Job fair has great quality

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A job fair was held on Oct. 11 in the Activities Center at IU Southeast.

There were more than 60 employers represented. About 250 job candidates turned out, nearly two-thirds of which were students.

Lynn Prinz, associate director of Career Services and Placement, was in charge of the fair. She said she was happy with the turnout, but she was not the only one.

"The employers were pleased," Prinz said.

Although most of the job candidates were IUS students, the fair was open to everyone.

"This fair is unique because it is open to the public and not restricted to students," Prinz said.

Once the candidates signed in, they attended a five-minute workshop in which they were given advice about how to approach prospective employers.

They were told to always greet a potential employer with a confident handshake and to follow up their visits at the job fair with a letter or phone call letting the company know how interested they are.

After the candidates completed the workshop, they were turned loose to speak with employers whose job openings included everything from state police officer to banquet server.

Many of the employers said they were not only happy with the amount of job candidates that attended the fair, but the quality of the candidates as well the fair itself. "Good candidates," and "quality candidates," were descriptions regularly used by the employers.

Although the employers were happy with the candidates, they seemed to be especially fond of IUS students.

Wendy McCarty, a 1993 IU Southeast graduate, was on hand representing Kroger, a sponsor of the event.

"We love IUS students," McCarty said.

McCarty was not the only IUS graduate back at her old school recruiting students to fill job openings at her current company.

Dana Lieber, who graduated from IU Southeast with a business management degree, along with current IUS student Sandy Seacat, elementary education freshman, were at the fair representing Caesar's Indiana, another sponsor of the event.

Lieber and Seacat shared the sentiment of many of the other employers in regards to IUS students.

"We've met some quality candidates," Lieber said.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car, the number one recruiter of college graduates, was represented by Mike Hammond and Laura McMinn of their human resources department.

Enterprise is a sponsor and has been attending the job fair for more than 10 years and has built a good relationship with IU Southeast during that time.

"We have a great relationship with IUS," Hammond said. "We would like to continue to hire and recruit IUS students."

McMinn said she is happy with the candidates she has met at the job fair through the years.

"We hire several (IUS) students yearly," McMinn said. "They are quality and talented employees."

Daniel Huff was at the fair representing Fastenal Industrial and Construction Supplies. He said he covers five states recruiting at various locations, including some colleges. He said he was impressed with the quality of the prospective employees he met as well as the overall quality of the fair itself.

"There were some good candidates," Huff said. "The fair is great for the size of the school."

He was also impressed with the Career Center at IU Southeast.

"The Career Center is great," Huff said.

Page Smith, another IUS graduate, was on hand representing FedEx. She said the IUS Job Fair was better than a local institution's fair across the river.

"It's a lot better than U of L's," Smith said.

Sgt. Jerry Goodwin was there informing people about jobs with the Indiana State Police.

Photo by Eric McGuffin

Page Smith, IUS graduate, stands at the IUS Job Fair. Smith represented FedEx at the Job Fair in the Activities Center on Oct. 11.

"We offer civilian jobs, not just police jobs," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said he was happy with the turnout and the job candidates he met.

"I met some candidates for civilian jobs and troopers," Goodwin said.

Todd Tinsley, electrical engineering technology sophomore, was among those talking to potential employers.

He said this was the first job fair he had attended.

"I came to see what it's all about," Tinsley said.

IU Southeast has been hosting a job fair for more than 20 years. The next one will be in April.

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IUS students attend leadership seminar

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The art of Servant Leadership was illustrated to IUS students on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at The Commons.

Kathy Meyer, coordinator of orientation and leadership, talked about Lance Secretan's book "One: The Art and Practice of Conscious Leadership."

Secretan's book is about how we have become detached from our innate sense of oneness and instead have embraced the illusion of "separateness thinking."

Amanda Schmelz, elementary education sophomore, was one of several students attending the event.

"I want to pick up better work skills," Schmelz said. "It will help me do better volunteer work with kindergarten children."

Stephanie Wolfe, Volunteer Center coordinator for Campus Life, assisted the program by showing a series of slides about the shrimping industry in Thailand.

The fishing and harvesting of shrimp was shown to be interconnected to other parts of society.

Shrimp production was severely affected by the tsunami which hit that region on Dec. 26, 2004. Healthy mangroves were able to protect large areas of the shore.

Meyer talked about the six CASTLE Principles of Secretan's book.

CASTLE is an acronym for six attributes: Courage, Authenticity, Service, Truthfulness, Love and Effectiveness. Meyer said applying these principles has led to positive growth for thousands.

Students participated in the event by listing positive characteristics of a good leader. Fairness, strength, charisma, tolerance and honesty were some of the traits listed.

These attributes were matched with positive traits of those who want to serve.

"Service is about listening and servant leaders ask the people how they would like to be served," Meyer said.

Wolfe reminded the audience that sometimes leadership is used for selfish motives.

"At the extreme end, those who use leadership for the wrong reasons can become like a dictator," Wolfe said.

Meyer talked about Fiorello LaGuardia, who was mayor of New York City from 1934 to 1945.

She said he often officiated in municipal court, usually handling misdemeanor cases.Once there was a case of man who had stolen a loaf of bread for his starving family.

LaGuardia still insisted the man pay a ten dollar fine, but he also fined everyone in the courtroom fifty cents for living in a city where a man has to steal bread in order to eat.

He passed the hat and gave the fines to the defendant, who left the court with $47.50.

"Servant leaders are men like LaGuardia who could inspire followers," Meyer said.

Students were also asked to participate in a game of Japanese rock, paper and scissors. There were three groups of participants. The object of the game was to create uniformity.

Two of the three groups came up with rocks, one group scissors. After three tries, unanimity was achieved with the rock selection among all groups.

Meyer and Wolfe said this was a simple example of achieving "oneness."

A drawing was held among participants and t-shirts and money certificates were drawn by the winners.

'We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees.'

– Jason Kidd

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