

Fall Semester 2017 Career Calendar

Valdosta State University – Office of Career Opportunities

Fall ExplosionAugust 11-24

First Class DayMonday, August 14

The Happening..... Thursday, August 24
VSU Front Lawn, 1:00–4:00pm

Part-time Jobs Fair Wednesday, August 16

Student Union Ballrooms, 11:00am–2:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Participating employers are seeking to talk to candidates interested in part-time or seasonal jobs, internships, or volunteer experiences. Arrive early, dress professionally, and bring several resumes. A list of participating organizations is available online, www.valdosta.edu/career, one week prior to the event.

Blazer Ready Workshop: Creating Captivating Resumes Thursday, August 31

Student Union Meeting Room 1, 5:00–6:30pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Your resume is your one and only chance to capture a potential employer’s attention, or for your resume to be tossed into the pile of those they do not wish to pursue. Among human resource managers, more than 2 in 5 said they spend less than a minute looking at a resume and nearly 1 in 4 spend less than 30 seconds. This means it is important to create a resume that catches an employer’s attention fast and is free from grammatical errors. Co-hosted with Housing and Residence Life, this workshop will teach you how to create a captivating resume that will land you an interview.

Employer in Residence Tuesday, September 12

Hopper Hall Classroom, 5:00–7:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Interested in pursuing a career in American Sign Language (ASL)? Meet with the entire team with Valdosta State University's Access Office in an informal setting for general career conversation about ASL. Light refreshments will be provided.

Blazer Ready Workshop: Coordinating Professional Interview Attire Thursday, September 28

Student Union Meeting Room 1, 5:00–6:30pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Deciding what to wear to your next interview may be more important than you think. Your appearance is the first thing people will notice about you and statistics reveal that first impressions are formed within the initial 30 seconds of a job interview. It is true that appearance and apparel choices play a big role in the hiring decision. You've worked so hard to get that interview, make sure you play it to your advantage by dressing the part. Co-hosted with Housing and Residence Life, this workshop will include a fashion show to teach you how to coordinate professional interview attire.

Midterm Thursday, October 5

Fall Break Monday & Tuesday, October 9-10

Blazer Ready Workshop: Conducting Effective Interviews Thursday, October 12

Student Union Meeting Room 1, 5:00–6:30pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

The saying goes "You never get a second chance at first impressions" and that couldn't be more true! Believe it or not, the first 90 seconds of an interview can make or break you. While the average length of an interview is 40 minutes, 33% of bosses know within the first 90 seconds of an interview whether they will hire someone. Co-hosted with Housing and Residence Life, this workshop will teach the three things you need to know in order to answer ANY interview question and how to make a lasting impression.

Employer in Residence Tuesday, October 17

Georgia Hall Classroom, 5:00–7:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Interested in pursuing a career in Biology? Meet with Dr. Christopher Jones, DVM from USDA, who serves as the Veterinary Medical Officer for Veterinary Services. Light refreshments will be provided.

Taking Care of Business Career Fair Wednesday, October 18

HSBA Lobby, 10:00am–2:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

This career fair is co-hosted by the College of Business Administration Career Strategies Center to connect business students and recent graduates with business related career and internship opportunities. This fair will provide an opportunity for business students and recent graduates to ask questions, explore careers, pick up company information, and network with future employers. Arrive early, dress professionally, and bring several resumes.

Resume Prep Day Tuesday, October 24

University Center, Office of Career Opportunities, 9:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-6:00pm,

[Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

This event is designed to assist students in preparing for the Fall Career Expo. Students can meet with a career specialist to obtain assistance resumes and learn how to dress professionally and network at a career fair.

Fall Career Expo Wednesday, October 25

University Center, Magnolia & Cypress Rooms, 10:00am-2:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Participating employers are seeking to talk to candidates interested in part-time or full-time employment opportunities, internships, or co-op experiences. Arrive early, dress professionally, and bring several resumes. A list of participating organizations is available online, www.valdosta.edu/career, one week prior to the event.

Graduate Schools FairThursday, November 9

University Center, Magnolia Room, 11:00am-2:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Interested in pursuing a master, specialist, doctoral, professional, or other post-baccalaureate degree? You are encouraged to attend and discover the many educational opportunities available to you at VSU and other institutions of higher education across the nation. Bring your questions concerning graduate school admissions and program requirements. A list of participating schools is available online, www.valdosta.edu/career, one week prior to the event.

Employer in Residence Tuesday, November 14

Patterson Hall Classroom, 5:00-7:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Interested in pursuing a career in Communication Arts? Meet with Ms. Thressea Boyd, owner of THBoyd Communications, in an informal setting for general career conversation about Communication Arts. Light refreshments will be provided.

Education Career Day.....Thursday, November 16

University Center, Magnolia & Cypress Rooms, 10:00am-2:00pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

Interested in a career or seeking employment within a K-12 school system? Meet with participating K-12 school system representatives to explore opportunities for employment in the field of education. Arrive no later than 11:00am to ensure maximum exposure to school system representatives. Scheduled interviews with school systems will begin at 11:30am and continue for the remainder of the event. Arrive early, dress professionally, and bring several resumes. A list of participating schools is available online, www.valdosta.edu/career, one week prior to the event.

Thanksgiving Holidays..... Wednesday – Friday, November 22-24

Blazer Ready Workshop: Conveying Professionalism in the WorkplaceThursday, November 30

Student Union Meeting Room 1, 5:00-6:30pm, [Register on Blazer Briefcase](#)

We often hear how important it to behave “professionally” in the workplace. Professional workplace behavior is not only necessary for the long-term success of a business, it’s also the primary reason individuals are taken seriously, viewed as an asset to the team, awarded with valuable projects, considered for job promotions, and are routinely successful in their careers. Being a professional in the workplace means much more than simply wearing nice attire or possessing a college degree or impressive title. Co-hosted with Housing and Residence Life, this workshop will teach you the important traits of conveying professionalism in the workplace.

Last Class Day..... Monday, December 4

Finals Tuesday – Friday, December 5-8

Graduation..... Saturday, December 9

**** For more information about events, please call the Office of Career Opportunities at 229.333.5942 or stop by during our walk-in hours – Tuesdays, 1-4pm; Wednesdays, 1-4pm; Thursdays, 9am-12pm ****

***** For part-time jobs off campus, please visit the Office of Career Opportunities in the University Center *****