



# Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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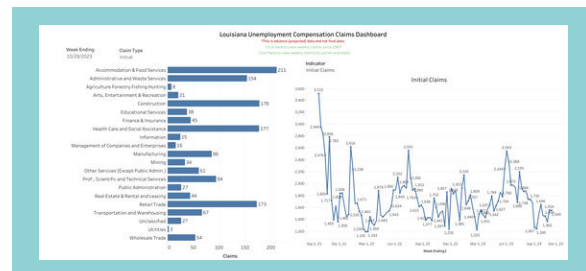
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## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Rise for Week ending October 28

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending October 28, 2023, rose to 1,736 from the week ending October 21, 2023, a total of 1,562. For a comparison, during the week ending October 29, 2022, 1,680 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,597 from the previous week's average of 1,554.

The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending October 28, 2023, increased to 12,220 from the week ending October 21, 2023, a total of 11,065. The continued claims were above the comparable figure of 10,276 for the week ending October 29, 2022.

The four-week moving average of continued claims decreased to 11,969 from the previous week's average of 12,105.

# Career Opportunities



**DIS-TRAN STEEL**

## WE'RE HIRING

**Available Positions:**

**Pineville, La**

- WELDER
- FITTER
- EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (NIGHT AND DAY SHIFT)

**Eunice, La**

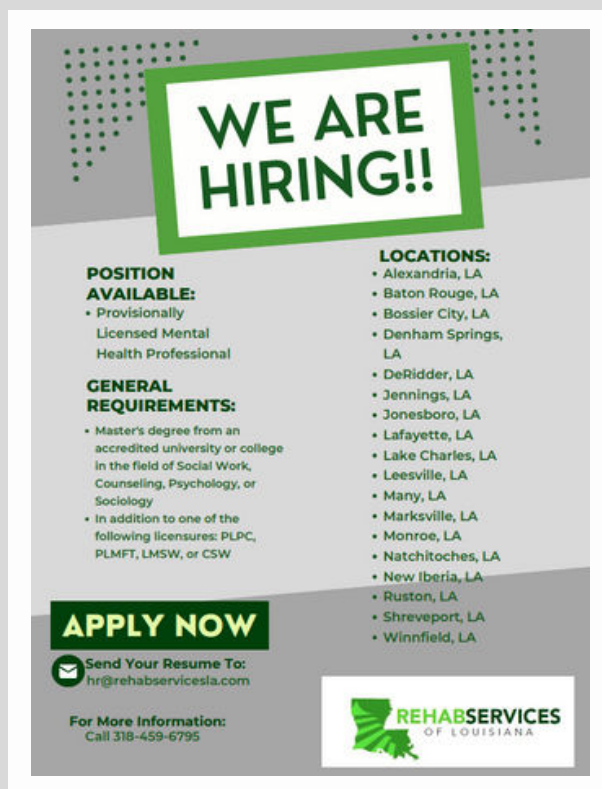
- MAINTENANCE TECH (NIGHT SHIFT)

[distransteel.com/careers](http://distransteel.com/careers)

DIS-TRAN Steel is a tight-knit team, committed to respect, integrity, and their shared values of honesty and transparency.

**Click here** to learn more about the opportunities available.

Follow them on **Facebook** to stay up to date on open positions or just to get to know them a little better.



## WE ARE HIRING!!

**POSITION AVAILABLE:**

- Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Professional

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Master's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or Sociology
- In addition to one of the following licensures: PLPC, PLMFT, LMSW, or CSW

**LOCATIONS:**

- Alexandria, LA
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Bossier City, LA
- Denham Springs, LA
- DeRidder, LA
- Jennings, LA
- Jonesboro, LA
- Lafayette, LA
- Lake Charles, LA
- Leesville, LA
- Many, LA
- Marksville, LA
- Monroe, LA
- Natchitoches, LA
- New Iberia, LA
- Ruston, LA
- Shreveport, LA
- Winnfield, LA

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For More Information:  
Call 318-459-6795

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**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**Acadian Ambulance Service**

**APPLY TODAY**

Get Paid to Train for a Rewarding Career!  
Emergency Medical Responder Trainee to  
Emergency Medical Responder in 10 days!

**Apply here!**



**CLTCC**  
CENTRAL LOUISIANA  
TECHNICAL COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

## WE'RE HIRING

- FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR
- POWER LINE WORKER INSTRUCTOR
- SURGICAL NURSE/TECH INSTRUCTOR

FOR INFORMATION, SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK.

Send application materials to  
[hr@cltcc.edu](mailto:hr@cltcc.edu).

Apply to join CLTCC Team!  
View more job openings **here**.  
Send application materials to [hr@cltcc.edu](mailto:hr@cltcc.edu).

