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UM SAYS HELLO TO WEB DATABASE FOR STUDENT RESUMES

MISSOULA--

A new service for students at The University of Montana has just begun to take much of the work and expense out of their job-hunting agonies.

Unveiled this week, Career Connections is a Web database for student resumes that helps UM's Career Services Office respond efficiently to requests from prospective employers and allows employers with Internet access to survey the resumes of students who want their credentials available to a wide audience.

Career Connections also maintains a complete schedule of on-campus job interviews by off-campus employers and a database of current full-time job openings for UM graduates-to-be. The service is free to students and employers. The address is <http://www.umt.edu/career/cc.htm>.

To participate in the service, students first must register with Career Connections, which assigns an I.D. number and a password.

"Once students are registered, they can create their resume, enter it on the Web, and they're off and running," said Career Services director Mike Heuring. "The resumes go into an electronic database we can work out of, and students can update them from any computer in the world."

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Students who want to set up a job interview with an employer who has scheduled a campus visit can view interview schedules on the Web and sign up for a time, Heuring said. Employers can then go into the schedule, see the names of students signed up for interviews and then look at their resumes. The system has built-in security to prevent employers from contacting students without first sending a written request on company letterhead to Career Services and obtaining a password.

“The reason this system is so valuable for UM students is that UM is a remote campus and we don’t get as many employers visiting us as urban areas get,” Heuring said. “This helps make our students competitive with students at other schools.”

The database of current job openings that students can look at has several thousand jobs listed, he said, and is kept up to date. A student who is registered with Career Connections can get into the system, view the job openings and apply for a job online.

Registration is good all through a student’s UM career and for six months after graduation.

“We want students to get in early,” Heuring said. “We want them to start thinking about careers before their senior year.”

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