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For All Students

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Mastodon Career Expo

Good afternoon students,

I'm taking this opportunity outside of our normal Sunday schedule of *What It Takes* emails to share exciting information about an annual series of events designed to pass along some wisdom to you about life after college—the kind of stuff that isn't always covered in the classroom.

The **Mastodon Career Expo is happening on Feb. 28**, and you should plan to attend whether you're a freshman learning what this is all about, a sophomore or junior seeking an internship, or a senior looking for the ideal position to launch your career. The career expo provides something for all students!

Over the next two weeks—beginning tomorrow—there are several events leading up to the big event that will help you make the best impression. We encourage you to clear some time now in your already busy schedule to take full advantage of opportunities that are a unique part of your university experience.

Professional dress is required to attend the career expo, and the Career Closet has got you covered. Attend one of three open houses over the next week, Friday, Monday, or Tuesday, in Neff Hall, Room 361, to pick out an entire outfit or individual pieces, whatever you need to look complete to meet employers. And the best news is—you get to keep the items! Check out the [Events Calendar](#) to see the exact times of each workshop.

Attend a prep session for the career expo on Wednesday (Feb. 21) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Recruiters from Avalign Technologies, an engineering company that designs and manufactures medical devices and products, will be available to assist with résumé reviews, interviewing tips, and elevator pitches. Plus, stop in for a free haircut, manicure, and/or waxing, provided by Fort Wayne Community Schools in collaboration with the Multicultural Center. A photographer will also be there to take free professional headshots to add to your portfolio.

Attend the Dress for Success Fashion show on Feb. 22 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tony Betton, Jr. from 21Alive, host of INsight, will be the MC for this event. Here's your ultimate guide to looking your best in various workplace scenarios, from interviews to company picnics and beyond. Explore inclusive and adaptive clothing options suitable for every professional.

Once you are prepared with your résumé looking snappy, elevator pitch practiced, and best

outfit picked out, plan to join the **Career Development Center** team in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse at Gates Sports Center on Feb. 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. where you can connect with over 75 employers looking to share their professional opportunities with you. Get additional details and register for the expo in Handshake > Events.

This is a once-a-year benefit of being a member of this campus community, so make it count!

All my best,

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