# Career Opportunities

A graphic for Rapides Parish Schools (RPSB) hiring. It features a photo of a young girl with purple and pink painted hands, smiling. To the right, the text reads "WE ARE HIRING" in large black letters, followed by "Join Our Team!" in green. Below that, it lists "Key Positions:" and then a bulleted list: "Coordinator of Facilities Maintenance & Construction", "HVAC Mechanic", "HVAC Mechanic Helper", and "Laborer". At the bottom, there is a logo for "Rapides Parish Schools" with a red apple icon, and the words "ENGAGE EMPOWER ELEVATE" in green and blue.

**WE ARE HIRING**  
*Join Our Team!*  
Key Positions:

- **Coordinator of Facilities Maintenance & Construction**
- **HVAC Mechanic**
- **HVAC Mechanic Helper**
- **Laborer**

**Rapides Parish Schools**  
ENGAGE EMPOWER ELEVATE

**RPSB is Hiring!**  
To view all available positions,  
[click here.](#)

A purple rectangular graphic for LSU Alexandria hiring. It features the text "JOIN OUR TEAM!" in large white letters, with a yellow location pin icon above the word "TEAM!". Below the text is the "LSUA" logo in yellow and white, with "LSU of ALEXANDRIA" in smaller white text underneath.

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**LSUA**  
LSU of ALEXANDRIA

**Join LSUA Team!**  
Discover various career opportunities  
at LSU Alexandria by visiting [here.](#)

**Central Louisiana State Hospital  
is Hiring!**

A graphic for Central Louisiana State Hospital (CLSH) hiring. It features the text "WE ARE HIRING" in large blue letters. Below the text is a circular logo for "CENTRAL LOUISIANA STATE HOSPITAL" with a blue outline and a map of Louisiana in the center. To the left of the logo is a QR code with a "SCAN ME" label above it. To the right of the logo is a blue megaphone icon.

**WE ARE HIRING**

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA STATE HOSPITAL**

SCAN ME

To view all available positions,  
[click here.](#)

A graphic for RoyOMartin hiring. It features the text "We're HIRING!" in large white letters on a dark red background. Below the text is a paragraph: "You deserve a career where talent is recognized and rewarded. When your strengths meet our opportunities, great things can happen. Work and learn from the best in the industry, in a fulfilling career with exceptional benefits at RoyOMartin." Below this is a section titled "Current Opportunities" with a bulleted list of job openings. At the bottom left is a QR code with a "SCAN ME" label. At the bottom right is a circular logo for "ROYOMARTIN 100th ANNIVERSARY 1923-2023" with a portrait of a man in the center and the text "ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE SINCE 1923".

**We're HIRING!**

You deserve a career where talent is recognized and rewarded. When your strengths meet our opportunities, great things can happen. Work and learn from the best in the industry, in a fulfilling career with exceptional benefits at RoyOMartin.

**Current Opportunities**

- OT Network Administrator (Full Time) - Alexandria, La
- Production Team Member (Full/Part Time) - Chopin, LA
- Truck Driver (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Millwright (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Harvesting Technician (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor (Full time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Member (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX

SCAN ME

**ROYOMARTIN**  
1923 2023  
100th ANNIVERSARY  
ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE SINCE 1923

**RoyOMartin is Hiring!**  
[Apply here!](#)



# Community Events

## SBA Lender Match Event in Central Louisiana



**SBA**  
**LENDER MATCH EVENT**

Need to secure funds for your business? Join us!

- Gain valuable insights into lending criteria.
- Have one-on-one discussions with lenders to address your requirements.
- Identify the potential resources each participating lender has to offer.

**Wednesday November 29th** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
1118 3RD STREET, DOWNTOWN ALEXANDRIA

**LSUA** **LED** **LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) is a member of the National Association of Small Business Development Centers and is an approved lender with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Lending, business development and participating organizations and community colleges. All programs are subject to the public or confidential nature. All requests, conditions or recommendations are subject to the terms of the program and may vary by location. All requests are subject to the terms of the program and may vary by location. All requests are subject to the terms of the program and may vary by location.

[Register here!](#)

## Rapides AJC Y.E.S



**YOUTH COUNCIL**

Please join us as we learn more about community partners, as well as barriers our youth are currently facing.

**JOIN OUR EVENT**  
NOVEMBER 28, 2023  
11:00 AM  
Zoom link to be sent

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## 2023 Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce Bizzy Awards



The annual gala provides local businesses the opportunity to be recognized for achievements in multiple categories, presented by CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.

For more information and to purchase your tickets or sponsorships, [click here](#).

## The Rapides Foundation Healthy Lifestyle Program Move to Improve Your Groove Workshop



Join The Rapides Foundation this Saturday, November 11 at 9 a.m. at Compton Park for a FREE Movement Workshop!

