

SHSU CAREER SERVICES

ACADEMIC REVIEW

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Career Services
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
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MEET OUR PEER CAREER ADVISORS

SHSU Career Services Peer Career Advisor program was founded in 2020 and is designed to bring a robust peer-to-peer approach to meeting with students. Peer career advisors are undergraduate students trained by Career Services professionals. They meet with students to assist with career-readiness services, including resume critiquing, mock interviewing, and job and internship searching.

Our peer career advisors serve as the department's ambassadors, and as such are responsible for maintaining important relationships with the student body. Our goal is to help prepare students to be independent in the professional world.



ORIANA CASTOR

Criminal Justice | Angleton, TX

"I am pursuing a position in the social work field with the goal to successfully provide solutions, advice, and assistance to individuals or groups in a troubled mindset or environment. I place a high value on the promotion of social development and empowerment for those learning to cope with issues in everyday life, and I believe that advocating for such individuals in an unbiased, goal-focused manner is necessary."



NATALIA CORONADO

Criminal Justice | Canyon Lake, TX

"My current career goal is to work within victim advocacy, specifically on working with underserved communities within rural areas."



ELIZABETH CZOP

Criminal Justice | The Woodlands, TX

"My career goal is to work in management and continue my education by pursuing an MBA."



NELSY GUTIERREZ ACOSTA

Victim Studies | Katy, TX

"My long term career goals as of right now are to become a counselor with an emphasis in play therapy and help kids deal with those big feelings and situations they may face in life!"



JESSICA HAMPTON

Elementary Education | Livingston, TX

"I hope to one day become an elementary school teacher, while also helping out with various school organizations. I believe that education is a building block for future success and opportunities. I would like to be able to make a positive impact on students in the future, the same way my teachers did for me."



PARIS LANDRY

Healthcare Administration | Baytown, TX

"My career goal is to work in healthcare administration in a hospital or clinical setting. In a role like this, I can also impact and help ensure that individuals are being treated fairly and everything is running effectively and efficiently."



ISABEL LOPEZ

General Business | Houston, TX

"As a new SHSU graduate, my career goal is to one day work for a Human Resources Department for an oil and gas company in Houston, Texas. I love the recruitment aspect and the thought of being involved in an employee's life cycle!"

Any questions about the program can be routed or directed to the Student Employment Specialist at Career Services, William Whitmire (wwhitmire@shsu.edu).

**RODRIGO MENDOZA****Mass Communication** | Dallas, TX

"My career goals at this time are to get an internship in the sports industry. I would love to find a job or internship with a soccer team as that's always been my passion since I was a kid."

**KYNDRIA SCOTT****Theater Arts** | Houston, TX

"During my time in college I want to continue to pursue my passion: theater arts. I want to use my talent and activism to help everyone, especially those in the BIPOC community. I also hope to use my criminal justice minor to legally advocate for others and be that revolutionary voice that helps promote change."

**JARRETT THOMPSON****Management** | Austin, TX

"My goals include getting my MBA in finance and working in the banking industry."

**JOSH VALENTIN****Criminal Justice** | Forney, TX

"Where I work after graduation is still up in the air, I plan on applying to multiple jobs. What I do know is that I want to continue helping people, if I can do that then I'll be happy with whatever job I get."

SOCIAL MEDIA & GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Social media influencers are student workers who actively build our department's professional brand and engagement on our social media platforms. These students bring a unique perspective and creative touch when it comes to maintaining relationships with students, faculty, staff, employers, and Bearkat families. Career Services believes the best way to engage with the current generation is to work with them!

**PARKER MARLEY****Graphic Design** | Frisco, TX

"I love themed entertainment experiences, I've basically grown up going to theme parks my whole life, so my career goal is to be a graphic designer for a theme park or work in social media for theme parks."

**TAYLOR MEALEY****Mass Communication** | Hempstead, TX

"My career goal is to one day move up to the corporate level of H-E-B and work in their Public Relations department."

**DENITRA THURMAN****Animal Science** | Fairfield, TX

"I want to travel the world and be a wildlife conservationist, helping the planet and the animals on it!"

Career Services' graduate assistant supports Career Services staff and the peer career advisor program. Through assisting with training and mentorship, the graduate assistant is an important figure in the continued success and development of our student employees and peer career advisor program.

**KRISTEN BARHO****Counseling** | Thorndale, TX

"I'm wanting to work as an licensed professional counselor) specializing in helping survivors of domestic violence."

