ANNUA 2020-2021



CENTER

The Career Development Center helps KU students create a career development plan, confidently approach their professional internship and job search, and secure meaningful employment.

Pivoting was the word of the year for 2020 and even 2021, in response to the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.

The Career Center staff successfully pivoted modalities to continue educating and supporting KU students, both virtually and in-person, to be #KUCareerReady.

- All workshops, presentations, and counseling appointments were offered virtually.
- Staff continued their partnerships with faculty by offering 83 in-course presentations and collaborated on 13 employer presentations and panels.
- appointment numbers increased Counseling as students. particularly freshmen and seniors, sought one-on-one time with career coaches,
- The number of students logging into Handshake increased, particularly seniors and freshmen students.



Student Engagement

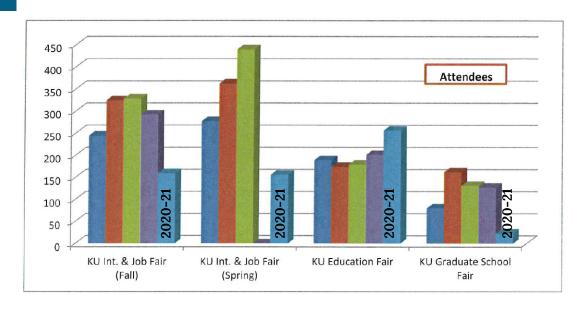
Special Events and Services

The CDC coordinates numerous career events for students. Here are just a few:

- Collaboration with Disabilities Services Office to offer the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program
- Employer panel 'So You Want to Make an Impact? Careers in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion"
- JCPenney Suit-Up Event
- Mock Interview Mania with volunteer recruiters providing interviews and feedback
- Compilation of Accounting and Finance Resume Books sent to recruiters
- Internship and Job Fairs and a Graduate School Fair

Career Fairs

This year, all fairs were held virtually through Handshake. The Internship & Job Fair is held both in the Fall and Spring semesters and provides students with the opportunity to engage and connect with recruiters. The Job Fair for Educators was held in the spring semester. The Graduate School Fair each Fall semester allows students to meet with college and university staff to discuss and gain information about master and doctoral programs.



Though COVID forced fairs to be held virtually, employers were still able to connect with KU students & alumni.

Workshops & Events

The CDC offered more than 334 in-class presentations and workshops on various topics.

Topics:

- Designing Your Career Path
- Choosing Your Major
- Finding Internships
- Job Search Strategies
- Interviewing Strategies
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing

- Graduate School Search
- How to Work A Career Fair
- Senior Kickoffs/Orientations
- Employer/Industry Panels and Info Sessions
- Soft Skills, Career Readiness & Professionalism



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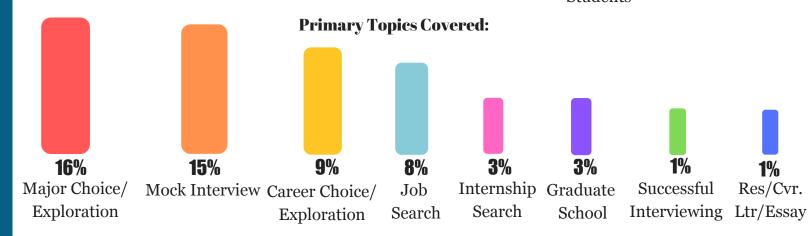
Career Coaching/Counseling Appointments

The CDC provides one-on-one career counseling appointments for students and alumni. This year there was an increase of 36% of the total number served with the most discussed topic continuing to be Major Choice/Exploration.

45% Freshmen **13%** Sophomores

10% Juniors **25%** Seniors

4% Grad **4%** Alumni Students



Review Service

At the CDC, staff members engage with students to review resumes and cover letters helping students present their education and talents to prospective employers and graduate schools. During the 20-21 academic year, 3157 documents were reviewed.

Certificate Programs

The two specially-designed professional development certificates help students become stronger, more confident, successful future employees! They have grown significantly as a result of strategic outreach to key faculty through the Faculty Career Champs Program and First Year Seminar courses.

• 28 faculty incorporated the program into their courses, totaling 1700 students actively working toward earning their certificates. This is a 29% increase in the number of students participating.



Learning Outcomes:

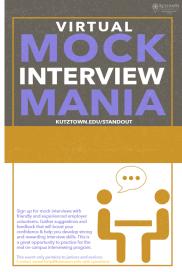
Upon completion of the Career Success Certificate, there was an increase in students knowing how to:

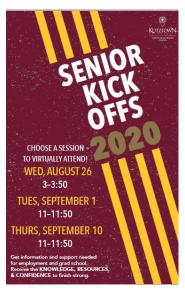
- effectively market themselves for the internship/job search (33%).
- create/update their LinkedIn profile (16%).



CDC Special Events

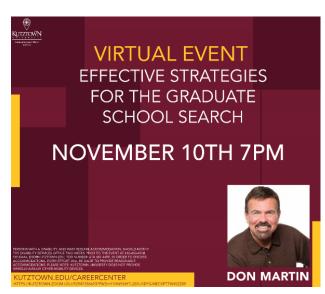






















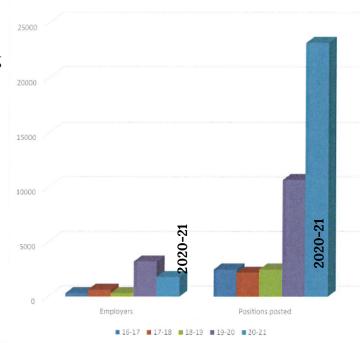
Employer Engagement

Handshake Postings

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers as well as on-campus opportunities.

This year, the number of posting of full-time listings increased 133% and internships increased 73%.

	KUCN	KUCN	KUCN	Handshake Handshake	
	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Employers	308	631	308	3215	1787
Positions posted	2484	2209	2484	10667	23157
Full-Time	1641	1440	1641	7881	18440
Internship	843	769	843	2683	4636
On-campus Employment				103	81



Career Fair Participation

Employers & Graduate Schools:

- Internship & Job Fair (Fall) 49
- Internship & Job Fair (Spring) **67**
- Education Fair 106
- Graduate School Fair- 14



