

# MOSO CAPS Monthly

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## A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director



It is hard to believe that May is just around the corner! MOSO CAPS has had a phenomenal semester, and we have a lot to celebrate as we close out this academic year.

MOSO CAPS would not be successful without our Industry Partners! We currently have over one-hundred industry partners and continue to welcome new industry partnerships. MOSO CAPS Student Associates gain valuable experience and knowledge from our industry experts during the 80+ hours in the field each semester.

MOSO CAPS is currently on track to have 70+ students during the 24-25 academic year! This will be our third year of continued growth and we are excited to meet our new student associates and their parents at Orientation on Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the MSSU Billingsly Student Center Ballroom. Second year student associates will serve as CAPS Ambassadors during orientation and throughout the 24-25 academic year.

Corporate Sponsorships equal Student Success! MOSO CAPS student associates rely on our Corporate Sponsors' generous donations, which help offset the \$60 cost-per-credit-hour of their tuition and other nominal expenses throughout the year. Please let us know if you or your organization are interested in a

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# Interviews & Expectations

In late-March, over 60 industry partners from the Joplin and Neosho business communities volunteered their time and talents at the 2nd Annual Interviews & Expectations Day, a mock interview event co-hosted by the MOSO CAPS and NEWcaps programs.

Two sessions were held for students, each beginning with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the education, business and healthcare fields. Panelists helped set expectations for students by talking about various aspects of their field's hiring process then offering advice on how to have a successful interview.

Following the panel discussions students practiced their interview skills by participating in four mock interviews, each with a different volunteer interviewer. Students were able to gather immediate feedback regarding their interviewing skills and resumes.

Overall, more than 300 mock interviews were conducted on the campus of Mis-

souri Southern, impacting a total of 80 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!

To relive the action and hear from two CAPS students who participated in the event, [click here](#) and watch the segment that aired on KSN/KODE.



ABOVE TOP: MOSO CAPS students engaged in a total of four mock interviews during Interviews & Expectations.  
ABOVE/LEFT: Volunteer Interviewers and CAPS students took a moment to pose for a group photo after the morning (above) and afternoon (left) session.

## A Message (continued)

Sponsorship Opportunity that will have a positive impact on our area's future young professionals.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the annual Interviews and Expectations event in March! Old man winter forced us to reschedule this January event and we appreciate the flexibility of our industry partners who interviewed approximately 80 MOSO CAPS and Nesho's NEWcaps student associates during the morning and afternoon sessions. MOSO CAPS students provided a lot of positive feedback and stated that while they were nervous (and some even dreading the day) – they were so happy that they had this opportunity which provided them quality feedback on their resume and interviewing skills.

Applications opened on March 1 and closed on March 31 for the MSSU Science to Jobs (S2J) Summer Academies. There was an overwhelming response and S2J is excited to welcome 150 students to our campus this summer. Debra Schow-Smith and I are the Co-Directors of the academies and Abbie Berryann serves as an Assistant Director. We are collaborating

with MSSU faculty and local industry partners to create unique learning opportunities for students currently in grades 5-10. A second middle school two-day session was opened to accommodate the last half of the 120 applicants. This no-cost opportunity would not be possible without the support of our local state legislators. Please check out the [S2J website](#) to see what is planned for this summer.

Celebrating the MOSO CAPS Seniors! "Senior Shoutouts" posted on the MOSO CAPS Facebook and Instagram pages this semester are a wonderful way to celebrate their accomplishments. First and second-year senior student associates exude leadership qualities and have acquired critical tools and connections during their time in MOSO CAPS to have a successful future. A celebration will be held on Friday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Cornell Auditorium in Plaster Hall to recognize all of our Student Associates.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors, Industry Partners, District Partners, Parents, and Student Associates for making the 2023-2024 academic year an enormous success!

# CAPStone Project Pitch

Wednesday, April 17

8:30AM-10:00AM  
& 12:30PM-2:00PM

Ron Richard Athletic Center  
Alumni Room (Room 205)

Come and listen to how MOSO CAPS student associates are working to solve issues and give back to their communities during the **2024 CAPStone Project Pitch!**

Attendees not associated with a CAPStone Project will also be given the opportunity to vote for Best Board Design, Best Pitch Interaction, and Best CAPStone Project!

**Don't miss out! Sign-up as a [CAPStone Project Pitch](#) attendee today!**

## END OF YEAR *Celebration* & SENIOR RECOGNITION

**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

CORNELL AUDITORIUM (PLASTER HALL)

Morning Session: 9 - 10 a.m.

Afternoon Session: 1 - 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our 2023-24 MOSO CAPS Student Associates!

We will also recognize our MOSO CAPS Seniors and present the 2024 CAPStone Project awards.

*Light refreshments will be provided in the lobby.*

PLEASE [RSVP](#) BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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# Where Are They Now?