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

MICRO INTERNSHIPS

Micro-Internships are short-term, paid professional assignments that are similar to those given to new hires or interns. These projects enable Career Launchers to demonstrate skills, explore career paths, and build their networks as they seek the right full-time role.

Unlike traditional internships, Micro-Internships can take place year-round, typically range from 5 to 40 hours of work, and are due between one week and one month after kick-off. Micro-Internships are used by companies ranging from those in the Fortune 100 to emerging start-ups, and go across departments including sales, marketing, technology, HR, and finance.



EMPLOYERS ENGAGING WITH SAM HOUSTON STUDENTS



2,472
STUDENTS
ATTENDED
VIRTUAL
CAREER FAIRS

1,051
RESUME &
COVER LETTER
CRITIQUES

4,884
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
IN VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
AND PRESENTATIONS

117
REBA BOCK
CAREER
CLOSET
VISITS

963
MOCK INTERVIEWS
AND
INTERVIEW
STREAM
SESSIONS

829
STUDENTS USED
FOCUS 2

17,88
APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED
ON HANDSHAKE

2,683
LIKES ON SOCIAL
MEDIA

5,222
HANDSHAKE
ACTIVATIONS

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CAMPUS CHAMPIONS

Campus partners are on-campus staff and faculty who strive to help make their students career-ready. Through promoting services, involving career conversations in curriculum, and actively shaping skills and professionalism with on-campus employment, these individuals work alongside Career Services to build a successful future for our Bearkats.



“ During the past three years, Career Services has helped my students to be prepared and confident when planning for their career. They helped us prepare an action plan for the job market, and they facilitate the execution of those ideas by providing us with numerous mock interviews, consulting, and advising sessions. ”

Dr. Roozbeh Iranikermani

Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural Sciences
College of Science & Engineering Technology



“ The Career Services team helps my students better understand the many nuances they need to navigate as they search for jobs. Plus, they offer great feedback on practice interviews and resumes. The resources offered by Career Services are invaluable! ”

Dr. Ashly Smith

Assistant Professor
Department of General Business and Finance
College of Business Administration



“ You all rocked the 1st CJ Job Show! It was well executed, extremely informative, and just FUN! Thank you all for pulling this together and delivering a great event for our students. I look forward to continued collaborative work to meet the needs of our CJ students. ”

Danielle L. Boisvert

Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Student Development
College of Criminal Justice



“ Thanks to all for your willingness to help. We are grateful for the tremendous help and support our nursing students receive. Could not do it without you! ”

Forstine Morris MSN, RN-BC

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Population Health
College of Health Sciences



“ Career Services has helped me get more active digitally, including on LinkedIn, where I've been able to start building an alumni and current students network for our department. This has also led several students to interviews for internships and jobs. Their office has also been helpful in referring students to the Career Coffee talks and resume workshops so we don't have to spend as much time on early drafts of student employment materials. ”

Dr. Ross Guida

Assistant Professor of Geography
Environmental & Geosciences
College of Science & Engineering Technology



“ What speaks the loudest about this department and its staff, are the comments from our students. They go into a mock interview with a tremendous amount of anxiety and leave with a new level of self-confidence. Students have shared that it is the very best and most productive assignment in their years in college. I am always impressed by the professionalism modeled for our Barkats! ”

Susie Stone

Department of Population Health
College of Health Sciences



“ Career Services has been a true partner with the College of Education in support of our Barkat teacher candidates, as well as all College of Education programs. Michelle Meers has worked tirelessly each semester in providing high quality, on-demand, relevant programming to prepare teacher candidates for the SHSU Teacher Career Fair, hosted by our very own Career Services. Our candidates are “Career Ready” and we are blessed to have both Michelle Meers and Career Services as a part of our team! ”

Dr. Kathy Adair

Director of Innovative Partnerships
College of Education



“ Working on campus is truly the best of both worlds. We want you to leave SHSU as the best version of yourself and some lessons can't be taught in the classroom. You are getting paid but you are also learning hands-on life skills, getting involved in campus from the inside and working with an employer that understands the importance of education and changing class schedules. Plus, you can't beat all the extra SHSU swag that comes with the job. ”

Jamie McMurray

Recreational Sports



“ Student workers are an integral part of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and assist in carrying out many functions. They provide the office with the students' perspective, making them valuable assets. Many thanks to these exceptional students, who go above and beyond in their responsibilities in the office while balancing academics and other obligations! ”

Jennifer Arko

Document Management Coordinator
Department of Financial Aid & Scholarships





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