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### **Job Fairs/Career Opportunities**



DCFS Hiring Fair is on Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Rapides American Job Center 5610-B Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA



CommCare Corporation holds its Job Fair On November 10th from 10 AM - 3 PM at 15165-LA, Center Point, LA



Are you looking to begin your law enforcement career? Are you a post-certified officer looking for a better place to work that utilizes technology and proven violent crime reduction strategies like stratified policing?

Join the Pineville Police Department! Call Captain Kim Mixon at 318-442-8632 or email her at kmixon@pineville.net

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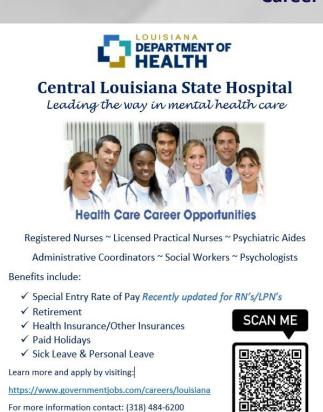


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### **Career Opportunities**





### **Student Nurse Extern Hiring Event**

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!



Join the Rapides Regional Medical Center Hiring Event to learn more about the nurse extern opportunities available to nursing school students.

> Monday, November 14, 2022 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Rapides Regional Medical Center, 211 4th Street, Alexandria LA

To register and learn more about the hiring event, click **here!** 

### **Social Assistance**



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### **Adult Education Programs**



# Want to improve your English Language Skills?



#### We offer:

- High school equivalency diploma preparation (HiSET prep)
- Digital Literacy skills
- Job readiness skills
- Secondary credential preparation
- College transition resources
- English as a second language

#### Who can enroll:

- Any adult age 16 years and older is eligible to enroll.
- 16 & 17 year old students must provide an age waiver from the local school board office

**Evening ESL classes** available! NO COST!

**CLTCC Alexandria Campus** 516 Murray St. Alexandria, LA 71301

Forest Hill Community Center 138 Blue Lake Road Forest Hill, LA





### ontact Us:

1 (318) 487-5443 ext. 1125 or 1127 adulteducation@cltcc.edu



Scan the QR code and complete the form for more information!

# **EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA**



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#### **Rapides Parish**

CLTCC Alexandria Main Campus 516 Murray Street Alexandria, LA 71301

5610 B Coliscum BN Alexandria, LA 7130

Pineville Elementary School 835 Main St Pineville, LA 71360

### **Community Events**



with the U.S. Small Business Administration

Boots to Business | Reboot is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Participants are introduced to the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to launch a business, including steps for developing business concepts, how to develop a business plan, and information on SBA resources available to help.

B2B Reboot is open to all veterans and spouses.

#### When:

Thursday, 10 November 2022 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central Time

#### Where:

Central LA Regional Chamber of Commerce 1118 3rd Street Alexandria, LA 71301

#### Hosts/Presenters:

Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC), Small Business Development Center (SBDC), VBOC Louisiana SBA District Office, Veteran Success Story

#### VBOC at MSU POC: Mark Scott

Email: vboc@business.msstate.edu Phone: (662) 325 - 4990





#### LSU SBDC POC:

**Evelyn Jones** Email: ejones@louisianasbdc.org Phone: 318-545-5077 Ext. 3430













Register here!



Mark your calendars for the 2022 ALEX Winter Fete!

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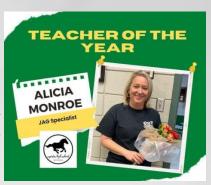


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### **Success Stories**

### **JAG Update**

Workforce Operations Department housed in the Rapides American Job Center is proud to partner with the Rapides Parish School Board's **JAG** Program. The WIOA Youth Program provides funds that provide opportunities in



education and career pathways to high school sen-

We congratulate Alicia Monroe, JAG "Teacher of the Year" at Rapides High School for a job well done! We thank you for preparing our young adults for the workforce.

#### What is JAG?

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise. JAG is delivering the best results in its 40-year history, while serving youth who face significant challenges, to help them reach economic and academic success. JAG helps young people of truly great promise succeed both in school and on the job, leading to a productive and rewarding career.

Employer engagement has been a cornerstone activity of the JAG program since its inception. In leveraging employer engagement as an instructional strategy, JAG elevates the practice by developing meaningful connections between our students and professionals, ideas and skills, and the classroom and real-life situations. Employers invest their resources, talent, and knowledge to customize individual learning experiences for JAG students. Work-based activities and learning advance effective employer partnerships to provide students with the inspiration, motivation, knowledge, and skills needed to be successful in postsecondary education and career pathways.

JAG program equips students with no less than 37 employability skills competencies plus career exploration and development.

JAG Specialists provide advice and support as students make significant career and life decisions and serve as a "one-stop" connection for participants to access personal, behavioral, and other youth services in the community. Support services are provided during the school year as well as in the summer months.

Source: Donna Smith

### **RoyOMartin Workforce Updates**

Throughout the month of October, we celebrated and highlighted the opportunities and careers in manufacturing. October is National Manufacturing Month and MFG Day is celebrated each year on the 1st Friday of October and presented by the National Association of Manufacturers and The Manufacturing Institute. At RoyOMartin, we believe in providing the opportunity for all our team members to take their careers as far as they can! We grow trees and people! Visit https:// www.mfgday.com/ to learn more about #MFGDay22 and opportunities available in manufacturing.

