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Strategic Partner Spotlight

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

The 2022-2023 Placemat includes “Success” as one of the four themes. The work guided by this theme should be focused on “supporting learners and workers through a holistic lens.” There are six initiatives on the placemat dedicated to this theme.

CURRENT STATUS

Initiative: Spotlight DHEWD partners whose work drives progress toward big goals.

Department staff worked with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry to align efforts and resources to leverage our success in preparing a skilled and motivated workforce. The Chamber conducts three educational programs, Intern Connect, Apprenticeship Connect and the Missouri STEM Signing Day Scholarship.

NEXT STEPS

Department staff will continue their collaboration with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other organizations that are great partners in helping DHEWD meet its BIG goals.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Apprenticeship and Intern Connect



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Internships are your bridge between school and the working world.

Missouri Intern Connect makes it easy for you to find internship opportunities—and for internship opportunities to find you. This early job experience pays off in the long run, helping students build confidence as they transition into the working world.

Missouri Intern / Apprentice Connect is direct partnership between the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

For more info visit: mointernconnect.com

ARE YOU A STUDENT?

Here are three great reasons for students to register for Missouri Intern Connect right now:

- ✓ Internships help build your resume and show future employers you are ready for the workforce.
- ✓ Many colleges offer credit for internships—check with your academic advisor or high school counselor.
- ✓ Don't wait for the summer—many organizations need interns year-round.

Sign up today to create your profile and search for internships based on your region and interests.

ARE YOU A TEACHER?

Here are three great reasons for educators to register for Missouri Intern Connect right now:

- ✓ Help your students get a jumpstart on their lives after college by connecting them with employment opportunities.
- ✓ Discover what knowledge employers are looking for so you can help your students gain marketable abilities.
- ✓ Internships are a great way for students to earn hands-on college credit, if offered by your institution.

Sign up today to learn about internship opportunities available across Missouri that you can share with your students. Encourage your students to create profiles on Missouri Intern Connect so that employers can find them based on their skills.



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ADVANTAGES TO APPRENTICESHIP

94% of apprentices continue their jobs with their employers after completing apprenticeship programs

- ✓ Earn while you learn—reduce or eliminate student debt.
- ✓ Get hands-on training and a career-relevant classroom, all in one program.
- ✓ Study under the mentorship of seasoned industry professionals.
- ✓ Obtain industry-recognized credentials (IRCs), a degree, or certificates that go with you wherever you go and are highly valued by employers.
- ✓ Earn an average of **\$300,000 more** over your career compared to peers who don't complete an apprentice program.

Sign up today to create your profile and search for apprenticeships based on your region, skills, and area of interest. While you search for your apprenticeship match, hiring organizations will be searching as well. If your profile is what they are looking for, they can reach out directly to you about their opportunities.