



# Rapides Workforce Development Board E-Bulletin



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## Career Opportunities



**WE ARE HIRING!**  
**RECRUITING EVENT**  
**AUGUST 17, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**RAPIDES AMERICAN JOB CENTER**  
**5610 B COLISEUM BLVD.,**  
**ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303**

**Dockside & Offshore Positions**

- Company Drivers
- Field Service Engineers
- Operators
- Supervisors
- Technicians

**APPLY**  
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**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NOW HIRING**

**JOB POSITIONS:**  
**PERMIT TECHNICIAN**  
**ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN**

To apply and check out other available job openings, go to the City of Alexandria's website employment tab.

[www.cityofalexandrialala.com](http://www.cityofalexandrialala.com)

For more information:  
**CALL CIVIL SERVICE**  
**318-449-5078**




**NOW HIRING:**

- HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
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**GILCHRIST** CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
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**Apply here!**

View more of Gilchrist's job openings [here](#).

**Join AmeriCorps for a year and your impact could last a lifetime.**

**Serve with Us!**

Begin your one-year commitment  
 September 6, 2022

**Try something new. Get paid. Make a difference.**

AmeriCorps Members are vital to the Food Bank. As part of the team, you will...

- ⇒ Distribute food across eleven parishes
- ⇒ Pack and sort food in our warehouse
- ⇒ Help alleviate hunger for thousands in need.

**Benefits of Service**

- ✓ Paid living allowance
- ✓ Education Award
- ✓ Student loan deferment
- ✓ Skills training

**Apply on Indeed.com**



**Learn More**



Contact:  
 Food Bank of Central Louisiana  
 318-445-2773



Supported by a grant from the Volunteer Louisiana Commission in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



**Central Louisiana State Hospital**  
*Leading the way in mental health care*

**Health Care Career Opportunities**

Registered Nurses ~ Licensed Practical Nurses ~ Psychiatric Aides  
 Administrative Coordinators ~ Social Workers ~ Psychologists

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- ✓ Retirement
- ✓ Health Insurance/Other Insurances
- ✓ Paid Holidays
- ✓ Sick Leave & Personal Leave

Learn more and apply by visiting:  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana>

For more information contact: (318) 484-6200

**COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!**

**SCAN ME**



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## Community Events

**THE RAPIDES FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM**

**READ TO A BETTER FUTURE**  
2022 Focus: Early Childhood Literacy  
Thursday, September 1, 2022  
3:30-5:00 p.m.



**Featured Speaker: Malcolm Mitchell**  
Super Bowl Champion, Author and Founder/CEO of Share the Magic Foundation

**This program is free but registration is required. Visit [rapidesfoundation.org/symposium](https://rapidesfoundation.org/symposium) to register.**

Register [here!](#)

**Want to learn how the Government buys?**

The U.S. SBA Louisiana District Office in partnership with LSUA SBDC will hold an event highlighting Government Contracting and Certifications, SAM Registration, Lending information, and LSBDC resources.

**AUGUST 31st**  
10 AM - 12 PM  
SBDC Office  
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce  
1118 Third Street  
Downtown Alexandria

**REGISTER NOW!**



This event is in person only and registration is required. Seating is limited.

Free & open to the public  
For more information, call 318-545-5077 or email [lsbdc.lsu@louisianasbdc.org](mailto:lsbdc.lsu@louisianasbdc.org)

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Register [here!](#)

## Education & Career Training Programs

**Previously Offered Trainings**  
Commercial Truck Driving  
Scalloping  
CNA/Medical Assistant  
OSHA  
Welding Assistant  
Carpentry Assistant  
EMT

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Let us help you achieve your career goals!

**MET, INC. OFFICE**  
For more information please contact: Mrs. LaKisha Thomas or Mrs. TaRita Boatner  
1408 Landis St.  
Winnsboro, LA 71295  
Email: [winnsboro@metinc.org](mailto:winnsboro@metinc.org)  
Phone: 318-435-8885

Housing assistance is available for Migrant Farmworkers.