### Women in Manufacturing

RoyOMartin hosted its Sixth Annual RoyOMartin Women in Manufacturing Day on October 28, 2022.

Celebrated annually October, each RoyOMartin Women in Manufacturing Day

designed for young women in grades 7-12



(left to right) Savannah Duncan, Miranda Underwood, Jessica Difulco, Tara Mosley, and Ebony Moran.
Photo credit: RoyOMartin

to gain an awareness of the career opportunities available in our manufacturing industry.

The event was held at the RoyOMartin corporate office in Alexandria, La., and streamed on Facebook Live across Central Louisiana. Female students from Arthur F. Smith Middle Magnet School and Oakdale High School attended the ceremony, along with viewers of the live-stream video, heard unique testimonials from these five RoyOMartin female team members.

To learn more about the event, click here. RoyOMartin Women in Manufacturing Day is offered in conjunction with Manufacturing Day, a project of the National Association of Manufacturers and the Manufacturing Institute.

Additional Manufacturing Month Activiincluded the kickoff RoyOMartin's "Girls Can Too" mentor program area junior high and high schools, and book readings at area elementary schools with RoyOMartin representatives and our mascot Otis the Black Bear.



Source: Amanda Guillot

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### Manufacturing Jobs are Forecasted to **Increase in the Louisiana Central Region**



Regional employment in the manufacturing industry for Central Louisiana is expected to outpace the national average during the next four years, according to economic data released by Louisiana Central in October.

Louisiana Central's report found that within the next four years, manufacturing jobs available in Central Louisiana will increase by 14 percent across the 10parish area while overall jobs available will tumble by 2 percent statewide and 4 percent nationally. The report is compiled by Louisiana Central's economic modeling research partner, Lightcast. Lightcast examines data from the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other sources. Based on 2016 numbers, more than 9,100 people in Central Louisiana worked for manufacturers in the region; however, Lightcast predicts the manufacturing workforce could grow by more than 1,300 jobs by 2026.

"This is great news," Jim Clinton, President and CEO of Louisiana Central said. "Manufacturing is already a key economic driver in our region. The best news from this report is that manufacturing jobs in our region are expected to grow significantly faster than the national average in the next few years. Manufacturing jobs export services outside our region and bring cash into our region. The revenue from manufacturing generates a multiplier effect causing jobs in other sectors to also be created.

Manufacturing is a large contributor to Louisiana's economy and comprises a large portion of the overall statewide workforce. Average salaries for Central Louisiana manufacturing jobs are more than \$72,000 per year.

Central Louisiana is a prime location for manufacturing.

"Our region offers many resources and incentives for companies to build, invest, and grow," Lafe Jones, Executive Director of Industry Relations at Louisiana Central said. "Some of the benefits include support from the state and from local organizations like Louisiana Central, the region's unique workforce, the available education and training providers, the supportive infrastructure, and the quality of life Central Louisiana provides.

View full story here.

Source: Britney Lilley

### **CENLA Businesses Committed to Supporting** LSUA's Accountants for the Future

In a press conference, seven

central Louisiana businesses stood with LSUA to announce an official partnership known as LSUA Accountants for the Future that will pro-

vide funding, support, and professional opportunities to increase the number of qualified accountants graduating into the workforce.



In 2017, the Alexandria statistical area reported having only 53% of the accountants needed for a region its size as measured against national averages. Over the last five years, the administration of LSUA and the faculty of LSUA's College of Business have met regularly with area employers to assess their workforce needs. In direct response to these conversations, LSUA has focussed on redesigning an innovative Accounting degree program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

Spearheaded by the vision of Roy O. Martin, III, CEO and CFO of RoyOMartin, the LSUA Accountants for the Future partnership is a collaboration between LSUA and seven area businesses, including RoyOMartin; Red River Bank; Payne, Moore, & Herrington; Cleco; Crest Industries; Virtual Partner Advantage; and Central Management.

Martin explained his motivation for encouraging the partnership between like-minded businesses and LSUA, "This collaboration is about the business community working directly with the university to address a critical need. Our businesses cannot grow until we grow our workforce. We have the raw material here in central Louisiana. We have to send them through the factory that is LSUA to produce the high-quality product we are all looking for...accountants!"

Randall Dupont, Dean of the College of Business, said, "This partnership is a great opportunity. We have put in the work to elevate the Accounting program because it is the right thing to do. We need to understand the needs of the business community and continue to improve our programs. We are working every day to do both."

View full story here.

Source: Adam Lord

Workforce

Only 11.4% of American veterans in the 11 to 44 age group were unemployed in January 2022.

The veteran unemployment rate increased between December 2021 and January 2022 from 3.2% to 3.8% .

According to ZipRecruiter, veterans in 2022 earn an average salary of \$57,231. While the average veteran salary varies between \$18,000 and \$128,000, most veterans earn between \$28,000 and \$37,399.

Source: TeamStage

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