate Culture, Communication Skills, Internship/Co-ops and Interview Skills.

SC State students also met with Cluster members and learn about various employment programs and opportunities during the Business and Industry Cluster networking session which was held in the Presidents’ STATE Room at 4 p.m.

“The Business and Industry Cluster was created to support the University’s efforts to educate and equip our students with the essential skill sets needed to assume positions within corporate America and across the global marketplace,” said Joseph Thomas, director of the Career Development Center at SC State.
Members attended the Business and Industry Cluster to include: Boehringer Ingelheim, BI-LO, BMW Manufacturing Company, Courtesy Mgt., Enterprise Rent-A-Car, General Electric, GEICO, Nationwide Insurance, Orangeburg Consolidated District 5, Okonite, QS/1, Roche, Santee Cooper, SCANA, Wal-Mart, and Wells Fargo.

Members of SC State’s Business and Industry Cluster gained the following benefits:

- Access to students who may be a fit for co-op, internship and permanent employment opportunities in member organization.
- Opportunities to collaborate with SC State faculty to improve and customize our academic programs to produce more graduates with the skills needed by member organizations.
- Working relationships between members and SC State administrators making the resources of the university more accessible to member organizations.

For additional information on the SC State Business and Industry Cluster contact the Career Center at (803) 536-8577.
Career Center B&I Cluster Snap Shots

Rudine Williams -Career Counselor and Sherry Mack -Career Counselor (standing), counsels with students prior to the B&I Cluster Meeting

Joseph B. Thomas, Jr. Interim Director, reviewed the agenda and conducted the business meeting with Cluster Members
Career Center B&I Cluster Snap Shots

Dr Tamara Hughes -Institutional Research, polled the Cluster Members on student preparedness

Dr. Valerie Fields Vice-President-Student Affairs presents to cluster members on Student Affairs initiatives.
Dr. Kenneth Lewis- Dean College of Math, Science, & Engineering Technology update Cluster members on initiatives within the College.

Dr. Gail-Joyner Fleming- Dean College of Education Arts & Humanities update Cluster members on initiatives within the College.
Career Center B&I Cluster Snap Shots

Dr. Robert Barrett- Dean College of Business & Applied Professional Science update Cluster members on initiatives within the College.

Students met with Cluster members and learn about various employment programs and opportunities during the Business and Industry Cluster networking session which was held in the Presidents’ STATE Room at 4 p.m. Cluster members also participated in over 12 Class Visits from 1:00PM to 4:00PM
Sherry Mack Career Counselor, Kristal Hutchinson B&I Cluster Coordinator, Dr. Stacy Settle Business Department, and Anquanetta Darby Administrative Specialist Career Center participates in the Cluster meeting.

Other Career Center events

- Deborah Lipsey (Geico) interviewed 13 students on Thursday February 19, 2009, and Friday February 20, 2009, for internships and permanent positions.
- Joseph B. Thomas, Jr, Interim Director received an award & recognition on Founders Day Sunday February 22, 2009, for staff of the year in the division of Student Affairs.
- Also, the SC State Career Center in conjunction with Claflin University and Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (OC-TECH) hosted the 12th Annual Community Higher Education Council (CHEC) Career Expo, Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Physical Education Center on the campus of Claflin University. More than 50 companies were present.
Career Center

South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Intern

From left to right
Abraham Hutchinson, (soph. political science major), was awarded in January ’09, the S.C. Legislative Black Caucus Internship for the spring ’09 Legislative session. Juanzena Cooper right, is the Executive Director of the Internship Program.

Information Session

Data System Technology held an information session on Tuesday February 3, 2009. Kristal and Kendra Speed, who are graduates of SC State, presented information on job opportunities- full-time, co-op, and summer internships.
The SC State Career Center in conjunction with North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN), a professional organization designed to support the nuclear industry which unites young professionals who believe in nuclear science and technology, hosted a Nuclear Industry Career Fair and Information Session on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Belcher Hall, 4th Floor Auditorium and Career Fair on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 from 10a.m. to 3 p.m. in Belcher Hall, Room 236. Young professionals from various disciplines gave brief presentations on the nuclear industry combined with question and answer sessions and short video clips helped students acquire an adequate understanding of the nuclear industry, and to dispel common misconceptions. Students from Univ. of SC, and Univ. of Florida also, participated in the event.

