

April 2022

## Success Stories

### LSUA and CLTCC Sign 2+2 Articulation MOU



**LSUA** LSU of Alexandria have signed a 2+2 Business Articulation memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Central Louisiana Community College on March 31, 2022. The MOU ensures a clear pathway from CLTCC's Associate of Science in Business Administration to LSUA's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

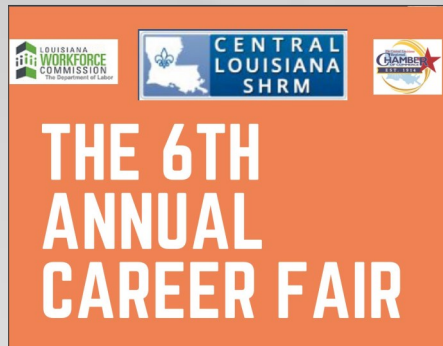
CLTCC graduates in Associate of Science in Business Administration who apply and are admitted to LSUA can transfer all 60 of their earned hours to LSUA's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

"CLTCC students entering LSUA's Business Administration program can specialize in a variety of concentrations such as management, marketing, entrepreneurship, financial analysis, international business, information systems, and agribusiness," said College of Business Dean, Dr. Randall Dupont.

Dr. Heather Poole, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at CLTCC says, "Many students enter CLTCC with the intent of transferring from our community college to a 4-year college. Unfortunately, the path to college graduation can be challenging for some students."

"Our goal at LSUA is to reach every CENLA student we can who is interested in pursuing a career requiring a 4-year degree," said LSUA Chancellor Paul Coreil. "Partnering with CLTCC to achieve this goal is a significant step forward that will result in major benefits to students and to advancing workforce development across the region."

Source: [LSUA - University News](#)



On Tuesday, March 29, the Central Louisiana Society for Human Resource Management (CLSHRM) hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual CENLA Career Fair. This event had been postponed several times since 2020 due to Covid. There were 37 employers and 5 community agencies in attendance to speak to local job seekers. We had approximately 200 job seekers attend the career fair.

CLSHRM was excited to be able to bring this event back to the area and we received positive feedback from many of the employers who attended. The ability to speak to job seekers personally and have people complete applications on-site were big selling points for the employers in attendance.

We'd like to thank our Platinum sponsors of the event, Boise Cascade, Roy O Martin, Christus Cabrini Hospital, WeStaff, and Walk-Ons.

Jeff Ryan  
Manager - Employee Relations & Employment  
CLECO

### Job Opportunities at RPPJ

WE'RE HIRING

**Part-Time Positions Available**

- Truck Drivers
- Equipment Operators
- Grass Cutters
- Laborers

**Qualifications**

- Valid Louisiana Driver's License
- High School Diploma or GED
- CDL Required for some positions

Please contact Rapides Parish Public Works at 318-473-6603 for more information and an application for employment.  
Employment Applications are also available at [www.rppj.com](http://www.rppj.com).

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IN THE HEART OF LOUISIANA

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## Job Fairs & Career Opportunities

**Urban League of Louisiana**  
Office of Workforce Development

# Second CHANCE

VIRTUAL CAREER & RESOURCE EXPO  
For Justice Involved Individuals

**APRIL 27, 2022**  
1PM-3PM

Probation/Parole & Justice Involved Individuals

**Register Today!**  
<https://urbanleaguela.org/virtual-job>

Logos: Skill Up Louisiana, Return for Work, Louisiana Workforce Commission

ALEXANDRIA mall  
*Let's Go!*

# JOB FAIR

May 28, 2022  
11 am – 4 pm

NOW accepting all JOB FAIR EMPLOYER REGISTRATION

Booth space - Call 318.619.2742 to register your business.

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Are you looking for a job? Learn about opportunities in your industry & speak directly to hiring managers.

Are you a business who would like to participate in the Job Fair? [Register Here](#)

For more details call at **318-619-2742**

*Let's be Better Together!*

# WE ARE HIRING!

New Opportunities!

Visit our website!

The **Rapides Parish School District** is looking for new members to join their team. If you would like to see their list of employment opportunities, click the graphic above or click [here](#).



