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A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director

This is a season of celebration and the MOSO CAPS Team would like to celebrate our Student Associates, Industry Partners, and District Partners!



This semester we celebrate the inaugural class of MOSO CAPS with 41 students in August, the associates completing their CAPS Prep program in September, the completion of four industry partner rotations which resulted in meaningful and life-changing results for our associates, and opportunities for service projects. Our program would not be successful without celebrating our 45+ industry partners and the engaging opportunities afforded to our associates, so THANK YOU for your partnership.

A celebratory shout-out to our associates completing their first semester taking coursework on our campus from our outstanding MSSU professors. One of the best gifts of all, and another reason to celebrate, is the tuition cost that was offset by the generous contributions from our corporate sponsors, which allowed our associates to attend tuition free this academic year.

Finally, we would like to celebrate our partner school district's leadership and boards of education who were visionary and willing to take a chance on a program that was in its infancy. Recently, we had the opportunity to provide an update to one of our partner districts and had an associate from each career strand share their industry partner experiences from this semester. Listening to each of the students share how the program and

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Tis The Season For Celebration

A Photo Journal of the MOSO CAPS Fall '22 Semester

To say this semester was awesome would be an understatement. From our first day to the last, MOSO CAPS student associates were busy expanding their knowledge, exploring career paths, cultivating relationships, and investing in themselves. To celebrate this inaugural semester, and share a portion of what occurred these past few months, we decided to create this photo journal depicting some of our adventures!

During CAPS Prep, student associates used LEGO® bricks to explore their creative sides and work on improving communication and project management skills. **TOP RIGHT:** Human Services students Kayleigh and Maslyn, pose with their copycat builds created during an activity in which students sit back-to-back and the first student assembles a structure and the second student attempts to “copycat” it by only following the first student’s verbal instructions. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Laurel, Business strand student, shares her innovative build representing how she feels about being part of the new MOSO CAPS program.



LEFT: Dining etiquette training was on tap for all MOSO CAPS students in September, an important skill that was put to good use by several associates during their industry partner rotations this fall!

RIGHT: With limited supplies and a lot of critical-thinking, MOSO CAPS students competed in an impromptu innovation challenge during the final days of CAPS Prep. Pictured are Abby, Dan and Jensyn with their in-progress creative solution.



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experiences have had a positive impact on their lives and future career choices was incredible to hear.

In closing, I want to celebrate the work of Ms. Debra Schow-Smith, Business Strand Coordinator, and Mr. Mike Gurley, Health Sciences Strand Coordinator, who are always there for the students and are amazing colleagues. They are both transformational leaders.

To complete this note of celebration, I want to leave you with a few quotes from our associates:

"I loved this rotation. I got real hands-on experience with attorneys and got to see what they did in court. I got to see the closing arguments and how they gather evidence. I got to see the jury and some evidence photos. All around I would say this is 100% the best rotation career-wise. I want to be an attorney so this was as close as I could get to see that." - Nathan

"My time with the program has given me many fruitful experiences. Right now, I'm working with a company that revitalizes historic buildings in the community. With them, I've scanned old documents, spent time on a worksite, and gotten to see what it is like to lead their kind of company. I'm certain these experiences will prove invaluable to me in my future endeavors." -Will

"I love being able to sit in city court and listen, observe, and above all else learn. I have learned many things from my industry partner and other peers. I am very grateful for this experience!" -Jensyn

"I had a great experience with my industry partner. I loved being able to get a taste of what it is like to teach a fourth-grade classroom, and I really feel like this experience helped me to get a better idea of what I want to do with my future." -Abby

Thank you to everyone involved in MOSO CAPS! YOU are making a difference!

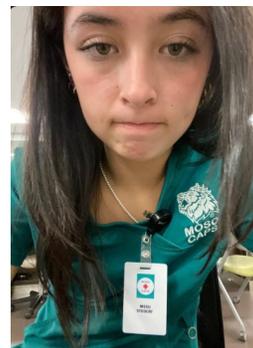
Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season!



BELOW: Brett, Business strand student, spent one of his industry partner rotations with the City of Joplin's finance department. The department was completing their year-end budget process, a great hands-on learning opportunity! The City was a major industry partner with students placed in numerous departments.



ABOVE RIGHT: The area judicial system was a popular rotation with several Human Services strand students, like Brylee who snapped this photo outside the Joplin Courthouse.



RIGHT: With one photo, Health Sciences strand student, Isabella, expresses the phrase, "no one said it would be easy, they just said it would be worth it."

FAR RIGHT: Paili, Business strand student, snapped a quick photo outside the Joplin Regional Stockyards on her last day with the USDA Market Reporter who records the Stockyard's sales each week. The placement was a great opportunity for Paili who aspires to be a livestock grader.

Health Science strand students, pictured in their custom MOSO CAPS scrubs, logged over a thousand hours shadowing experts in the medical and veterinarian fields. During their industry partner rotations, the group learned about various departments and specialties, observed surgeries and procedures, and interacted with medical personnel and patients.



RIGHT: Walking the green carpet during Missouri Southern's "The College Tour" premiere was MOSO CAPS director, Dr. Hull, and Business strand student, Tanav. The campus event was held during Tanav's rotation with the University Relations & Marketing department who were instrumental in hosting the premiere.



ABOVE: Pennington Station became a popular industry partner for Business strand students due to their technology-driven learning environment. Pictured are Evy (left) outside the virtual reality destination and Charles (right) talking to a vendor at the Joplin Regional Innovation & Technology Summit sponsored by Pennington Station.

BELOW: After joining other Missouri Southern students, faculty and staff for the university's holiday card photo shoot, the afternoon MOSO CAPS student associates took advantage of the clear skies and invited Roary to join them for a quick group photo.



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INTERVIEWS & EXPECTATIONS
Mock Interview Day

WEDNESDAY
January 18

8:30AM-10:30AM
 & 12:30PM-2:30PM

(Lunch provided for those staying for both sessions)

MSSU Ballroom

MOSO CAPS and NEWcaps are joining efforts to host a 1-day mock interview event for our CAPS Student Associates!

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As a finale to the semester, MOSO CAPS student associates helped the Lion Co-Op, a food pantry for students dealing with food insecurity, relocate on campus. The morning students (left) helped box up and haul over items from the Co-Op's previous location in the FEMA shelter to their new location inside the Spiva Library. The afternoon students (below) helped unpack the boxed items and organize the food and hygiene products. Lion Co-Op organizers stated the move was expected to take the majority of the holiday break, but thanks to the help of MOSO CAPS students, the Lion Co-Op will be ready to reopen to students starting in January.



RIGHT: Human Services strand students volunteered to help the MSSU Community Service Committee and Staff Senate wrap presents as part of the university's Angel Tree program. The presents were purchased by Missouri Southern employees who adopted an "angel", child of a program-eligible MSSU student, to help provide gifts for families in need of a little extra help this holiday season. Once wrapped the MOSO CAPS students placed all items for each angel in black bags to keep the gift peeking to a minimum. The group helped wrap and stuff almost 100 bags of gifts!



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LEFT: MOSO CAPS student associates joined Director Dr. Suzanne Hull at the December Webb City School Board meeting to provide a program update to attendees. Each student talked about their fall industry partner experiences, what they've learned throughout the semester, and the impact the program is having on their professional career choices. The group did an amazing job and were excited to share their testimonies with the board!

Happy Holidays