

# Employer Highlights

## New York Life Insurance Company



“Over the last 15 years, New York Life Insurance Company has teamed up with Valdosta State Career Opportunities and hired numerous Valdosta State graduates. Many of New York Life’s VSU alumni have enjoyed tremendous success as they help families and businesses with insurance and retirement planning. New York Life has provided a career for graduates from many different majors---Business, History, Education, Math, Political Science, etc. As a

former student athlete at VSU, I personally take a lot of pride in helping Blazers find their career path.” — R. Casey Willis, Partner

## Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes



“Each year I look forward to having Valdosta State University on my recruiting schedule. We have hired several Valdosta graduates into our Management and Trainee Program. Valdosta graduates have demonstrated a solid foundation of academics, leadership skills, and adaptability. We view the Career Opportunities staff as a partner in our recruiting efforts. The staff has taken an active interest in our recruiting needs and helps us to identify students that will be a quality match for our training program. It is a partnership that

enables successful outcomes. Sherwin-Williams looks forward to continuing employing Valdosta State University graduates many years to come.” — Gerald Carrier, Regional Human Resources Manager -East

## MetroPower, Inc.

“As a former Blazer myself, I was thrilled to learn MetroPower hired a recent graduate from Valdosta State University as a Management Trainee. We were so fortunate to have found such a fine, young individual at our very first Career Expo with Valdosta State. We are confident that with the proper training and experience our new employee will go far with our company. MetroPower hopes to continue our collaboration with VSU in the future as I am sure we will have outstanding results every time.”



—Chelsea Collins, Marketing Coordinator

## Convergys

“We are always excited and delighted to be allowed the opportunity to participate in the VSU Career Fairs. Each time we attend we interact with some very capable and fabulous professionals. Thanks so much for the opportunity to be a part of your Career Fairs.”

— Marcia Bailey, Manager, Recruiting

## GEICO

“Valdosta State grads rise to the occasion when it comes to GEICO careers! We have been very pleased with our hires and look forward to continuing to recruit VSU Blazers. A big thank you to the Career Services team for helping to make our partnership a success!”



— Madie Martin  
National College Recruiter

## Azalea Health

“When you consider that 45% of our employees are VSU graduates or interns, it’s clear that our success has to be attributed to our VSU employees. The



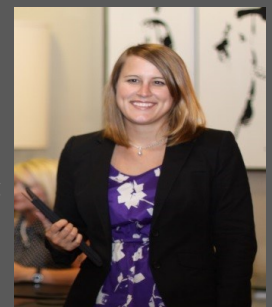
co-founders of Azalea Health -- all VSU graduates -- essentially used VSU connections to create a technology incubator environment in which we developed our innovative, cloud-based healthcare management and medical

billing software. The VSU recruits are the backbone of our company and the reason we have grown from four employees in 2008 to 47 employees today, and recognized by Inc. Magazine in their Inc. 500/5000 as one of the nation’s fastest growing private companies.”

—Douglas Swords, CFO

## Nexstep

“Nexstep hires more graduates from VSU than from any other institution. That’s because we know VState grads are hard-working and well-prepared for today’s workforce. VSU’s staff has been excellent to work with in terms of identifying ideal candidates, posting our open positions on their website, and hosting quality on-campus career fairs. We are proud to be one of Valdosta State’s community partners.”



—Anne Shenton, Marketing Director