



DUST'EM DEVILS!

# Career Corner

June &amp; July 2013

CAREER CAFÉ: COFFEE TALK

## You've graduated. Now what?

### *Congratulations to the TAMIU class of 2013!*

Black caps and gowns, maroon sashes, honor cords of every color, flashing cameras, smiles and tears can only mean one thing.

#### **Spring 2013 Graduation!**

Now that the pomp and pageantry is over, and you've managed to walk across the stage without incident, have you given any consideration as to what comes next?

Working full-time? Working part-time? Applying to graduate school? Undoubtedly, if you're not asking yourself these questions your still in post-graduation mode.

If you're in the real world however, these questions are quickly becoming the "monkey on your back".

But have no fear because the Office of Career Services is here! As a perk for having attended TAMIU, Career Services is available for you as a student, if you decide to come back and as an alumnus... **free of charge!**

Services Provided Include:  
**resume writing / review**

**cover & thank you letter review**

**application assistance**

**career counseling and discovery**

**and more!**

#### Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 30, 2013 to August 7, 2013  
TAMIU will observe summer office hours of  
Monday – Thursday: 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.  
and Friday: 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.



#### Coffeehouse Wednesdays

Do you like free coffee? We do and so the Office of Career Services provides visitors with a free cup of coffee every Wednesday.

So stop by and have a cup on us!



# Success Stories

by Laura Martinez  
Director of Employer Relations



Rudolph C. Duran, Jr., B.B.A. 13"  
Texas A&M International University

As an undergraduate at TAMIU, Rudolph C. "Rudy" Duran, Jr., majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. This spring, Rudy was awarded his BBA from TAMIU and soon offered a position at **Accenture**, a management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company.

As frequent visitor of Career Services, here's what Rudy had to say about his experience in our office:

"I wanted to just show you [Ms. Martinez & Office of Career Services] the official offer letter [not featured] they [Accenture] sent me which I replied and said yes to already. I wanted to show you proof that everything that you've done to help me has really made a substantial difference in my life.

I just wanted to say thank you for assisting me in growing professionally towards a prospective career and life. I am greatly indebted to you. I will definitely recommend people to come by the Career Services Office for your help."

***Congrats Rudy!***



## ***DAS AUTO in Laredo!***

In June, Laredo welcomed a new yet familiar name to its automotive sales industry, **Ancira Volkswagen of Laredo**. The Office of Career Services attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26, 2013 to welcome the auto dealership to Laredo and to establish connections for TAMIU and its students. Located at 3720 E. Saunders St., Ancira Volkswagen of Laredo is operated by General Manager, **Diego Iturbe** and local sales staff.

Well established in San Antonio, Ancira is a welcomed sight to Laredo's automotive sales competition with long time companies such as **Sames** (Ford, Honda, Kia), **Powell-Watson** and **Family** (Chevrolet, Nissan) among others. If you're interested in a career with Ancira, they take applications all year long on their website: [www.vwlaredo.com](http://www.vwlaredo.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/AnciraVolkswagenOfLaredo](https://www.facebook.com/AnciraVolkswagenOfLaredo)

## Employer Spotlight: Ancira Volkswagen of Laredo

by Office of Career Services

## JOB SEARCH & RESUME TIPS

### Job Search

There are three main tips Miriah Ludtke encourages those seeking jobs to have in their job search. "Be Honest [about your skills]...Be Unique [tell them about your community contributions and] Be Informed [know what the company you're applying to does]". -Miriah Ludtke  
**3 Qualities Employers Are Looking For**  
[www.careerealism.com](http://www.careerealism.com)

### Resume Tips

In writing your resume," remember that jargon and acronyms not only vary by company and by industry, but sometimes by geography as well. Also, you cannot assume that someone in your own industry will be the first person screening your resume. As you describe your former accomplishments, strive to do so in a way that reads clearly to an outsider."  
**Avoiding Company-Specific Lingo on Your Resume**  
[www.greatresume.com](http://www.greatresume.com)

## EMPLOYMENT FACTS

68%

of employers will find you on  
Facebook

76%

of CV's [and resumes] are ignored  
if your e-mail address is  
unprofessional

### FACT INFORMATION FROM

Confessions of the Recruitment Industry  
[www.behiring.com](http://www.behiring.com)

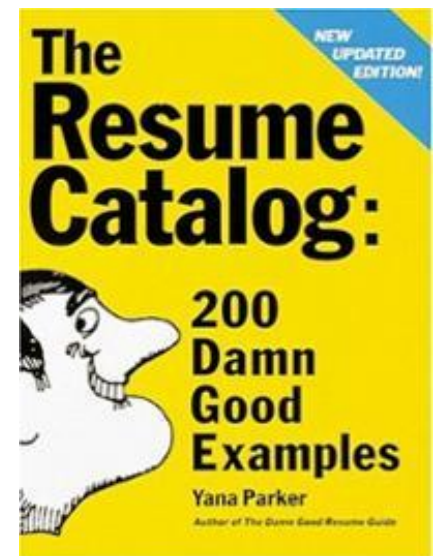
## Career Café Buzz

by Office of Career Services

Found in the Career Services' Career Café, **The Resume Catalog: 200 Damn Good Examples** contains "sample resumes-ready to be adapted and/or used for inspiration-cover all levels of experience and an extraordinarily wide range of careers, from the specific (biofeedback specialist, gas chromatography) to the general (fast-food cashier, masseur). Thoroughly indexed and cross-referenced, this is an easily used, dependable resource for anyone who needs to get that resume to the top of the pile and get the job of their dreams."

