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## Jobs Abound at the Second Annual Career and Employers' Fair

Students and alumni were encouraged about the job market after visiting with fifteen company representatives at Webster's Second Annual Employers' Fair on Friday, October 17th.

According to Natalie Frank, Human Resource Specialist from Yellow Corporation, there are good job opportunities in the areas of sales, human resources, operations, and finance.

"We are happy to provide the opportunity for Webster students and alumni to connect with area employers."



Recent Webster grad Charlene Kennedy-Price, MNGT, discusses job opportunities with Yellow Corporation representative, Emily Pflughoft.

says Yvonne Petite, Webster advisor and event coordinator. Fair participants also learned tips for managing one's career from featured speaker, Jerry Touslee.

Career and Employers' Fair featured speaker, Jerry Touslee, career consultant and Webster faculty member, shared these tips for managing one's career in a tumultuous labor market:

- Invest in yourself by way of training, developmental work assignments and self-study.
- Perpetually prepare for changes in the workplace
- Make what you do meaningful to those in command of the workplace
- Become a Generalist with expertise by developing "soft skills" with a cutting edge

## Kansas City Campus Joins Webster Works Worldwide

WebsterWorksWorldwide, an annual university-wide community service day, was held on Wednesday, October 1st. Students, faculty, staff and alumni from Webster's network of more than 100 campuses in 10 countries participated in the 14th annual event.

Nine staff members from the Kansas City campus volunteered at Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence agency that provides supportive services to thousands of women and children each year.

Webster KC alum Michael Hobbs and Alumni chapter president Jackie Wagner spent their Saturday, October 4th, volunteering at an event to benefit Viral Myocarditis, a heart disease.



Webster staff members volunteering at Rose Brooks Center are: (from left) Wally Lovett, Yvonne Petite, Maria Kirwan, Carol Pearce, Dr. Carolyn Cottrell, Tiffany Jackson and Sima Tarokh with Johnnie Prince (front) from Rose Brooks. (not shown: Tina Wright and Irina Leslie)



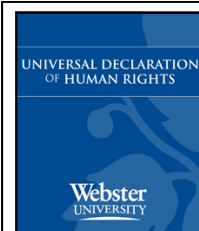
Webster KC alum Michael Hobbs and Jackie Wagner pitch in at A Shopping Extravaganza to benefit Viral Myocarditis.



## WEBSTER CELEBRATES YEAR OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

In honor of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Webster University campuses around the world are planning events, classroom curricula and community building activities to highlight human rights issues.

The Kansas City campus, along with all Webster campuses, is distributing a special publication of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights document. Copies are available at the first floor student computer area. In addition, faculty and students will be exploring ways to incorporate the celebration of this special anniversary into campus activities. For more information go to <http://www.webster.edu/rights>



In 1946, in the aftermath of the Second World War, leaders of the newly formed United Nations

sought to establish a new norm for international conflict resolution and a new respect for basic human rights.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was endorsed in 1948—though not ratified until 18 years later. Though human rights abuses continue around the world today, the declaration has become an internationally recognized standard to which even the worst offenders feel compelled to answer.

## Calendar

**October 16, 2008**—Fall 1 ends—MA/MBA/MS/MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**October 18, 2008**—Fall 2 begins—MA/MBA/MS

**October 25, 2008**—Fall 2 begins—MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**November 11, 2008**—Veteran's Day—Office closed, classes held

**November 27-29, 2008**—Thanksgiving—School and office closed

**December 18, 2008**—Fall 2 ends—MA/MBA/MS/MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**December 24-January 2, 2009**—Winter break

**January 3, 2009**—Spring 1 begins—MA/MBA/MS

**January 5, 2009**—Office open

**January 10, 2009**—Spring 1 begins—MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**January 19, 2009**—Martin Luther King Day—School and office closed

**March 14, 2009**—Spring 2 begins—MA/MBA/MS/MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**May 7, 2009**—Spring 2 ends MAT/MSN/BA/BSN

**May 14, 2009**—Spring 2 ends MA/MBA/MS/

**May 20, 2009**—Commencement

## Webster News

**Registration:** The first day of Spring Graduate Registration has been moved up three weeks. The new date for graduate registration will be Monday, October 27. This change will not affect the M.A.T. and other graduate education programs. Full undergraduate registration will begin Wednesday, November 12. A staggered start for seniors will begin Monday, November 10, and for juniors Tuesday, November 11.

**A Great Place to Work:** *The Chronicle for Higher Education* ranked Webster University in the top five of its "2008 Great Colleges to work for" list of national institutions with between 500 and 2,400 employees.

**Free IT Workshops:** Webster is offering free online workshops for Microsoft Office 2007 programs including Word, Access, and Excel to students, faculty, staff and alumni. For more information go to <http://www.webster.edu/technology/training/workshops.shtml>

**Connections Single Sign-On:** Registration & Services Online will be integrated into the Connections portal. You will now use your Connections username and password to access these services which will be known as Student Academic Services. An online tutorial is available at [www.webster.edu/kc](http://www.webster.edu/kc). Go to "In the Spotlight" for a link to the "Connections Tutorial."

