

MOSO CAPS Monthly

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A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director



March and April have been very busy months for our Student Associates! Students put the finishing touches on their CAPStone Projects and successfully presented them on Wednesday, April 26. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments! Many thanks to those who came to this event!

Some Student Associates began a new 7-week extended Industry Partner experience on Monday, March 27; while other students continued with their 15-week experience. Listening to students share their experiences is truly amazing. There have been so many people (parents, industry partners, and community members) that have said how they wish they had had this type of opportunity when they were a junior or senior in high school and I have to agree that I feel the same way.

We all wonder at some point in our careers, "What if...?" Many of our Student Associates have confirmed through their experiences this year if the career path they have chosen is truly what they want to do in life. Once again, MOSO CAPS would not be a successful program without our Industry Partners and Corporate Sponsors. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our students through these partnerships as our Associates' experiences come to a close in the next few weeks.

We hope to see everyone at our [End of the Year Celebration](#) when we recognize our Associates and announce the winners of the CAPStone Project presentations.

Thank you for your continued support of MOSO CAPS!

Combining Student Creativity and Service with CAPStone Projects

The purpose of a CAPStone Project is for MOSO CAPS student associates to showcase their project management skills by designing a project that positively impacts or supports their school, community or region. The goal was to create, and in some cases implement, their project while enhancing their communication, teambuilding, and service skills.

Planning for the 2023 CAPStone Project Pitch started last fall with student associates discussing topics that didn't just interest them, but sparked a passion.

Associates held conversations about mental health, the arts, drop-out prevention, safe driving, historic preservation, medical advancements, and more. They talked about why these topics

were important to them and began sharing ideas of how they could help promote, solve or draw awareness to their passions.

The weeks following were spent creating CAPStone Project proposals. Some associates found like-minded peers and formed project teams, while others went about the process independently. In the end every MOSO CAPS student associate was involved in the multiple months-long

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ABOVE: Payton and Shaylee share details about their CAPStone Project, Baskets of Joy, which would provide activities to young cancer patients while they undergo treatment.



LEFT: Safe Space, a proposed bi-annual fun and safe social event for area high schoolers, was the result of months of brainstorming and planning by Evy and Sydney (pictured).

We Are Growing

We are excited to welcome both the Diamond R-IV and Joplin R-VIII School Districts to the MOSO CAPS program starting with the 2023-24 school year!

The MOSO CAPS Leadership Team recently visited with students at both high schools to talk about the program and how to apply. A MOSO CAPS Student Associate from each strand was also present to share their experiences and discuss what they've learned from industry partners and university professors with Joplin students.

Diamond and Joplin students will join fellow Juniors and Seniors from Carl Junction, College Heights, and Webb City this August to kick off the second year of MOSO CAPS.

CAPStone (continued)

process of researching, developing, and planning their CAPStone projects.

On April 26, a total of 15 CAPStone Projects were pitched to the public. Dozens of industry partners, community members and parents stopped by to listen to students share details of their projects and vote on the Best Board, Best Interaction and Best Project, all of which will be announced at our [End of the Year Celebration](#) in May.



ABOVE: YMCA+ team, Dan, Jace and Abby, are shown "pitching" their CAPStone Project that would enhance the YMCA after-school program by incorporating A+ students as program volunteers and mentors.

Internships... They Rule

This semester MOSO CAPS student associates were assigned as interns at various industry partner locations. Associates logged over 100 hours of experiential learning and completed dozens of projects during their internship rotations. Following are just a few of the comments we've heard from student associates about their intern experiences.

"This rotation has greatly impacted my future. I get to experience the preschool setting every other day, on top of having a one-on-one experience with a student who uses sign language. I have learned how to handle many different situations in and out of the classroom. I have also made many professional relationships to help network myself for college." - Maslyn, Webb City Heritage Preschool



"I want to go into International Marketing and this [internship] helped me explore digital marketing as I ran AMI Radio's social media platforms. Digital marketing is one of the most important ways to market internationally and I got great experience." - Tanav, AMI Radio Group

"This internship has impacted my career choice by continuing to encourage me to pursue a career in medicine. It sparked my interest in orthopedics and has motivated me to pursue my goal of attending medical school." - Marley, Mercy Hospital



"I am so glad that I was able to spend my first eight weeks at the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). They gave me things they knew would challenge me but wouldn't be too hard to complete. I would definitely say I learned so much from them in just a short amount of time. There's so much knowledge that each person has in this office. The CVB is not only a great place to learn different marketing strategies, but also you learn so much about the community and the people in the community. I can't wait to

come back and learn even more about Joplin, marketing, and social media posts." - Laurel, Joplin CVB



END OF YEAR Celebration & SENIOR RECOGNITION

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

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 2022-23 MOSO CAPS student associates!