In late March, MOSO CAPS Student Associates started their final spring internship rotations. Below are a few of the selfie shots they've snapped at their Industry Partners during the 2023-24 academic year.



LEFT: Kallie, Human Services strand student associate, explored a career in mortuary science and embalming at Simpson's Funeral Home, receiving some custom swag as a thank you for her time.

RIGHT: Second year Health Sciences strand student associate, Payton, interned with the MSSU Athletic Training department, shadowing university trainers and learning about the processes and procedures used to keep Missouri Southern athletes in the game.

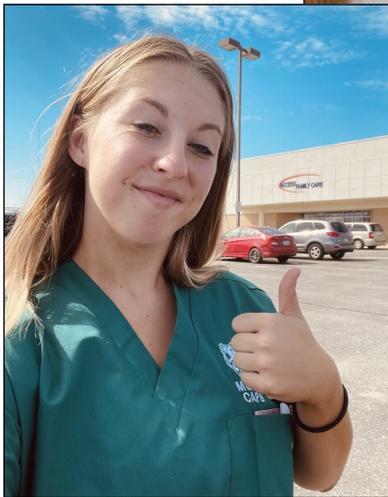
BELOW: While interning with the marketing team at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, future entrepreneur and Business strand student associate, Austin, had the opportunity to meet and visit with Missouri Governor Parson during the reopening celebration of the Joplin Range Line Road bridge.



BELOW: Hadlee, Health Sciences strand student associate, was eager to start her rotation at Access Family Care to learn more about pediatrics and women's care as it relates to her future nursing career. Hadlee also experienced rotations in a hospital setting and at a local preschool center.



ABOVE: Ryker, Business strand student associate and veterinarian in training, has a fondness for reptiles and was "in their element" during their internship at the Missouri Southern reptile and mammal lab. Ryker was assigned to numerous snakes and mice, managing their care and assisting in data collection for research purposes.



RIGHT: Technology enthusiast and Business strand student associate, Nathan, took a moment to pose with Robert Stokes and a member of the Stokes Robotics team after attending the Joplin Regional Innovation & Technology Summit. Nathan was an intern at Stokes Robotics, learning how to repair and program robots.



FAR RIGHT: Natalie, Human Services strand student associate, spent time with Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney Theresa Kenney and her staff learning about the criminal justice system and the various tasks associated with preparing and prosecuting cases at the county level.



# THANK YOU

The MOSO CAPS program would not be possible without the support of our Industry Partners. These experts in their fields offer guidance to student associates, helping them explore career options relating to each student's identified profession.

## Thank you to our 2023-24 MOSO CAPS Industry Partners!

Academy Animal Hospital  
Access Family Care Pediatrics  
Access Family Care Women's Health  
American Ramp Company  
Animal Clinic of the 4-States  
Animal Clinic of Diamond  
ARC of the Ozarks  
Arvest Bank  
Big Charlie's Fireworks  
Carl Junction Early Childhood Center  
Carl Junction Intermediate School  
Carl Junction Primary Center  
Carthage Hardware  
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City of Joplin, Finance Department  
City of Joplin, Human Resources  
City of Joplin, Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services  
Coley's Cookies  
Diamond Elementary School  
Diamond Middle School  
Downtown Imaging  
Ferguson Real Estate/ProX Realty  
Freeman Health Dietician  
Freeman Health System  
Freeman NICU  
Freeman Operating Room  
Freeman Population Health  
Freeman Radiology  
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Hardy, Wrestler & Associates  
Jasper County Circuit Clerk's Office  
Jasper County Sheriff Department  
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Johnson, Vorhees & Martucci  
Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce  
The Joplin Globe  
Joplin Humane Society

Joplin Irving Elementary School  
Joplin Jefferson Elementary School  
Joplin Municipal Court  
Joplin NALA Read  
Joplin North Middle School  
Joplin Police Department  
Joplin Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
Joplin Soaring Heights Elementary School  
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Interested in becoming a MOSO CAPS Industry Partner? Give us a call at 417-625-9623 or email [Hull-S@mssu.edu](mailto:Hull-S@mssu.edu).

## Upcoming Events

Save the date and join us at our next MOSO CAPS event!

**Wednesday, April 17**

### **CAPStone Project Pitch**

Come see how MOSO CAPS Student Associates are giving back to their communities! The purpose of the CAPStone Project is for Student Associates to showcase their project management skills by designing a service-minded project that positively impacts or supports their school, community or region.

**Monday, May 6**

### **MOSO CAPS Student & Parent Orientation**

During this mandatory orientation, members of the 2024-25 MOSO CAPS cohort and their parents/guardians will be given an overview of the CAPS program and policies and asked to complete required CAPS paperwork. Students will also meet their Strand Coordinator to share career goals and expectations.

**Friday, May 10**

### **End of Year Celebration & Senior Recognition**

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