

# MOSO CAPS Monthly

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## A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director



We have had a phenomenal start to the second semester at MOSO CAPS. Student Associates are in extended placements this semester, which provides everyone involved to have a more in-depth profession-based learning experience while working alongside the experts in the field. Student Associates selected their placements based on their four three-week learning experiences in the fall. Many THANKS to our Business/Industry Partners for providing our Student Associates with life changing experiences, which is helping them confirm and, in some cases, change their career goals.

We are happy to announce that student tuition is once again covered this semester by our Corporate Sponsors. These

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## Tours of Learning

The start of the spring MOSO CAPS semester involved student associates participating in strand-specific industry tours. The outings allowed students to interact with area business leaders and go behind the scenes to see how these industries operate each day.

The Health Sciences Strand visited Access Family Care and learned about the local medical and dental clinic, including the array of services offered and the types of careers available to students interested in the medical field.

Business Strand students spent their time discussing business at American Ramp Company where they learned how the action sports park design and construction leader has expanded their product line and client reach over the years. CFO Jim Moss also shared with the group his path to success and what careers fit at ARC.

The Human Services Strand went on a walking tour of downtown Joplin, first visiting the

new Harry Cornell Arts & Entertainment Complex to participate in a tour led by Spiva Center for the Arts director Heather Lesmeister, including an overview of Center events; then taking in the sights of new Jasper County Courthouse.

During both tours students learned about the impact these two buildings have on area communities and the services they provide citizens.



(ABOVE) CFO Jim Moss led Business Strand students on a tour of American Ramp Company after visiting about the company's path to success. Moss showed students how ARC produces parts for their multiple businesses, including the detailing capabilities of their new laser-cutting machine.



(RIGHT) Human Services students were given a behind the scenes tour of the new home of Spiva Center for the Arts by director Heather Lesmeister. The tour included the current exhibit of Thomas Hart Benton lithographs and a review of upcoming events.



Students then popped over to check out the new Jasper County Courts Building, a \$35 million investment in the local judicial system.



## CAPStone Project Pitch

Save  
the  
Date

Wednesday, April 26

8:30AM-10:00AM

& 12:30PM-2:00PM

MSSU Billingsly Student Center  
Room 309

Come see how MOSO CAPS students are giving back to their communities and vote for our People's Choice winner!

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gracious donations have allowed students and their families to not be burdened with this cost. THANK YOU to our 2022-23 Corporate Sponsors for making a difference in the lives of our students!

The 2023-2024 MOSO CAPS application is open! We have had 55 students already apply for next year and it is only the middle of February. Health Sciences has seen the most applicants so far. The application process begins with a presentation to our district partner's sophomores and juniors. We encourage students to visit with their school counselor to make sure it will fit into their schedule and with their parents prior to applying to the program. Students who meet the application requirements can then apply on our website at: <https://mosocaps.yourcapsnetwork.org/application-information/>

Once a student applies, the school counselors mark each student who has or has not met the application requirements. Finally, acceptance letters are emailed to students welcoming them to the CAPS Network. A huge shoutout and THANK YOU to the School Counselors for all of their help with this process! We appreciate you!

Thank you for your continued support of MOSO CAPS!

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## The MOSO CAPS program is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year!

If you (or someone you know) will be a Junior or Senior starting Fall 2023 and attends the Carl Junction, College Heights or Webb City school districts, this opportunity is for you!

MOSO CAPS is a full-year, dual-enrolled program that incorporates building professional skills with career planning through individualized placements with area industry partners.

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ABOVE: KGCS-TV General Manager and Newsmakers host, Lisa Green, featured the MOSO CAPS program and a number of our student associates and industry partners during a recent episode of her talk show! The episode featured an overview of the CAPS program with MOSO CAPS Director Dr. Hull and Neosho NEWcaps Director Kelly Lay; video interviews with student associates at their industry partner locations, a visit with industry partner Capt. Nick Jimenez with the Joplin Police Department, and an in-studio interview with a student representative from each of the three MOSO CAPS strands. You can check out the episode on the KGCS-Missouri Southern YouTube Channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th46qmW7x3k>)



LEFT: Carl Junction MOSO CAPS student associates joined Director Dr. Suzanne Hull at the January Carl Junction School Board meeting to provide a program update to attendees. Some students talked about their fall industry partner experiences and what they've learned during the fall semester, while other students shared details about their CAPStone Projects and the impact they are making on the local community. Students also highlighted the impact the CAPS program is having on their career choices overall. The group did an great job and were excited to share their testimonials with the Board of Education!



# Interviews & Expectations

In mid-January, over 50 industry/business partners from the Joplin, Neosho and surrounding business community volunteered their time to be part of the joint-hosted MOSO CAPS and NEWcaps Interviews & Expectations Day.

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Student associates from both CAPS programs began their session listening to a panel featuring experts from education, business and healthcare. Experts shared details regarding the hiring process for their industry plus tips on how to ace an interview.

Following the panel discussion, students met with interviewers to practice their interview skills and receive feedback on the effectiveness of their interview skills as well as a review of their resume.



Overall, more than 250 mock interviews were conducted on the campus of Missouri Southern, impacted a total of 63 CAPS students and future professionals! Thank you to all those who helped make this event such a success, we couldn't have done it without you!

(LEFT) MOSO CAPS students engaged in a total of four mock interviews during the event. (RIGHT) All CAPS students attended a panel prior to their interviews. The afternoon panel included Neosho School Superintendent Jim Cummins, KCU Dental Medicine representative Latasha Vick, and JACC Director of Entrepreneurship Doug Hunt.



## Business Strand Shout Out

“Being an intern at Pennington Station has been a fun experience. I’ve learned things that I didn’t think Pennington did, but being a part of their team has been a great learning experience and I can’t wait to work on more projects with them and develop more of my skills.”

-Evy

“Conceived and created by the team behind Full Bore Studios game development division, the [Pennington] Station represents a platform for imagination and education, along with some much needed entertainment. Owners Ben and Whitney McNelly hope this place brings out the best in the insatiable creative minds of our youth, and inspires every visitor young and old to dream again.” <https://penningtonstation.com/>

## Health Science Strand Shout Out

“On my first day of rotations I was able to go into rooms with the patients and learn about their symptoms and see their vitals. On day two I continued to go into the rooms with the Medical Assistants (MA) and was able to assemble my first human intramuscular shot! It was interesting because the MAs would say something and because of my Intro to Health class, as well as my other sciences, I was able to recognize what they were talking about and add to what they were saying!”

-Marley

“Mercy services millions annually with nationally recognized quality care as one of the nation’s largest Accountable Care Organizations. Mercy is a highly integrated, multi-state health care system.” <http://mercy.net/about>

## Human Services Strand Shout Out

“The City of Joplin has provided for me a great learning experience by exposing me to how certain processes work in real life, as well as the depth in fields I’m interested in.”

-William

“The Planning Division [of the City of Joplin] provides a wide range of services and assistance to customers including the administration of several programs and codes. Some of these include the city’s zoning regulations, subdivision code, land development requirements, and economic development programs.” <http://www.joplinmo.org/446/Planning-Zoning-Development>