Welcome to Atlantis University where students come first and where faculty and staff strive to provide outstanding academic experience.

Atlantis University is a place that promotes intellectual growth and hands on experience for career minded individuals.

We invite you to immerse yourself on our 1st Newsletter of the year where there is a space for faculty, students and staff to interact and promote activities held at the University.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS

Students are the heartbeat of the university. The students here at Atlantis University are always working toward their ultimate goal of obtaining employment in their chosen field. There are many activities that take place for the students on a regular basis. Our students take field trips to employers that are the best in the specific industries.

When visiting the employers students are granted the opportunity to meet face to face with hiring managers. The life of an AU student is exciting, educational, and career oriented. The entire staff and faculty work diligently to make sure students are developed professionally while obtaining their education with Atlantis University.

Employers that Atlantis are pursuing working relationships with:

In the month of February 2013 the CNP students took a field trip to one of the largest IT companies in the South Florida area. Verizon Terremark sets the standard for IT deployments with advanced infrastructure and managed service offerings that deliver the scale, security, and reliability necessary to meet the demanding requirements of enterprises and governments around the world.

During the visit, students had an opportunity to tour the facility and meet some of the executive and hiring professionals. This trip exposed the students to real-life materials and some of the finest IT software in the industry today.

In the month of February the CNP student attended the VMware workshop. VMware (NYSE:VMW), the global leader in virtualization and cloud infrastructure, delivers customer-proven solutions that accelerate IT by reducing complexity and enabling more flexible, agile service delivery.

This workshop offered Atlantis student the opportunity to network with hundreds of IT professionals and learn about IT security.

There were many topics and software product knowledge seminars held within the workshop. VMware is an IT software company that has over 45,000 partners and over 400,000 customers worldwide.

Paul Pazmino
Computer Information Technology

I began obtaining my education with Atlantis University in October 2012. To be a part of this type of institution has given me a sense of belonging and a drive to succeed academically and professionally.

While searching for a new career path I decided that IT was the career path that would allow me more employment opportunities and stability. I had experience several career setbacks as a professional in the media industry and felt that I should follow my desires to become an IT professional within the media industry.

As of today I have learned so many new things that have prepared me for my IT career. I have passed my first certification exam (A+ Certification) and I am actively studying for my remaining certifications. I feel with the training and education I am receiving here at Atlantis University I will have a bright and successful future. I am looking forward to obtaining my certifications and becoming employed in the IT field.

I am a very dedicated individual that has remained focus on my goals of becoming what I set out to become which a Atlantis University graduate that is employed as an IT professional.

With commitment and perseverance I will achieve my educational and professional goals.

Antuan Jones
Computer Information Technology

I am a US Veteran that is currently attending Atlantis University. I have several years of IT experience and 10 years of military training. I travel many miles to obtain my IT certifications from Atlantis University. I must say the administrative staff and professors have gone above and beyond to ensure that I have an exceptional educational experience. Upon my arrival at Atlantis University I was not sure how the program would be executed and if I would even like being far away from home.

I was greeted by friendly faces and many smiles. I was partnered up with other VA professionals with similar goals. I immediately became pleased with my decision I made to attend Atlantis University. At this time I have successfully completed my A+ Certification and I am actively working at an internship that has allowed me to gain experience and further develop my leadership skills.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF A+ CERTIFICATION IN TODAY’S JOB MARKET"

IT Professor - Mr Mauricio Romero

In more than ten years teaching and guiding students going into the IT field, I have often been asked the question “Do you think that I should get the CompTIA A+ Certification?” The obvious answer is a big “YES,” but today’s inquisitive young students require a more detailed explanation. First, I tell them that almost 90% of IT employers ask for the A+ Certification in their job descriptions to better ensure that their workers are good candidates for the job.

Some students might ask “Why are they doing this?” It is because CompTIA A+ Certification is considered the Industry Standard in terms of measuring a Technician’s general knowledge about hardware and software. Employers know that the A+ Certification is an impartial and unbiased certification that gives the stamp of competency to service professionals in the computer industry. This certification is developed and sponsored by the world’s biggest computer companies and computing technology industry association. It is an internationally recognized credential that validates competency in computer service and technical support.

