

THE FRONT RUNNER

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THE SUMMER IN REVIEW

In less than two weeks, the Fall semester will kick off, as will the improved programming and resources we've been hard at work revising and developing over the summer. Each year, we take the time to reflect, evaluate, and adjust course to better meet the needs of our students and partner communities alike. While most folks take a breather over the summer, it's our opportunity to put our heads down to set up a fantastic program portfolio for the next academic year.

We're excited about the events we have planned, as well as our communications and digital resources that we'll be rolling out over the next few weeks. One thing to keep an eye out for in the next edition of the Front Runner is the launch of our new Employer Resource website, redesigned with your engagement journey in mind. In the meantime, read on to learn more about what we have coming up in the next few weeks!

COMPASS IS HERE!

[COMPASS](#), aka Community of Mentoring Professionals and Student Scholars, is a professional mentorship program that matches 1st and 2nd year students with industry experts for focused one-on-one mentorship to accelerate students' entry into their careers. Though it is a low-commitment for the mentors, this program contributes heavily to students' retention, interest, and persistence into careers in industries or areas of industry they want to meaningfully contribute to. Mentors have the opportunity to elevate the trajectory of students' careers by offering key guidance and insights as students navigate those critical early steps. Key attributes of the program for mentors include:

- Low time commitment (1 hour monthly)
- Virtual - all engagements are on a mobile app
- Optional programming and workshops centered around DEI
- Showcase yourself and your employer through mentor spotlights and Employer specific pages

MSU Denver's Classroom to Career Hub is launching recruitment for industry specific professionals to serve as mentors for this year's COMPASS Professional Mentoring Program. For the 2023-2024 academic year we are focusing on the following industries: Business, Nonprofit/Public Service, IT/Technology, Construction, Health, and Aviation/Aerospace. This program offers a virtual experience to engage with student learners for a combination of a 1-hour monthly time commitment. The program begins at the end of September and concludes early May.

Each industry has a **limited number of available spots!** If you are interested in learning more or ready to sign up, email enash7@msudenver.edu!

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

[Jessica Wade, Industry Navigator for Law & Public Service](#), is excited to bring her varied experiences to MSU Denver. She has taught ESL in South Korea and Mexico, assisted outreach efforts for the state Extension offices in Illinois during an AmeriCorps Community Development Fellowship, and coordinated public health outreach efforts as a Peace Corps volunteer in Suriname. She brings several years of higher education experience, having worked extensively with international students and scholar offices where she advised faculty and staff and managed a variety of programs. As an Industry Navigator for Public Service at MSU Denver, she works to connect students with career opportunities in non-profit organizations and government spaces. In her free time, Jessica enjoys long walks and visiting all kinds of parks.

[Ally Veneris, Associate Director of Industry Partnerships](#), was recently promoted to the role after being our Industry Navigator for IT for almost two years. With a background in higher education, Ally is excited to now work closely with MSU Denver's Health Institute, and to focus on building partnerships with healthcare employers in CO. If you want to learn more about the innovative ways we're developing a new healthcare workforce, please reach out to her at aveneris@msudenver.edu!

[Eboni Nash \(She/Hers\), Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Recruitment Program Manager](#), is a practitioner of liberation, racial justice advocate, and community builder that centers her work in radical self-care and healing pedagogy. As a Black and Indigenous woman, Nash fully steps into her position at the C2Hub Industry Partnerships team to support informed and mission-driven connections among the campus and business communities. Nash received her BA from Hastings College, triple majoring in criminology, psychology, and religion. She then went on to receive her Masters in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, where she focused on social justice, Black liberation, and institutional frameworks. Nash works to bridge the divide between MSU Denver student learners and our partnered Colorado employers to ensure clarity in the recruitment and retention of talent.

Check out our [Team Member page](#) for a full list of our colleagues!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are thrilled to announce several of our upcoming events and programs that will take us well into the Fall Semester and beyond. Check them out!

- [Nursing & Interprofessional Health Career Connections Event](#)
August 24, 2023 | The 2nd annual Health Career Connections event welcomes active Clinical Partners of MSU Denver to recruit current and graduating students in the health care fields of Nursing, Nutrition, Public Health & Health Care Management, Social Work, Behavioral Health Counseling, Exercise Science, and Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences/Pathologies. Other organizations in health care will be welcomed as space permits.
- [Meet the Firms, Fall 2023](#)
September 7, 2023 | For financial service organizations, this is the premier networking opportunity of the Fall recruiting season. Co-hosted with the Accounting Student Organization, we are excited to connect our partners with the finance, accounting and banking students at MSU Denver eager to start and accelerate their careers in this space. Please join us!
- [Construction Industry Career Fair](#)
September 21, 2023 | Construction and Infrastructure companies - find your next stellar employee or internship applicant from our diverse talented pool of MSU Denver Roadrunners studying Construction Project Management, Civil Engineering Technology, Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing, Leadership, Business, and more.
- [STEM Career Fair](#)
September 27, 2023 | Historically held in the Spring, the STEM Career Fair will now be hosted in the Fall to better align with recruiting cycles based on feedback we've heard from you, our partners! Promote professional jobs and internships in the STEM fields including Computer Science, Technology, Science, Chemistry, Mathematics, Bioscience, Environmental Science, Aviation & Aerospace, Engineering, Design, Healthcare, Manufacturing and more.

UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

- [Career Carnival](#)
October 31, 2023 | Unlike most career events, the Career Carnival isn't designed for recruiting. It offers a fun and relaxed environment for students to explore career resources and get questions answered. Would you like to share some job seeking wisdom with students exploring career resources? We are seeking partners interested in supporting the event for a chance to build their brand on campus and mentor students in a non-recruiting environment. Email Ally Veneris at aveneris@msudenver.edu if you are interested in learning about sponsorship opportunities!
- [Fall Job & Internship Fair](#)
November 8, 2023 | Modeled off of MSU Denver's largest Springtime recruiting event, the Fall Job & Internship Fair is open to all Auraria Campus students/alumni from all majors who are looking for post-graduate opportunities or internships in a wide variety of industries.

And keep an eye out for dates and more information on:

- Hospitality Career Fair | October 10, 2023
- Spring Job & Internship Fair 2024 | March 6, 2024
- Federal Agency Career Fair | April 11, 2024
- and more!

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