



The newsletter of the Center for Leadership and Career Development helps you bridge the gap between college and career.

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Services We Provide

- Resume/Cover Letter Writing
- Mock Interviews
- Internship/Job Search
- Career Assessments
- LinkedIn Profile Guidance
- Majors/Minors Exploration
- Professional Development Workshops
- Graduate School Application Support
- Professional Etiquette Training

A Message From Mary Epling

Why “The Bridge”? The naming of this newsletter is something that both my amazing student intern, Journey Oden, and I were battling for quite some time. While it seems like an unimportant feature, we wanted the title to reflect a deeper meaning that ties into the campus. When the name finally came to us and the high fives and celebrations died down, we discussed what the name truly could represent. Here’s what we realized: A bridge is a binding agent between two locations. Similarly, our mission as a college Career Center is to help students leave their firmly footed station in college and connect them to the exciting, and sometimes intimidating, world of professional careers. While a bridge does not do any of the walking for the pedestrian, it offers reliable support and guidance to the traveler to help him/her reach their destination. Similarly, the CLCD can’t do the walking for students, but we can provide the needed support to get them to the other side. We hope that this newsletter provides you, the reader, with impactful information and helps you in your educational and professional journey. Thanks for your time and best of luck as you forge your path!

Professional Spotlight

Meet Mary Katherine Nix



Title:
Operations Manager at
Sweetland Amphitheatre in
LaGrange, Georgia

Studied at:
LaGrange College

Area of Study:
Bachelor's in Exercise Science
and M.S. in Clinical Mental
Health Counseling

We sat down with Mary Katherine Nix to hear her story of how she went from being a college student in hopes of pursuing a career in the Exercise Science field, to becoming an Operations Manager at Sweetland Amphitheatre.

Mary was in her fourth-year at LaGrange College when she scored an internship with Sweetland, where it all started. Over the course of almost seven years, she worked her way from being an intern in the Box Office to receiving her now title of becoming Manager of Operations.

We asked Mary some questions:

How long did it take you to find a job out of college?

"About a year. I applied to around 50 or 60 jobs while still working at the Box Office, and no one would take me because I was 'overqualified'." She got to the point of applying for anything, but she eventually landed a counseling job.

What was the hardest transition for you from college to career?

She realized after a while that no matter how hard we try in our careers, in life we can never plan everything to a tee. Mary Katherine says, "Life will never be the way I plan it. I gotta let it happen without overplanning it, and let God do His work."

What is one thing you love about your field?

She enjoys "seeing how the events impact our community", and when the event is going on, she enjoys "watching people being present and enjoying it".

What advice would you give to undergraduate students?

"Get involved and make connections with your professors and peers!"

Meet Our Team



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Internship Opportunities

Waffle House

Operations Manager

Location: Local Regions TBD

Duration: Summer (8-12 weeks depending)

How to Apply:

For Application/Questions: Email Philip Personette at philippersonette@wafflehouse.com

Camp Voyager

Summer Camp Counselor

Location: Pickens, SC

Duration: May 21 – August 8, 2023

Pay: \$475-\$525/Week

How to Apply: Email resume and three references to Candice Heatherly at ceharpe@clemson.edu by March 1st

4-H Summer Camp

Location: Summerton, SC

Duration: May 21 – August 8, 2023

Pay: \$475-\$525/Week

How to Apply: Email resume and three references to Candice Heatherly at ceharpe@clemson.edu by March 1st

Job Opportunities

Montreat Conference Center

Marketing Assistant

Location: Montreat (Black Mountain), North Carolina

Duration: Summer 2023 (May 28-Aug 6)

Pay: \$420/week

How to Apply:

Submit online application to this link

<https://montreat.campbrainstaff.com/>

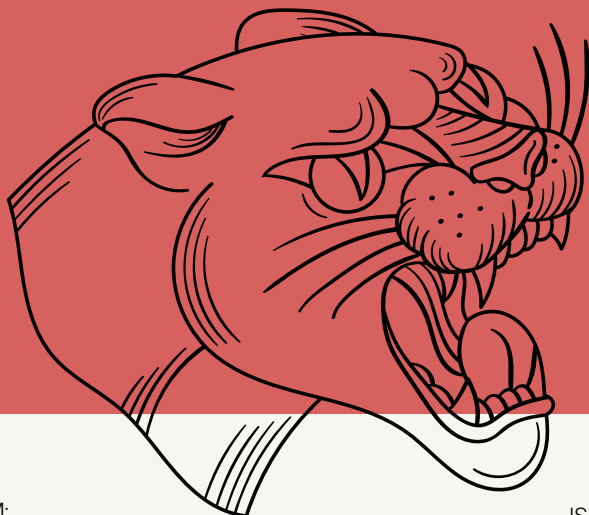
AND email your portfolio to

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“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.”
-Zig Ziglar

Panther Tip!

Have questions prepared for the end of any interview.



Some examples:

- How can an applicant be successful in this role?
- How would you describe the work environment?
- What are the biggest challenges you are hoping someone in this role will help your company overcome?



THE SOUND OF SUCCESS

What is it?

The ringing of the Chapel Bell is a new tradition at LaGrange College—a sacred opportunity only afforded to graduating senior students. If you are a senior student, celebrating either (1) your first full-time, post-graduation job offer, or (2) admission to graduate school, you can announce your accomplishments to the college by ringing the bell.

If you are interested in ringing the bell, go to the link below to register.

Additionally, if you are accepted into more than one graduate program, you can ring the bell for each acceptance!

<https://www.lagrange.edu/campus-life/student-services/career-center/ring-the-bell.html>

Emma Rose



Sports Management Major '23, Emma Rose, rings the Chapel Bell after being accepted into two law schools: Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Florida, and Pace University's Elizabeth Haub School of Law in White Plains, New York.

Congratulations, Emma!