We will also recognize our MOSO CAPS Seniors and present the 2023 CAPStone Project awards.

Light refreshments will be provided in the lobby.

PLEASE **RSVP** BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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Making The News

In late March, the MOSO CAPS program was featured in the local news for providing a unique learning opportunity to area students. The segment highlighted the program's immersive learning environment and included footage and interviews with student associates from the morning Health Science strand as they completing various patient care tasks in the MSSU Simulation Lab.

To read the full story and watch the corresponding KSN/KODE news segment, [click here!](#)



Our Two Golden Lions

Congratulations to MOSO CAPS Student Associates Laurel Shallenburger and Maddox Studdard for being selected as two of Missouri Southern's eight Golden Lion Award recipients for 2022-23!

The Golden Lion program recognizes local high school seniors who have been nominated for their acts of service, generosity, and positive impact on their community. Each month, September-April, one deserving Senior is selected to receive a \$1,000 Missouri Southern scholarship and in June one of those students is awarded an additional \$5,000 Missouri Southern scholarship.

Watch each Golden Lion Spotlight news segment by clicking on the photos below.



You Are Hired!

Going from Intern to Employee

Gaining relevant experience and career knowledge isn't all that our MOSO CAPS students walked away with as interns... some also landed a job!

Below are the MOSO CAPS students who have already joined, or will soon be joining, the area workforce.

Allie: selected as a summer intern with Mercy's physical therapy department after her stellar internship rotation

Cutler: interned at Pennington Station and was offered the opportunity to join the team and potentially host programming classes over the summer

Isabella: selected as a summer intern with Mercy after her rotations with the ER, NICU, general surgery and Labor & Delivery departments

Maddox: hired at Fletcher Toyota as their part-time Sales Business Development Coordinator Representative and resident photographer after his 7-week internship

Marley: will be working at Mercy until the fall when she begins the UMKC School of Medicine's B.A./M.D. program

Shaylee: hired by Freeman Health as a medical aid based, in part, on the experience and knowledge she gained while interning at Mercy

Stella: interned at Mercy and was offered a position working as a tech starting this summer

Will: has joined the staff of the Joplin History and Mineral Museum after his 15-week internship

Congratulations to all our MOSO CAPS associates on these first steps toward reaching their dream careers!



Cutler, hired by Pennington Station, poses outside the virtual destination storefront with owner and fellow game enthusiast, Ben McNelly.

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Internship Highlights!

During the Spring semester MOSO CAPS Student Associates are assigned to 7-, 8-, or 15-week internships where they experience immersive learning in a wide range of fields. Check out these awesome shots with some of our amazing industry partners!



LEFT: Business strand student, Charles, spent the first 8-weeks of the semester as an intern with the Mercy Clinical Engineering department. During his time at Mercy he helped the team repair, service, and set-up medical equipment used throughout the hospital, including the updating of over 100 vital signs monitors.

RIGHT: On their way to their internships at the Joplin Police Department are Human Services strand students, Brylee and Kayleigh. Brylee, who will be studying criminology this fall, spent her time interning with the department and riding along with officers while Kayleigh, who is interested in a career in public safety, was able to focus her internship on crime scene investigations. Although the pair are interested in different areas of law enforcement, they both enjoyed their time at JPD and many learning opportunities they were able to experience.



RIGHT: Paili, Business strand student, is spending her final weeks as a MOSO CAPS intern with the USDA Market Reporter at the Joplin Regional Stockyards. Paili is interested in becoming a livestock grader and is helping to enter the data from the Stockyard's sales for the Missouri state market report. Paili is the first high school student to intern with the state's USDA office, which hosts an internship program for college students each year.



FAR RIGHT: Human Services strand student, Will, pauses to take a quick selfie during his internship at the Joplin History and Mineral Museum. Will states his time as an intern has been preparing him for a career working in a museum, conducting research, and writing summaries.



RIGHT: Maddox, Business strand student associate, is spending the final weeks of his MOSO CAPS semester interning with Doug Hunt, Director of Entrepreneurship at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. As part of his internship, Maddox will be helping create the Operations Manual for the Joseph Newman Innovation Center while learning how to improve his communication skills by reading and applying concepts from the book *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High*.



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