**Recycling Works!** Our first check for our recycling efforts has arrived! We now have \$45 in the recycling fund—with more to come! Thanks to faculty, staff and students for your recycling efforts.

**Webster Offers Free E-learning Course to Entrepreneurs**—Interested in starting a business? Webster students and alumni can sign-up for a free, non-credit, e-learning course entitled, *Planning the Entrepreneurial Venture* sponsored by The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The self-paced program is

designed to help students research, develop, and write a business plan for a new venture. Contact Pola Firestone, [pola-firestone80@webster.edu](mailto:pola-firestone80@webster.edu), 816-926-4288.

**Does Your Organization Need a Meeting Room?** Webster has classroom space available for daytime meetings. For information contact Cindy Bratcher, [bratcher@webster.edu](mailto:bratcher@webster.edu) or Yvonne Petite, [petitey@webster.edu](mailto:petitey@webster.edu).

**Refer a Student to Webster—Receive a Gift!** We appreciate your referrals to your friends, colleagues and family members. Please register their names on the *Student Ambassador Referral Program* form and if they become a Webster student, you will receive a gift! Forms are available from advisors and in the reception areas.

**Look for Jobs Around the World:** Career Services has announced the launch of Going Global, an international career information website that includes worldwide job openings, internship listings, industry profiles, and country-specific career information for 24 countries and 40 U.S. cities. To access Going Global, go to the Career Services website [www.webster.edu/careers](http://www.webster.edu/careers).

## Alumni News

**December 5, 2008**— Alumni Holiday Mixer 6:00 p.m. TBD

**January 15, 2009**—Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 p.m., Webster University

## Chiefs Ticket Raffle to Benefit Alumni Scholarship Fund

Enter the raffle for your chance to win TWO Kansas City Chiefs Tickets AND a Tailgate Party Pass sponsored by 101FM the Fox. These are GREAT seats! A \$152 dollar value!

**Kansas City Chiefs vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, kick-off-12:00 noon**  
**\$5.00 per entry or \$20.00 for 5 entries!**

Raffle tickets are available at the front desk. **The winner will be drawn on Friday, October 24, 2008.**

Read Webster-KC newsletters online, [www.webster.edu/kc](http://www.webster.edu/kc)

## Webster Shots



Webster staff member and alum, Irina Leslie (center) recently volunteered as an interpreter at Sister City activities hosted by Prairie Village, KS. Pictured are with Irina are visitors from Dolyna, Ukraine, Prairie Village's Sister City. Irina, a native of the Ukraine, also helped translate the Sister City Agreement and other documents.



Liberata Mmella—HRMG won a \$25 Webster bookstore gift certificate at the New Student Orientation on August 23.



Melanie Ball—MRKT won a \$25 Webster bookstore gift certificate in our Harvesters drawing!

*Donate to Harvesters!*

## From the Corner Office Notes from Dr. Carolyn Cottrell, Regional Director

### Welcome to Webster's Fall 2 term!

At times, you may find it difficult to communicate with an instructor or understand what's going on in class. Here are a few suggestions to help if you have trouble "getting it."

**Take good notes**—but rely on the textbook for understandable information. Ask the instructor specific questions. Use "Will you?" and "Would you" or "Explain more about X?" (instead of "Can you" or "Could you.") Start a study group so you can learn from each other.

**Focus.** *Take notes diligently.* Bring a "toy" (squeeze ball, water bottle) to keep your hands busy (and yourself awake). Use several colored markers to find the material being covered in the textbook and highlight away, while the instructor lectures.

**Speak with your instructor.** Get to class early to speak with them, or right as the break begins, walk up to make your request.

Ask, "Do you have a moment right now?" Or, "What is the best way for me to confer with you outside of class?" Because e-mail can be answered anytime, night or day, it is often the best way to communicate.

**Ask questions without confrontation.** If you're challenging the instructor ask questions in a way which acknowledges their authority and knowledge, and yet introduces different viewpoints or experience. "I realize you have extensive experience with this, but in my experience as a \_\_\_\_\_, I have observed that ..."

In general, as a student, you have rights, but you also have responsibilities. Your role is to learn. Most classrooms are not democracies. If you choose to disagree with the instructor, remember to use "I" messages (not "you" messages, which put people on the defensive) and to think in advance about what you want to say, ask for, and how. Use the form "When you

(name behavior), I feel (name feeling), because (stick with the facts)." For example, "When you talk about the XYZ theory, I feel frustrated, because I don't understand your example and want to be able to write about it clearly in my paper."

**Be prepared for anything and everything covered in class.** Always read everything assigned, just in case. Ask students who have had the course before for tips. If you still feel overwhelmed, you can withdraw from the course and take the class another term when you can devote more time to it.

As always, your advisor can also help with difficult situations. Please know you have resources here to help you succeed.

**Have a wonderful Fall 2 term!**