



# Rapides Workforce Development Board E-Bulletin



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## Career Opportunities

**VA**  **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration  
Alexandria VA health care System  
VISN 16 | Alexandria, LA



**Health Care Career Opportunities**

**Alexandria VA Medical Center  
hosting Job Hiring Fair**

Join the Alexandria VA for it's job hiring fair on Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at 2495 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA in the Auditorium located in Building 8, 2nd floor.

Click [here](#) for details and register [here](#).

ALEXANDRIA *mall*

**JOB FAIR**  
*Let's Go!*

**September 17th  
11am-4pm**

Center Court  
Alexandria Mall  
3437 Masonic Drive • Alexandria, LA 71301

Seeking new employment or looking for a change of pace? Stop in to speak directly with hiring managers and explore what opportunities are available.

**Sponsors**




For more info or to register your business contact 318-619-2742 [clarissa.pugh@am.jill.com](mailto:clarissa.pugh@am.jill.com)

**CHRISTUS** **REGISTER TODAY**

**CAREER NIGHT**



For more information, contact Danny Miller at 318. 561.4173 or [danny.miller@christushealth.org](mailto:danny.miller@christushealth.org)  
View the event [here](#).

### Central Louisiana State Hospital Job Openings

Join our team!

**NOW HIRING**

Central Louisiana State Hospital

**Psychiatric Aides**

On Site Training

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana)

318-484-6200

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**NOW HIRING**

Central Louisiana State Hospital

**RNs & LPNs**

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana)

318-484-6200

- Updated Special Entry Rate of Pay
- Flexible Shifts
- Paid Holidays
- Insurance Options
- Retirement



Join us for

**Walk-in Wednesdays**

Rapides Regional Medical Center Human Resources office will be open from 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday for walk-in interviews or to apply for jobs available.

To participate in "Walk-In Wednesdays" at RRMCC, apply [online](#) ahead of your visit and bring a copy of your resume with you.

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## Community Events

### Community Development Works

## Grant Writing Series

FALL 2022  
Training  
Calendar

- Grant Writing Power Hour (Webinar)**
  - Thursday, September 15
  - 11 a.m.-Noon
- Before You Start Grant Writing (Webinar)**
  - Tuesday, September 20
  - 11 a.m.-Noon
- Where to Find the Money: 3 Tools to Find Grant Opportunities (Webinar)**
  - Thursday, September 29
  - 11 a.m.-Noon
- Basic Grant Writing (In-person Workshop)**
  - Tuesday, October 4
  - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Demystifying Federal Grant Writing (In-person Workshop)**
  - Tuesday, October 11
  - 9 a.m.-Noon
- What Funders Want to See (In-person Workshop)**
  - Tuesday, October 18
  - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Community Development Works  
Helping People Build Communities in Central Louisiana

Trainings are free, but registration is needed.  
[communitydevelopmentworks.org](http://communitydevelopmentworks.org)      800-803-8075  
 Workshops will be held at 1101 4th St., Alexandria

## LSU OF ALEXANDRIA

# SHRIMP JAM

**FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER** | **D-D BREAU**  
FORMER HEAD COACH OF LSU GYMNASTICS  
 NINE-TIME SEC COACH OF THE YEAR  
 LOUISIANA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

5:30 PM at the Randolph Riverfront Center  
 707 2nd St. Alexandria, LA 71301  
 Fresh shrimp, food, & cash bar!  
 \$75 per person / Table Sponsorships Available  
 Ticket sales open August 1, 2022

For more information: [tunsicker@lsua.edu](mailto:tunsicker@lsua.edu) or call 318-473-6571  
 Tickets are Non-refundable

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT LSUA ATHLETICS**

Register [here!](#)

Get your tickets [here!](#)

## Community Assistance

Re-Entry Solutions and The Alexandria Housing Authority  
Present

## 2nd Annual Resource Roundup

**Participating Agencies:**  
 BEACON Behavioral Health  
 AHEC  
 ExpressTemp Agency  
 No Limit 4 Recovery  
 SOAR Health Network  
 Central LA Human Service District  
 Unite Us  
 ACP Cell Phones/Tablets  
 C. L. U. B Cares Community Business Academy  
 Community Healthways

When:  
September 30  
1:00-4:00

Where:  
Charles Hayward Activity Center  
2586 Loblolly Lane  
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact:  
[info@reentrysolutions.org](mailto:info@reentrysolutions.org)  
318-443-0189



### IS THERE LEAD IN YOUR HOME?

The Community Development Department is accepting applications for the **Lead-Safe Housing Program (LSHP)**.

