

## Developing a Professional Workforce

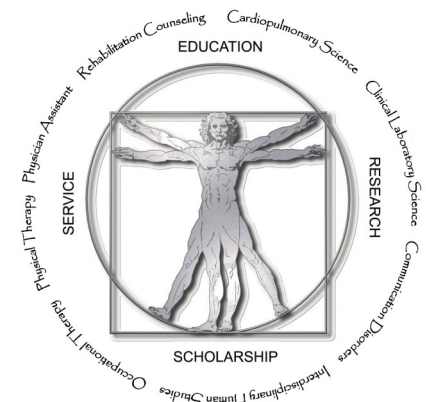
The Student Government Association and the Student Alumni Ambassadors in conjunction with the Dean's Office, coordinated the 4th Annual Professional Development Series for students. The purpose of the Series was to prepare students for the employment process.

The Series consisted of 3 lectures and a Job Fair. The lectures focused on resume writing, interviewing and employee benefits. These topics are crucial in a student's ability to prepare for job placement and find an organization which will support the student's professional and personal goals. Tina Patel Gunaldo, PT, PhD, DPT, MHS educated the students about résumé writing, Marylee Pontillas, MS, LOTR prepared the students for the interview process, and Duane Labbé, MBA discussed employee benefits.

The School promotes professional student development, and encourages student attendance at state and national professional association meetings. Funds from the Job Fair directly benefit student travel to these meetings. Over the past 3 years, the School of Allied Health Professions has been able to provide financial assistance of \$16,000 to 178 students to attend meetings.

The Professional Job Fair was held on September 19th and was supported by 30 employers from around the United States. The School of Allied Health Professions would like to recognize and show our appreciation to the participating organizations:

Abilities: Helping Kids Succeed  
 Aureus Medical Group  
 Baton Rouge General Medical Center  
 Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation  
 Century Rehab  
 Esign Services  
 Hallmark Rehabilitation  
 HCR Mannor Care  
 HealthSouth of Alexandria  
 Hope Therapy Center  
 Lake Charles Memorial Hospital  
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 Synergy Care  
 Terrebonne General Medical Center  
 The Center for Pediatric Therapy  
 The Therapy Center  
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### Employer Quotes:

*"The students were awesome. They came prepared and were very professional."*

*"This is the best university job fair that I attend all year. It is excellent in every way."*

*"We had the opportunity to see many students, and we felt that they were genuinely interested."*

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