

# Career Opportunities Student Success Stories



**Jaboree Muhammad**  
**Computer Science Major**

Career Opportunities helped me to professionally organize my resume, which helped me to land a Co-op/Intern position at the Fortune 500 Company Norfolk Southern for fall 2014. Prior to landing the position, I underwent mock interviews with Career Opportunities. The mock interviews provided me with a clearer understanding of how to properly conduct myself during an interview and helped identify my strengths and weaknesses. This greatly benefitted me in that I was properly prepared when interviewing for Norfolk Southern.

VSU's Career Opportunities helped me with my job search by providing me with the necessary resources to help find a job that best fits me. The Career Opportunities helped with my transition into the world of work by offering services such as resume preparation, job search strategies, interview skills, mock interview, etc. After attending the Career Services, I received the courage, preparation, and skills that helped me successfully acquire a job that I love. I'm a Career Center Paraprofessional for Valdosta City Schools System.



**Nyeasha Carter**  
**Business Education Major**



**Blakely Merritt**  
**Biology Major**

Mr. Taylor was very helpful. He reached out and encouraged me to stop by the office for help while he was off the clock. I took his advice, and I came in and we got to work. We revised my resume, making sure my skills and abilities were specific and stood out. After less than a month, I had two interviews in one week! After my second interview, I was offered the job of my dreams fifteen minutes after leaving the interview! I was overwhelmed and so grateful! I am a Cellular Therapy Specialist II at LifeSouth Community Blood Centers.

Career Opportunities helped me prepare for my job search by helping me with my resume. They also gave me great tips for interviewing and a handout on questions that an interviewer for an education position would ask. I would tell current students to utilize Career Opportunities! They are great and are willing to help you anyway they can. I was offered a position as an Elementary Teacher for Orange County Schools, FL

**Ashleigh Mansfield**  
**Early Childhood Education Major**

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The counselors of Career Opportunities guided me from being an undecided student to obtaining an internship in just two years. Countless counseling appointments and even more resume critiques served as the foundation of my development. The counselors' broad knowledge of many subjects was invaluable. With their help, I am currently an accounting intern with Saft America, Inc. I recommend that my friends and all students seek career counseling. The staff is trained to advise students in career development and I believe students should take advantage of their advice.



**Zarich Bonner**  
**Accounting Major**



**Avius Nicole Poole**  
**English and Political  
Science Major**

I took the COOPS 2000 class with Mrs. Goode which was extremely helpful. Mrs. Goode went out of her way to constantly edit my resume and cover letter and make sure I understood the changes she was making. She also recommended me to the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce where I received an internship and got the opportunity to enhance skills that I am valuable in my job now. I now serve as an Event Coordinator for Charles Koch Institute. Ms. Poole has the following job search advice. Make it a habit. Job hunting has to become a part of you DNA for you to be successful so get a binder, a list of jobs you are applying to, create a chart, and track what jobs you have applied to and make sure you follow up. Employers are out there, you just have to be willing to do the work to find them.

Not only does Career Opportunities help job seekers, but they also assist those who are interested in applying for graduate school. Take advantage of the service! Mr. Michael Kitchens provided professional help for my graduate school admissions essays. He revised and offered valuable insight on improving my essays. He definitely deserves some credit for my acceptance into the Master of Science in Managerial Science program at Georgia State University. After graduating in December 2014, I am enjoying my break before returning to school in August 2015. Hopefully, I will earn a graduate assistant position during my master's program. Besides being a nanny, I spend leisure time volunteering with Hands On Atlanta and travelling with family/friends.



**Miranda Richardson**  
**Management Major**

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**Bobbi Hancock**  
**Sociology Major**

Landed a position as a Sociology Faculty Member at South GA State College after completing MA in Sociology. I worked exclusively with Kevin Taylor. He was instrumental in helping me to organize my resume by pointing out the areas of experience that I possessed that were most important for the types of jobs that I was looking for. He also helped me to design a dynamic cover letter and told me about CareerShift, which was instrumental to me during my job search. Kevin was very easy to work with and he encouraged me to look for jobs in places that I would have never thought to look. There is no doubt that Kevin's help gave me a much greater chance of securing a great career. Because of his help, I now have a job that before I could have only dreamed of!