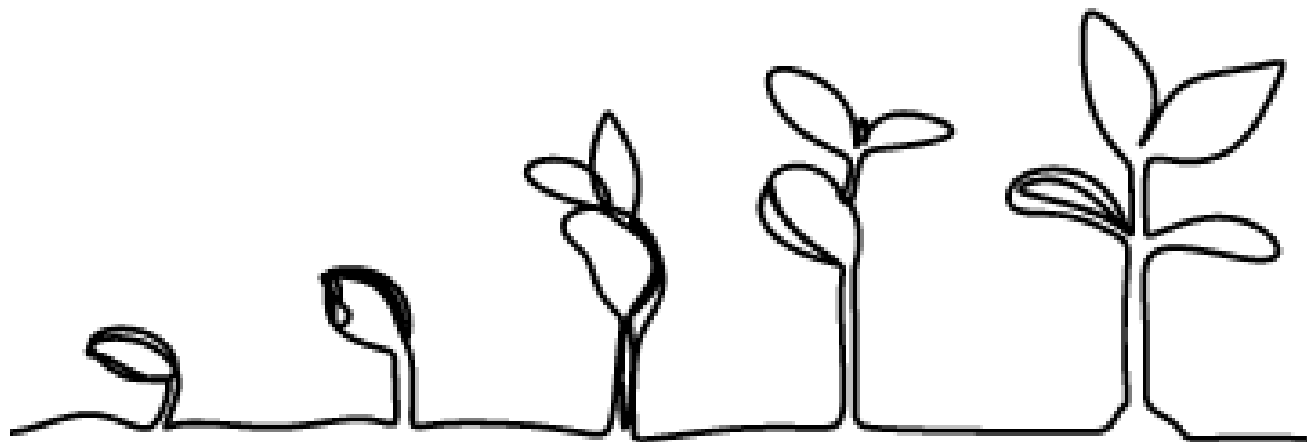




SHENANDOAH VALLEY INTERNSHIP SYMPOSIUM

FOR EMPLOYERS

November 7, 2024 | Laurel Ridge Community College

Presented by V-TOP—VIEW

Agenda

8:30am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00am Opening Remarks

Dr. Kim Blosser, Laurel Ridge Community College President
Mary Sullivan, VIEW Project Coordinator

9:15am Employer Panel

Learn from your peers about how they are using internships as a strategy to help with business challenges, projects, recruitment, and retention.

Moderated by Dr. Sharon Johnson, Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board
Lilly Adam, YHB CPAs
Carrie Porter, Continental
JR Mondell, Navy Federal Credit Union
Matt Fravel, Shentel

9:45am Break

10:15am & 11:15am Breakout Sessions | Choose 2

Session 1 - From Classroom to Career: Best Practices in Hiring Student Interns

Hear from a panel of educators representing high schools, 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities about how to create effective internship position descriptions, post internships where students will see them, build your employer brand on campus, and connect with educators looking for business partners for class projects.

Moderated by Greg Anderson, Laurel Ridge Community College

Heather Bambara, Shenandoah University
Lori Killough, Laurel Ridge Community College
Emma Gibbons, James Madison University
Alison Post, Frederick County Public Schools
Kristin Stephens, Christendom College

Session 2 - Build or Enhance Internships at Your Company with Free Internship Resources

Build or expand your internship program by accessing free resources, including matching funds if you qualify! The Virginia Talent & Opportunity Partnership (VTOP) is a statewide initiative to increase internships and other work-based learning opportunities, thereby connecting businesses with emerging talent. Learn about VTOP's free employer readiness toolkit, on-line courses, resource videos, webinars, workshops, and more.

Mary Sullivan, Valley Internship Experience Workgroup Project Coordinator

Session 3 - Student Intern Panel

Hear from a panel of student interns about what they look for in an internship, what they are learning, what is challenging, what is rewarding, and how they are contributing to area businesses and organizations.

Moderated by Rob Cantrell, Mountain Gateway Community College
Laurel Ridge Community College
Paula Dominguez, Shenandoah University
James Madison University

11:55am Closing Remarks and Door Prizes