WIS- TV 10, an NBC affiliate covered the event which was featured on the evening news. April Cox, Senior, Mechanical Engineering major was highlighted in the story.

Career Center

- Mr. Marvis President, Senior, Agri-Business major was awarded an Internship with First Citizen Bank for the spring ’09 semester.

- Mr. Jeff Stover of United States Department of Agriculture is scheduled to recruit on Wednesday February 11, 2009. He is recruiting for a Field and Staff Account. The majors are accounting, business, and finance.

- 1890 Monsanto conference call meeting Tuesday February 3, 2009.

- Student Leadership Academy meeting Wednesday February 4, 2009

- Booz Allen Hamilton partnership meeting Friday February 6, 2009

- John Ford Middle School in St Matthews SC has requested the assistance of SC State with a job shadowing program. Approximately 50 students from John Ford Middle School will to visit SC State on February 26, 2009 to shadow Administrators, Faculty, and Staff. **Below is the official request and outline of the visit.**
November 18, 2008

Mr. Joseph B. Thomas, Jr.
Interim Director, Career Center
SC State University
300 College Street NE
Orangeburg, SC 29117

Dear Mr. Thomas,

On behalf of the Orangeburg County Development Commission, we would like to thank you for your participation in the 2008 Economic Growth Summit. Your input was very valuable to us and helped us offer a quality educational event.

We hosted well over 500 participants, including elected officials, business owners and community leaders from around the state. Your participation contributed in sharing our vision and presenting strategic insights to the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow. The Summit provided an understanding of the steps we will take together as a county, region, and state.

Thank you again for taking time out of your busy schedule. We fully recognize that we would not receive such positive feedback from the summit’s participants without the excellent presentations and stimulating discussions provided by talented individuals, like you.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

C. Gregory Robinson
Executive Director,
Orangeburg County Development Commission
*Criminal Justice Seniors participate in
“Mock Interviews”

Seniors from Ms. Giselle White-Perry Criminal Justice class participated in mock interview sessions through Optimal Resume on-line interviews, and one on one interviews with the staff of the Career Center. The purpose of these sessions is to assist, enhance and develop students, with their soft skills (interviewing). Ms. Rudine Williams, Counselor for the College of Education, Arts, Humanities, & Social Science, coordinated the event.

(Mark Stony-Criminal Justice)

* 200 students served during the week of 12-3-08 to 12-05-08.
Career Center Participates in “Exam Cram”

The Student Government Association sponsored an “Exam Cram” on Sunday, December 7th, 2008 from 6pm to 11pm. The All-Nighter was an initiative by SGA to offer tutorial help for students to prepare for their final exams. Students were also provided the refreshments such as coffee, hot chocolate, juice, doughnuts, and/or cookies. The refreshments were donated by Bi-Lo.
South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCANA) will sponsor an information session for students on career opportunities on Tuesday October 28, 2008 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in the Career Center.

- Delivered Wrist Bands to faculty/staff in appreciation of their service to the University for Customer Appreciation Week, Monday October 27, 2008.
- On Saturday October 24, 2008, the Career Center (Joseph Thomas, Tonya Hall) presented on Professional Etiquette in the National Society for Minorities in Agriculture Regional Conference. The conference was held on SC State University Campus.
- Participated in the Criminal Justice Advisory Board meeting on Friday October 24, 2008 (Kristal Hutchinson).
- Participated in the Black Males Project meeting on October 21, 2008.
Ohio State Graduate School Visitation Participants:
Valencia Johnson, Korey Boyd, Taurean Hutchinson, Sitha Lam, Tylette Newkirk, Whitney McCrea, Jaimi Dicks, Sherry Mack Michael (Career Counselor).