-[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)-

*Books are available for students to use in the Career Café during regular office hours.*



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## LinkedIn Article of the Month

by Jessica McGee, Data & Information Specialist

Adam Grant, author of *GIVE and TAKE* released an article on LinkedIn, "A Better Way to Discover Your Strengths" in which he discusses the ways to discover your real strengths from what you believe they are. Unlike the character Dwight Schrute from NBC's **The Office** pictured to the left, Grant states that "people are wildly inaccurate judges of their strengths in a wide range of tasks and domains—from logical thinking and reasoning skills to math aptitude, and even in estimating their own abilities to recognize a funny joke" and as such "so often, we see ourselves through rose-colored glasses."

In response Grant points out that "when it comes to assessing our own talents, we're full of blind spots. If you can see yourself through the eyes of others, your vision will become less blurry."

For the full article and information on Adam Grant, visit his LinkedIn page at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/profadamgrant>

Image Credit: NBC

## Summer at the OCS!

by Jessica McGee, Data & Information Specialist

Every semester is a busy one at the Office of Career Services, and summer is no different.

Aside from preparing for our fall events, the Office of Career Services is busy with workshops, in-class presentations and TAMU's Dusty Camps.

Currently, the OCS is hosting a long spanned workshop series: *Dusty Works! On-Campus Jobs & SEP Applications*.

This workshop series covers the basics on how to establish one's profile and their SEP

(Student Employment Program) application in Dusty Works!, as well as discussing the differences between co-worker generations and the extent that social media plays in today's job search. If you feel you need a refresher for Dusty Works! come by and we can assist you.

**July dates include:** July 22, and 24 from 10a.m. to 11a.m. and 3p.m. to 4p.m.

**August dates include:** August 05, 07, 14 and 15 also from 10a.m. to 11a.m. and 3p.m. to 4p.m.

All workshops will be held in the OCS **Career Café** (SC 114). For more information, call us at 956.326.4473.



## SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE MONTH

**STARS Scholarship**

The STARS Scholarship is available for students who have permanent residence in the 22 counties of South Texas.

Other requirements include: enrolled as a full-time student, minimum of a 2.7 GPA and incoming freshmen must have high academic performance.

Transfer students are not eligible for funding. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in order to receive full funding.

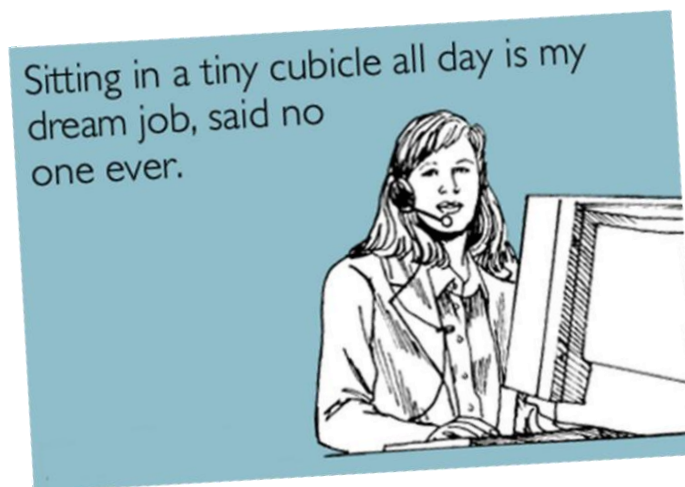
**HACU Scholarship**

HACU is accepting online applications for its 2013-14 Scholarship Program. General eligibility requirements include: demonstrate financial need (typically determined by FAFSA).

Contact Office of Financial Aid for more information at: 956.326.2225

# Reality vs. Expectations

by Jose D. Valadez, Jr.  
Sophomore Advisor & Career Counselor



As a graduate, do you expect to land a position with a great company, high pay and a fantastic corner office view?

If you're like most people, you do. However that's not always the case with new graduates.

Most students come to school to earn a degree because they expect it will increase their odds of making the big bucks and moving into an expansive corner office.

While degrees definitely help, the reality is that most employers want to see recent graduates get their hands dirty.

Don't be afraid of taking that low-paying, cubicle job if it means career growth in the long-term!