

MOSO CAPS Monthly

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A Message From Your MOSO CAPS Director

Thirty-six weeks.

Witnessing our student associates grow into young professional in only 36 weeks is powerful!



The MOSO CAPS Leadership Team is beyond grateful for our 50+ Industry Partners who took a chance on a new program and allowed our associates to learn alongside the experts in the field so associates could gauge if the career they had chosen is what they truly wanted to do in life in 36 weeks. The majority of the associates never swayed from what they thought they wanted to do in life from August through May, however, a few discovered their passions were elsewhere.

Student success was measured through field experience evaluations, coursework, and each student's ability to build their social capital with stakeholders in 36 weeks. However, there is no voice stronger than our student associate voices, all of whom gave positive testimonials about the program. I hope you enjoy the compilation of responses during these two short videos.

[Business Strand Testimonials](#)

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We hope to have more video testimonials completed and uploaded to our website this summer.

Once again, many thanks and great appreciation to our district partners, parents, and Industry Partners. Our first year was successful because of YOU!

Thank you for your continued support of MOSO CAPS!

We Couldn't Have Done It Without Our Industry Partners

The mission of the Missouri Southern Center for Advanced Professional Studies, MOSO CAPS, is to be a collaborative partner with area businesses and industries, which will provide unique experiential learning opportunities for area high school students resulting in practical career-oriented experiences.

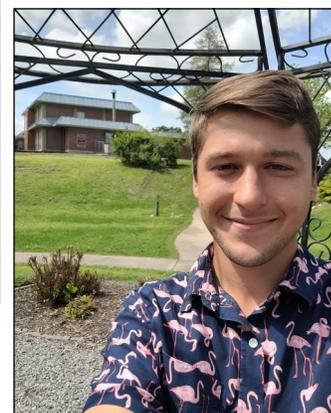
To accomplish this task, we rely on local Industry Partners who are experts in their fields to share their stories and allow our student associates to immerse themselves in the daily, weekly and sometimes monthly tasks relating to their careers.

This interaction with professionals who are "living the dreams" of our associates has immeasurable impact. Not only are our associates building relationships with area professionals, they are learning the value of customer service, the importance of task management, the challenges of business operations, the empathy of patient care, the excitement of product development,

and the desire and determination to create their own paths to success.

Our 2022-23 MOSO CAPS student associates spent over 5,750 hours shadowing and, in many cases, working alongside Industry Partners during the program year. Associates were learning, doing and exploring in ways they are simply not possible without our MOSO CAPS Industry Partnerships.

To the 50+ Industry Partners who lent a hand in making this year's program a success, we cannot thank you enough. And for those who may be interested in becoming an Industry Partner, we encourage you to contact MOSO CAPS Director, Dr. Hull at Hull-S@mssu.edu as planning for the 2023-24 program year has already begun!



MOSO CAPS Student Associates (l-r) Ashlyn, Cutler and Will pause to take selfies with Industry Partners Joplin Humane Society, KOAM-TV, and Joplin History & Mineral Museum.

END OF YEAR *Celebration* & SENIOR RECOGNITION

As a finale to the program year, we hosted an End of Year Celebration and Senior Recognition on Friday, May 12, to celebrate the accomplishments of our 2022-23 MOSO CAPS student associates and present the 2023 CAPStone Project Pitch awards.

Parents, industry partners, campus administrators, community members, and other MOSO CAPS supporters joined in the festivities and applauded as we recognized student associates with certificates of completion and presented cords to graduating Seniors and 2nd year MOSO CAPS polo shirts to returning Juniors. Student associates who will be returning to the program this fall will be distinguished as Student Associate Ambassadors for the 2023-24 year, helping Strand Coordinators with various tasks and acting as mentors to the incoming cohort of student associates.

Audience members also helped us celebrate the 2023 CAPStone Project Pitch award winners. Categories included Best Board, Best Interaction, and Best Project and were voted on by event attendees. Winners received monetary prizes to be applied to their projects. More about the CAPStone Project Pitch Awards can be found on page 3.

It's Not Too Late!

The MOSO CAPS program will continue to accept student applications for the 2023-24 school year until August 16!

If you (or someone you know) will be a Junior or Senior starting Fall 2023 and attends the Carl Junction, College Heights, Diamond, Joplin or Webb City school districts, this opportunity is for you! Reach out to your school counselor or click on the QR code below for more info.

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APPLY TODAY!

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



ABOVE: The 2022-23 morning MOSO CAPS student associate group. Back row: Brylee, Dan, Maslyn, Sydney, Klohe, Audrey, Shaylee, Aiden, Payton, Brett, and Cutler. Front row: Abigail, Jace, Jensyn, Kayleigh, Allie, Emily, Addy, Laurel, and Evy.

RIGHT: The 2022-23 afternoon MOSO CAPS student associate group. Back row: William, Paili, Marley, Maddox, Ari, Charles, and Tanav. Front row: Stella, Isabella, Shannon, Ashlynn, Karma, Julian, Zakk, and Nathan.



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2023 CAPStone Project Pitch Awards

During the MOSO CAPS program year, student associates designed a CAPStone Project, either individually or in a group. CAPStone Projects are service-minded projects that showcase student creativity and relate to topics that support their schools or communities.

In late April, students presented their CAPStone Projects at the 2023 CAPStone Project Pitch event. Attendees graciously

listened as MOSO CAPS student associates explained how they worked to solve issues and give back to their communities. Then industry partners, community members, and campus personnel were given the opportunity to vote for their choice of Best Board, Best Interaction and Best Project.

Winners for each category were announced at the MOSO CAPS End of Year

Celebration & Senior Recognition in mid-May. Monetary awards were presented ranging from \$50-\$250, which will be used by recipients to help implement or continue their CAPStone Project.

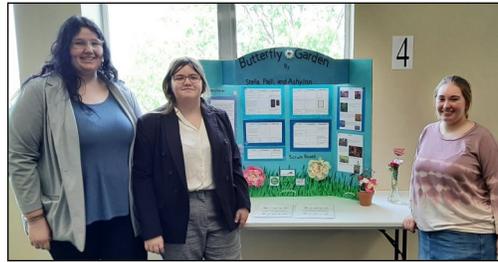
Service-minded projects are common in CAPS programs nationwide. They act as a way to engage students in teamwork and project management while also sharing the importance of supporting and giving back to your local community.

Congratulations to all our student associates for creating a total of 15 well-designed and impactful CAPStone Projects, and a special shout-out to our 2023 CAPStone Project Award winners!

Best Board



MORNING GROUP
Mind and Heart: Brylee



AFTERNOON GROUP
Butterfly Garden: Paili, Stella & Ashlynn

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Best Project



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Baskets of Joy: Payton & Shaylee



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Healthful Living: Addy, Laurel, Emily & Allie



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