Career Day 2019 at Mississippi College attracts record number of employers

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Hours before Mississippi College's 2019 Career Day got started, Navy and Air Force recruiters signed up. It boosted the turnout to eighty-seven employers sizing up hundreds of MC students. The MC Office of Career Services

The MC Office of Career Services sponsored the event that shattered records. Recruiters from banks, hospitals, accounting firms, school districts, the government and other employment sectors networked with hundreds of students.

"The 87 employers were the most we've ever had," said Taylor Ormon, associate director of the Office of Career Services. "We worked hard to get more healthcare people here. All of the employers seemed very pleased."

Employers visited from across Mississippi as well as states like Tennessee and Alabama. From the FBI to the Secret Service, from WJTV-12 in Jackson to the Clinton Public School District, recruiters filled tables with loads of job-related information.

Ormon was delighted with the strong response from students in fields such as nursing, business or education. A Career Day fun run on the Clinton campus Monday helped promote the annual event.

MC senior Jamie Cosby, twenty-one, of Richland liked seeing so many recruiters under one roof within a few minutes. "This is a good place to get my resume out there," Cosby said after meeting with Clinton public schools' leaders. "I don't need to travel to each school district." adds the education major.

Clinton District Superintendent Tim Martin and Public Information Officer Sandi Beason believe students came to the right place. About sixty-five percent of the teachers and staff in the Clinton district are Mississippi College graduates.

A former Lady Choctaws basketball player with an undergraduate degree and MBA from Mississippi College, Olivia Mabry loved returning to her alma mater. Mabry works for Community Bank. She teamed up with colleagues Tammy Phillips, Mary Elizabeth Dulaney and Jacqueline Williams to recruit students.

MC graduate Mitchell Castro, a financial analyst at Raytheon in Forest, encouraged students to give his national company a good look. Raytheon now employs 800 people at its Forest plant and the number will grow in the new year. "There is so much work going on."



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Clinton Public School District leaders remain a fixture at Mississippi College's Career Day each year at Mississippi College. Superintendent Tim Martin joins Sandi Beason, the district's public information officer, during the event at Anderson Hall.

Students with engineering degrees are welcome, but so are other majors, like business, at Raytheon in Scott County.

FBI recruiter Erica Parker says students should check out internships as well as full-time jobs. Six MC

students are taking part in FBI internships. "We are always hiring special agents, but also non-law enforcement positions all over the U.S."