CompTIA is by far the most prestigious and well recognized certification organization worldwide. Members include the biggest names in the global software and hardware manufacturers such as Microsoft, IBM, Lotus, Dell, Hewlett Packard, etc. CompTIA is an independent organization not directly associated with any particular vendor within the industry. It is also the largest organization, having the greatest global reach compared to any other certification issuing institutions.

Second, I tell them that having the CompTIA A+ Certification raises their value to the potential employer, because it assures the new employer that they have the knowledge, skills and customer service skills necessary to successfully support PC equipment and users. For those currently employed, this certification makes them more likely to be noticed by the company’s management and to be asked to join the “special projects team” made up of only certified technicians.

Moreover, when you have your A+ Certification, the possibilities for job opportunities are almost endless. You can enter different fields in IT, such as: Help Desk Technician, PC Technician, Field Service Technician, and Manufacturing, just to mention a few. Many others with this certification achieve their goal of starting their own computer repair business. Also, in today’s high-tech world, every industry, from medicine and engineering to general retail and business firms, require computers to work.

Once you have earned your A+ Certification, you’ll find that you suddenly have more career options due to the demand for your new skills and the extra productivity you can bring to a company. You will discover that your newly learned skills open up more possibilities and will increase your chances of landing your desired role.

Finally, remember that the CompTIA A+ Certification has always been the best way to prove that you are knowledgeable when it comes to IT. While there are other certifications such as Microsoft’s MCSE or Cisco’s CCNA, CompTIA A+ Certification is and always will be the gold-standard certification needed to start a long career in the IT world.
Skill Up, Start Up, Speak Up

The current and ongoing Jobs Recession, deeper and longer than expected, forces job-seekers to focus on job-hunting fundamentals.

Most experts had predicted that job growth would lag well behind economic growth after the Great Recession, but no one predicted the depth of the problem that we now face in this jobs recession.

We had hoped for a more upbeat Job Action Day months ago when we were planning it, but circumstances forced us to focus on some key fundamentals of job-hunting and job growth advocacy.

So, on this day when you are supposed to be focusing on your career, consider these issues:

★ First, whether you are currently employed or seeking employment, it’s important to have the skills employers are seeking. There are numerous ways to gain these skills, including community colleges, apprenticeships, and volunteering.

★ Second, if this jobs recession has taught all of us anything, it’s that we must depend on ourselves more than any employer. We have to make our career our primary focus -- from branding ourselves as indispensable to our current employer (and prospective future employers) or planting the seeds for starting our own business (or businesses). We must be selfish in our focus because no one else will be looking at for our best interests.

★ Third, at a time when there is a lot of talk -- and counter talk -- about job creation -- and very little actual job creation, it’s time to speak up. It’s time for us to tell politicians and businesses to stop wasting time with the talk and get down to actually hiring people again. You’ll find many ideas for all three of these ideas -- Skill Up, Start Up, Speak Up -- at Job Action Day 2011 -- with a multitude of articles and a plethora of bloggers all focused on the one goal of helping you focus on your career and move forward with it.

In celebration of Black History Month Student Services department will be hosting a Taste of Soul where students will have the opportunity to get together enjoy some recipes and typical plates in commemoration of this important month.

Date: 2/28/2013

Bring your appetite and smile while you enjoy a “Taste of Soul” for Black History Month.

Students were privileged to participate in our monthly guest speaker seminars, presented by Julio Avel, President and CEO of US Care Inc. which is a national healthcare startup organization dedicated to expanding and providing increased access to behavioral health services throughout the United States as a Management Service Organization. He has vast experience in the field assisting private and public sector organizations with management methodologies and strategies. He shared with students his experiences as responsible for the business development practices in companies in areas such as strategic management, implementation of governmental contract management systems among others.

Also for our Business Law class we had Dr. Bruce M. Bounds, Attorney & Counselor At Law. He spoke to students about Employment and Discrimination Law and gave interesting examples about his professional experience in dealing with cases that involve corporate employment issues.