Discover new ways to increase energy and get motivated to stay active with their Healthy Lifestyle Program.

To reserve a spot, call (318) 767-3019.  
To view more information, [click here](#).

## Alex Winter Fete



Registration is still open for all Food, Art, and Indie Village Vendors to apply!

[Register here.](#)

# CLTCC is Recognized as One of the Top 150 U.S. Community Colleges Eligible for the 2025 Aspen Prize



Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) has secured its position among the top 150 community colleges in the United States, thereby being eligible for consideration for the highly coveted 2025 Aspen Prize. This recognition marks the second consecutive year that CLTCC has received this honor. The Aspen Prize, which bestows a \$1 million biennial award, is the most distinguished national accolade for community colleges in America. It evaluates institutions based on their excellent performance in six critical domains, including teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's achievement, workforce outcomes, access, and equity, especially for students from underprivileged backgrounds.



CLTCC's accomplishment in earning a place among the top 150 community colleges in the United States is a reflection of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by its faculty, staff, and students. The college's unwavering commitment to providing exceptional education and ensuring access to essential resources has helped it achieve this recognition. We extend our congratulations to CLTCC on this well-deserved honor and wish them continued success in the future.

More information on Aspen Prize can be found [here](#).

## Shreveport Job Corps is Enrolling

**HUMAN LEARNING SYSTEMS**  
**SHREVEPORT JOB CORPS**  
**ENROLLING!!!**  
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**CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING**

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## CLECO Power of a Promise Diversity Scholarship Program

**POWER YOUR FUTURE!**  
**POWER OF A PROMISE**  
Diversity Scholarship

In conjunction with Central Louisiana Technical Community College

**Scholarship Highlights**

- A\* Asbestos Degree in Industrial/Manufacturing Technology
- All tuition & course fees included
- Paid Apprenticeship at a Cleco Energy Center
- Prospective Just after Graduation with Employment 1st!

**Learn more. Apply today!**  
Applying for this scholarship is free! The scholarship requirements and application process are available on [www.cleco.com](http://www.cleco.com) or [alexandra@cleco.com](mailto:alexandra@cleco.com) or AP-12/16/17 or 1-800-123-4567

**CLECO**  
Power of a Promise

**CLTCC**  
CENTRAL LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cleco is currently accepting applications for its Power of a Promise Scholarship program.

The scholarship covers full tuition, books, a stipend for incidentals, and a paid internship at the company's Brame Energy Center, located near Boyce, Louisiana.

For additional details, please visit [here](#).

## LSUA SPERO Program

**SPERO 2024-2025**  
**APPLICATION NOW OPEN!**

SPERO is now accepting applications from prospective students for Fall 2024!

- ① The application form can be found on the LSUA SPERO site: <https://www.lsua.edu/academics/spero>
- ② Please ensure that all sections of the form are completed. The form, along with additional documents requested, must be mailed to LSUA SPERO by December 15, 2023.

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**LSUA OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**SPERO**  
HOPE WITHOUT LIMITS

LSUA's SPERO program is now accepting applications from prospective students for Fall 2024.

Additional information about SPERO is available on LSUA's [SPERO webpage](#).

You can also visit the [SPERO Facebook page](#).



# LSUA Announces Groundbreaking Partnership with LSU Health Sciences Centers to Boost Medical Careers in Central Louisiana



Louisiana State University of Alexandria (LSUA) catalyzes a groundbreaking partnership with LSU Health Shreveport and LSU Health New Orleans, marking a significant advance in medical education within the state.

Aimed at creating a robust pipeline of medical professionals, this alliance ensures LSUA graduates with qualifying MCAT scores earn guaranteed admissions interviews at either of the LSU Medical Schools.

LSUA will establish an interdisciplinary pre-med program designed to equip Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology pre-med majors with the skills and knowledge required to excel in medical school admissions. LSUA's pre-med program will employ a comprehensive set of criteria that go beyond academic performance. This includes participation in seminars on academic preparedness, financial literacy, and personal health, as well as engagement in diverse community service and co-curricular activities to foster a well-rounded understanding of the medical field. This initiative demonstrates the institution's dedication to fostering a strong pipeline of well-prepared medical school applicants.

Nathan Sammons, LSUA's Assistant Vice Chancellor of Engaged Teaching and Learning, remarked, "We are thrilled about this announcement because it marks a pivotal moment for students embarking on their medical careers. These collaborations significantly bolster the recruitment, preparation, and retention of aspiring physicians and, concurrently, enhance Louisiana's healthcare landscape."

View full story [here](#).

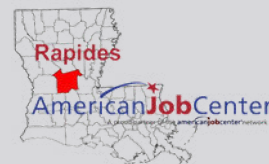
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