

THE VALLEY COLLEGE ONLINE GAZETTE

Upcoming Events at Your Campus!

- Princeton, August 4, 11:30am: National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day! Join us in the MCA Lounge for cookies and drinks!
- Beckley, September 1: Ice Cream Social. Last call for ice cream before the Summer ends!



Left: Pictures from the Career Development Fashion Show: What to Wear and What Not to Wear at an Interview. Can you tell which is which?

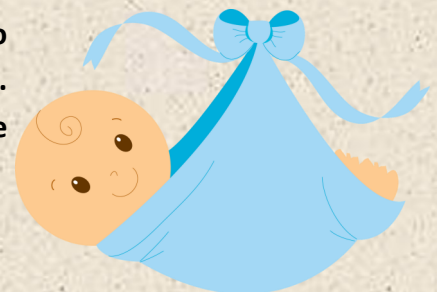
Congratulations Corner!

July Graduates

- Tiffany Cregger - Medical Administrative Assistant
- Michelle Beck - Medical Front Office Billing and Coding
- Vicky Farmer - Medical Front Office Billing and Coding
- Nicole McVay - Health Services Administration
- Bryan Moler - Business Administration

Congratulations to these students who recently had babies. Welcome to the Valley College family!

- Amanda Jenkins
- Jami Rose



Your colleagues love to see what their fellow classmates are up to. If you have a life event you would like for us to showcase in the monthly Gazette, email us at: npalmieri@valley.edu

Job Interview Tips from Your SSC

- When you finally get the exciting invitation to interview, take deep breaths beforehand to maintain calm and focus.
- Smile, be polite, ensure high levels of eye contact with all interviewers, and be yourself while maintaining a professional approach. If it comes down to a choice between you and another candidate, it may be your personality, and how it might fit into the existing team, that swings it either way.
- When a question is being asked, keep eye contact and ensure you come across as interested and thoughtful, even if the interviewer takes a while to get the question out.
- If you're not sure how to answer the question straight away, just ask politely if you could have a minute to prepare, and think of something good. Make a few notes if necessary, rather than reeling off the first thing that comes to mind. With hindsight, you'll kick yourself for not thinking of something more relevant.
- Be animated and ask lots of questions at the end, even if you can only think of: "What kind of uniform do you require employees to wear?" or "How long has the company been in the area?"
- If the interviewers have not been over it yet, ask about the history of the company, how it came about – take an interest in the story behind the company, which will demonstrate your desire to become involved, and ultimately to help the company succeed.
- Ask more detailed questions about the job description, i.e. ask if there were some duties you weren't completely sure about, or mention an element of the job that sounded particularly interesting. Use it to draw on your own experiences, without necessarily waiting for the next question.
- Don't be put off by unsuccessful interviews – look on them as experience for the next one, and learn from them. A lot of companies will give you detailed feedback if you ask for it, and recruitment agencies find out as much as they can on your behalf, so take the comments, and work on them for the future. And don't forget to smile!



Moodle App: Moodle Mobile!



Moodle has just introduced a new app! It is available in the App Store on Apple devices and in the Play Store on Android devices. The app allows students to navigate around the Valley College Moodle website and view their classes. When you click on assignments and discussions, the app will open your browser and allow you to continue using the website as you used to. Try it out and let us know what you think!



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