**Are You Looking for...  
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Career Training?  
A New Career Path?**

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EDUCATION &  
TRAINING, INC.**

**FREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEASONAL AND MIGRANT FARMWORKERS**

**Advance Your Agricultural Career, or Follow Your Dreams to a Fresh Start!**

**Train Today. Work Tomorrow**

**FREE TO QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS**  
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Occupational Certifications  
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Job Readiness Skills Training  
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On the Job Training  
Computer Literacy Training  
Agricultural Upgrade Training  
ESL Training  
Pesticide Safety Training  
Direct Job Placement

Motivation Education & Training, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded for the purpose of providing academic and vocational training to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, with the objective of furthering economic self-sufficiency for MET participants.

If you have performed farmwork in the past 24 months, or if you would like to learn more about MET programs, please contact your local field office representative for more information.

For more information, contact  
**LaKisha Thomas or TaRita Boatner**  
318-435-8885  
[winnsboro@metinc.org](mailto:winnsboro@metinc.org)

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**Alexandria, LA**

**Why Become a Medic?**  
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- Full Grants
- Live Lecture
- Class Starts on September 6th
- Last day to apply is August 29th

**YOU ARE ONLY 4 MONTHS AWAY FROM A GREAT CAREER!**

**GETTING STARTED** Learn more about job opportunities and schedule an information session at [AcadianAmbulance.com/Opportunity](https://AcadianAmbulance.com/Opportunity).

**TECH READY LOUISIANA**

**GET ONLINE. GET LEARNING. GET CERTIFIED!**

FREE ONLINE COURSES WITH **coursea**

**AVAILABLE COURSES INCLUDE:**

- Project Management
- Sales Development
- Microsoft 365 Fundamentals
- IT Support
- and Many More!

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## CLTCC Students Earn Two Silver Medals at SkillsUSA National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia

Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC), Alexandria Campus students brought home two Silver Medals in the Nurse Assisting and Technical Computer Applications competitions in the 2022 SkillsUSA National Championships held June 22-23 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brittany Smith earned the Silver Medal in Nurse Assisting while Evan Jackson won the Silver Medal in Technical Computer Applications. This marked the second straight year CLTCC students earned national honors in those categories. It was the first national award for Smith, who works at Regency House. Jackson, who works for RoyOMartin, earned his second national award, and won Gold Medal last year in the same category.

“We are incredibly proud of all our SkillsUSA team members,” said CLTCC Chancellor Jimmy Sawtelle. “These national awards are a wonderful recognition for our students, yet the real winners will be the Cenla Businesses and Industries that hire our outstanding students and the patients and customers they serve.”

Source: Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle



Evan Jackson



Brittany Smith

Photo Credit: CLTCC

## Success Stories

### Cenla CAC Outreach Tour



Cenla Community Action Committee successfully conducted fourteen (14) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Outreach Tours between June 15 – July 12<sup>th</sup>. Each area catered to its target audience as well as those who may have missed it in their area. During these events, they had a total of eight hundred fifty-nine (859) individuals signed in to receive the service. The sole purpose of the LIHEAP Outreach Tour was to expend the remainder of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Supplemental Grant.



Photo credit: Cenla CAC

Sally Cowan, Cenla CAC Executive Director says, “We give special thanks to all the organizations that gave us access to their facilities. We also thank OPT Network, KALB, KLAX, and our social media outlets. Thanks to all who shared our posts to let friends know about our outreach locations. We especially thank our communities for being so patient and understanding of the processes that we had, to make sure we were in place. Most of all, we thank the entire Cenla CAC staff for their diligence and dedication in receiving applications. We thank our partners, and volunteers.”

Source: Sally Cowan

### Crest Industries Celebrated 2022 Intern Cohort



Crest Industries values hands-on experiences and opportunities for their team members, communities and students in our local area.

This year, the Crest Industries Family of Companies celebrated its largest-ever class of student interns with an Intern Day event designed to help student team members build relationships, expand their leadership skills, and gain new tools to succeed in their future careers.

Read more and hear from program participants and coordinators [here](#).

Source: Crest Industries



Interns from the Crest Industries Family of Businesses participate in small groups during National Intern Day.



DIS-TRAN Steel Intern, Grace Roberts, participates in a small group during a break out session.

Photo credit: Crest Industries

## Workforce



A typist's fingers travel 12.6 miles during an average workday.

One percent of U.S. employers allow employees to take naps during working hours.

Workers spend more than 25% of their day in reading and answering emails. If they check emails at set points in the day, it will increase their productivity.

Sources: BarryStaff & Corporate Challenge

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