

## Member Spotlight



**Dianne Butler** Career and Academic Advisor Pulaski Technical College

As of June 30, 2015 Dianne Butler will be retiring from Pulaski Technical College. Dianne has served as the Career and Academic Advisor for the college since 2001. During that time she developed and initiated the following annual events: Job Fairs, Networking Breakfast, Majors Fairs, and Health Fairs. She is most proud of the "Dianne Butler Career Excellence Award" that is given to outstanding career achievement of a Career Seminar student. Career Seminar is a 3 credit-hour course that Dianne developed to assist students with deciding a major, job search skills, etc. She also chaired the Cultural Diversity Committee for many years and served on the PTC Leadership Team for the past 8 years.

Dianne member of AACE 1995 while working UALR became а in at as Student а Development Specialist in the Career Services Department. She has served two terms as the Two-Year College Representative, Secretary, and Treasurer. She has also served on the Membership Committee.

Her plans for retirement include assisting individuals from economically depressed areas to become job ready.



#### **Kelsey Lavigne** Career Counselor - College of Engineering University of Arkansas Career Development Center

Kelsey Lavigne is being recognized by her supervisor, Brian Henderson, for the significant contribution she has made to the College of Engineering this past year. Kelsey took on the responsibility of revamping the cooperative education and internship program and has spent countless hours and meetings with Dr. Norm Dennis (Associate Dean of the College of Engineering) and the co-op faculty to ensure that we have a seamless process moving forward. Kelsey created all new marketing material to help advertise the program and has created all new documentation that explains the co-op procedure for both the students and employers. She is currently working on revamping our website co-op page for students and employers to gain more information about the program. This summer Kelsey has been calling and traveling to employer sites to learn more about their company and how they utilize our co-ops and interns. Kelsey has traveled to Garver, Marshalltown, HFA, Eastman, and Baxter Healthcare for meetings and company tours.

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## Photos from AACE Spring Conference 2015

The AACE Spring Conference was held on June 11-12, 2015 at Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Springdale, AR. During the conference, representatives from four organizations spoke on the theme of : *"How People, Technology, and Economics are Influencing the Future of Recruiting."* 



Keynote Address: Steven Rothberg President and Founder of College Recruiter



Innovative Outreach Programs: (Rickey Booker, Donna Graham, Brian Henderson, Brittany Straw, Angela Williams)



Expert Panel Discussion: (Larry Stricklen, Angie Scott, Melanie Diffey, Stephanie Hunter, Steven Rothberg)



Speaker: Gaven Smith Director of Information Services, J.B. Hunt



Speaker: Dr. Beth Langevine Arkansas Department of Human Services



Speaker: Mervin Jebaraj Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Arkansas

















To view more photos from this conference and past conferences, go to AACE's online <u>Photo Album</u>! Enter this link to access the photos: <u>https://goo.gl/MfbdYN</u>

#### **September**

September 16, 2015 Arkansas State University - A-State Fall '15 Opportunity Fair 9:30am - 2:00pm Jonesboro, AR - Reng Student Union

September 16, 2015 University of Arkansas - Diversity Networking Event 5:00 - 6:30pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union 507

September 17, 2015 University of Arkansas - Career Fair for All Majors/Veterans Fair 10:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union Verizon Ballroom

September 17, 2015 University of Arkansas - Graduate and Professional School Fair 10:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union International Connections Lounge

September 23, 2015 Ouachita Baptist University - OBU Graduate & Professional School Fair 11:00am - 1:00pm Arkadelphia, AR

September, 29, 2015 University of Arkansas - Pre-STEM Mixer 5:00pm - 8:00pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union Verizon Ballroom

September 30, 2015 University of Arkansas - STEM Career Fair 10:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:30pm Fayetteville, AR - Bud Walton Arena

#### <u>October</u>

October 7, 2015 University of Arkansas Pine Bluff - 2015 Fall UAPB/SEARK College Career Day/Teacher Educ. Fair 9:00am - 1:00pm Pine Bluff, AR - UAPB HPER Complex/Clemmons Arena

#### Fall 2015 Events (see AACE Website for Updates)

October 15, 2015 University of Arkansas - Agricultural Career Fair 10:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union Verizon Ballroom

October 27, 2015 Arkansas Tech University - Agricultural Career Fair 9:00am - 12:00pm Russellville, AR - Young Ballroom

October 28, 2015 Arkansas Tech University - Fall Career Fair 1:00pm - 4:00pm Russellville, AR - Young Ballroom

#### <u>November</u>

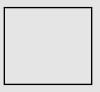
November 4, 2015 Central Baptist College - Graduate School Fair 11:00am - 1:00pm Conway, AR

November 11, 2015 University of Arkansas - Nonprofit, Government, & Helping Professions Career Fair 1:00pm - 4:00pm Fayetteville, AR - Arkansas Union International Connections Lounge

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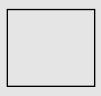
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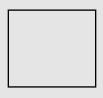
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