Through this program, applicants who qualify for LSHP may have lead abatement performed on their home. **This could include FREE interior/exterior paint, flooring, and/or windows.**

Minimum requirements of the LSHP:

- Home must have been built before 1978
- A child (or children) under the age of 6 must live in or visit the home for at least 6 hours a week
- Homeowner or tenant must be at 80% of median income for our area
- Homeowner or tenant must reside within the City of Alexandria city limits.

For more information visit  
[www.cityofalexandrialouisiana.com/lead-safe-housing-program](http://www.cityofalexandrialouisiana.com/lead-safe-housing-program)  
 call 318-449-5075 or email [shelly.gotreaux@cityofalex.com](mailto:shelly.gotreaux@cityofalex.com)



For more information, you may call  
**318-443-0181** or email  
[info@reentrysolutions.org](mailto:info@reentrysolutions.org)

Contact Shelly Gotreaux at **318-449-5074** or  
[shelly.gotreaux@cityofalex.com](mailto:shelly.gotreaux@cityofalex.com)  
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## Success Stories

### RoyOMartin Woodworks Apprenticeship Program



The WoodWorks Apprenticeship team members recently completed their on-the-job training at Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC). During the course, they learned the basics of manufacturing as they transition into their roles at the three RoyOMartin manufacturing facilities. Instructors Nub Parker and Willie Ray Jackson taught about basic manufacturing, electrical, and mechanical skills, as well as helping them obtain their OSHA 10 certifications.



Photo credit: RoyOMartin

In June, these recent high school graduates who successfully completed the WoodWorks certification program, were officially hired as part of the RoyOMartin team.

Pictured with the team members (above) are Talent and Engagement Managers Nicole Rogers (pictured, far right) and Melanie Chapman (pictured, far left), who is the WoodWorks program facilitator.

New batches of students from 10 high schools across Central Louisiana attended the WoodWorks program orientation session at the corporate office in Alexandria last week. They were given an overview of the industry-based training program, as well as information on RoyOMartin's history, products, and career opportunities. You can view the students photos' at [#RoyOMartinWoodWorks](#).

### Gilchrist Construction Company Intern Highlight



Gilchrist Construction Company recognized Emily Nolasco as she successfully ended her 2022 Summer Internship program. Emily Nolasco is studying Construction Engineering and Technology at Louisiana Tech University.



Emily Nolasco  
Photo credit: GCC

During the 2022 summer break, Emily worked as an engineering intern at GCC. Emily stated she enjoyed her experience at GCC which ranged from visiting the project sites to working on project bids with the GCC estimating team.

### Join GCC Team

## 2022 After School Program

The City of Alexandria, along with the Rapides Parish School Board, offers a free After School Program for students in grades 1-8. The program will start Sept. 19, 2022, and run until the end of the school year in May of 2023.



The program, which will be offered from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, includes homework help, tutoring, computer access and snacks for participants. Activities will be held at the Youth and Teen Center (former Boys and Girls Club building) at 1801 Sylvester Street, the Broadway Resource Center at 712 Broadway Avenue, Martin Community Center at 2301 Mill Street and the Bolton Avenue Community Center at 315 Bolton Avenue.

While there is no charge for the program registration is required. Click [here](#) for more information and to download a registration form.



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## Workforce



The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. The parade inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing a "workingmen's holiday" on one day or another.

The projected percentage growth from 2014 to 2024 in the number of wind turbine service technicians (4,400 jobs in 2014), the projected fastest-growing occupation.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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