Below is a list of Class Presentations from 11-11-08 to 11-13-08.

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Enterprise Rent-A-Car Named to BusinessWeek’s Top 50 Places to Launch a Career for Third Straight Year

Company cites ability to start a career from nearly anywhere in the country, promote-from-within culture, commitment to sustainability as big winners with college graduates

October 16, 2008 (St. Louis, Mo.) – For the third consecutive year, Enterprise Rent-A-Car has been named to BusinessWeek’s annual ranking of the best companies for new college graduates to launch their careers.

In naming companies to the list, BusinessWeek used three sources of data – a survey of college career-services directors, a survey of employers and a student survey conducted by Universum Communications, a market-research firm based in Philadelphia. This year, as in the past two, Enterprise received especially high marks from career-services directors, who placed the company in their top five.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be recognized by BusinessWeek for the third consecutive year,” said Marie Artim, the company’s assistant vice president, recruiting. “We’ve worked hard as a company to build and maintain a strong culture of opportunity; and our recruiters work just as hard to communicate that culture to our job candidates and form great relationships with career services professionals at colleges and universities throughout North America. This honor is a real tribute to those efforts.”

Enterprise also is featured in a new book based on the annual rankings from last year. BusinessWeek Fast Track: The Best Places to Launch a Career, by Lindsey Gerdes, was published this summer by McGraw-Hill.

Enterprise has been widely recognized for its well-developed management training program and its promote-from-within business model. Nearly 100 percent of Enterprise’s current senior management team – including Chairman and CEO Andy Taylor, and President and COO Pam Nicholson – started at the rental counter, learning the business from the ground up.

At South Carolina State University, Enterprise hires about 4 students each year, and there are 16 alumni from South Carolina State University, currently working throughout the Enterprise network of businesses.

- more -
**Enterprise BusinessWeek**

**Add One**

Jessica Elkins is a local recruiter for Enterprise, and recruits potential employees from South Carolina State University. She said, "Enterprise has been very impressed with the quality of South Carolina State University graduates because they consistently have what it takes, the skills and the drive, to run a business. They have a very solid educational background, and our management training program jumpstarts their careers toward success."

In addition to learning the Enterprise brand of personalized customer service, the company's management trainees work in the local offices and are involved in the day-to-day imperatives of running a business. The program teaches them business-to-business marketing and sales, to manage profit and loss and to control expenses, and to implement a comprehensive business plan. Within nine to 12 months, individuals are typically eligible for promotion and the opportunity to help run the rental branch as if it were their own business, including sharing in the profits they help create.

"New employees also like the fact that Enterprise's neighborhood model means they can launch a meaningful career from most anywhere in the country," Arslan said. "We have more than 6,000 locations throughout the U.S., which provide the opportunity to work where employees want to live, whether that's near family or in a particular part of the country."

According to Arslan, Enterprise's attractiveness as an employer goes beyond the opportunities it provides to include the values the company practices. "We are seeing more and more entry-level employees who are excited about coming to work for us, because they feel good about our industry-leading environmental stewardship efforts and our active commitment to the communities where we do business," she said. "Our philosophy of 'doing well by doing good' clearly resonates with many in the current generation."

Enterprise also offers more than 2,000 internships a year. In 2006, Fortune.com named Enterprise one of the "Five Best Internships for Real Work." Interns at Enterprise are involved in all aspects of the business and are given responsibilities similar to those of full-time employees.

In addition to its ranking on the BusinessWeek list this year, Enterprise has also been featured in the past three editions of Princeton Review's Best Entry-Level Jobs. CollegeGrad.com and Black Collegian have for 5 and 9 years, respectively, recognized Enterprise as the No. 1 employer and recruiter of college graduates, and Diverse Issues in Higher Education ranked the company No. 1 on its 2006 list of the "Top 30 National Firms Most Effective at Diversity Recruiting."

For more information about Enterprise or its management training program, visit [enterprise.com/careers](http://enterprise.com/careers). Students can also contact their career centers to learn about more opportunities at Enterprise.

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