**RoyOMartin is now hiring at:** Plywood (Chopin, LA)

**Position Overview:**

Responsibilities include safely operating production equipment used to make plywood; troubleshooting mechanical issues; actively participating in problem-solving sessions; producing a quality product and required efficiencies consistently; and cross-training on different machine centers.

**Pay Rate:** The starting pay for production team members at RoyOMartin-Plywood is \$15.50 per hour, with the ability to earn up to \$23.00 per hour through on-the-job training.

**\*New hires will receive a \$1,500 signing bonus! (\$750 after completing 6 months of employment, and \$750 after completing one year.)**

**Schedule:** RoyOMartin production facilities operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with most production team members working a 12-hour shift. Individuals must be able to work rotating shifts (including holidays) and must be available for scheduled and unscheduled overtime as conditions of employment. Weekend-only work schedules are also an option.

**Elaine Morace**  
Rapides WDB Director

**Rapides American Job Center**  
5610 - B Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303  
(318) 487-5532  
Mon -Thurs - 7:00 am - 5:30 pm • Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Rose Killion**  
Rapides WDB Chairperson





# Rapides Workforce Development Board E-Bulletin



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## Events



Join the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 2022 Congressional Update Luncheon featuring Congresswoman Julia Letlow on Monday, May 23 from 11:30am - 1pm at the Wyndham Garden Alexandria & Convention Center located at 2720 North MacArthur Drive in Alexandria, LA.

Congresswoman Julia Letlow represents Louisiana's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the state's first Republican woman elected to Congress.

**Reserve your seat today!**

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**GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
with the  
**SEBD Program**  
Louisiana Small & Emerging  
Business Development

Take advantage of these workshops provided by LSUA College of Business.

**For more information:**  
☎ 318.545.5077  
✉ [ejones@louisianasbdc.org](mailto:ejones@louisianasbdc.org)

Workshop Series 1  
**Introduction to Quickbooks**  
Date: May/June 2022

Workshop Series 2  
**Small Business Social Media Marketing**  
Date: May/June 2022

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**SBA** U.S. Small Business Administration

**LED** LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**AMERICA'S SBDC** LOUISIANA

LSU OF ALEXANDRIA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alexandria Louisiana

As an SEBD certified business, you can take advantage of numerous free resources offered through LED. One of the resources provided by LSUA this May-June are free workshops focusing on topics related to business growth opportunities.

To take advantage of these free workshops, complete the SEBD certification process [here](#). Information about the SEBD program can be found [here](#).

For more information, please call the LSUA SBDC at 318-545-5077 or email [ejones@louisianasbdc.org](mailto:ejones@louisianasbdc.org)

Log on to **LSBDC**.

Community Development Works  
SPRING 2021  
Training Calendar

**Financial Management Series**

**Taking the Fear Out of Asking**  
Thursday, April 22; 11 a.m. to Noon

**Using QuickBooks™ to Manage Your Finances: Part 1**  
Tuesday, April 27; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Using QuickBooks™ to Manage Your Finances: Part 2**  
Thursday, April 29; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Why People Don't Donate (and What You Can Do About It)**  
(Access the recording of this podcast on-demand through the "Attend Training" tab on the CDW website.)

Webinars and podcasts are free, but registration is needed.  
Call CDW or register online.

COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENTWORKS.ORG 800-803-8075

### Community Development Works Financial Management Series

Learn about fundraising and financial management for your nonprofit in this series of courses offered by Community Development Works. All CDW trainings are presented free of charge to Central Louisiana residents.

Can't sit in at the designated time? No problem! Register for each class that interests you and they'll send you a link to access the recording.

**Register here!**

## Workforce



The highest unemployment rate in US history was in 1933, during the Great Depression, when 24.9% of Americans were out of work.

Before the age of 40, Americans hold between seven to eight different jobs .

Those who commute short distances or cycle to work are more likely to be happy commuters, which leads to increased productivity. Those who have longer commutes and/or drive tend to be less happy and less productive at work.

Source: *FactRetriever*

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