



JOB FAIR 2009

Another Success

By the Career Education Department

The Job Fair which is organized annually by the Career Education Department hosted 59 employers and close to 2000 students at the Campus Activity Centre last Thursday. In addition, over 30 student volunteers participated in activities leading up to and including the event.

While the economic recession has created changes in the job market, it was apparent that there are still employment opportunities. However, today it is now an employer's market which has not been the case for some time. As a result, the job market is extremely competitive and students are learning that they will have to place more effort in marketing themselves well. This means showcasing their skills and abilities above their competitors to valued employers.

Overall feedback from employers was good with comments that TRU students seemed eager and well prepared. Also, we received hundreds of completed student surveys which will be extremely useful when planning for next year – thank you TRU students!

The Career Education Department would like to sincerely thank our 30 plus student volunteers for helping with marketing, organization, and acting as hosts during the event. Our Job Fair team and employers were very impressed with the high level of commitment and competence of our volunteer group. We are confident that the future of these intelligent young people will be positive because it was obvious that they have valuable skills to offer employers.

Along with the volunteers, there were others at TRU that we would like to thank who helped with various aspect of the organization of the Job Fair. As usual, our Facilities Department played an enormous role. Not only did they help us with most of the physical aspects but were so enthusiastic and supportive. Thank you also to the Culinary Arts department who helped us host an eloquent Wine and Cheese evening. During the Job Fair CAC Auxiliary Services did an exceptional job catering to our guests.

Thank you to others who participated during the Wine and Cheese including our student performers, Belcem Turhal and Scott Livingstone as well as Cristiana Solinas. Also thank you to the Peter Milobar, the Mayor of Kamloops; Mark Evered, our vice president; and Debra Sloat from BC Public Service, who all made presentations during the Wine and Cheese.

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