




LACKAWANNA  
COLLEGE

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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## ALUMNA IN THE SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA VANDUSKY '13



I began my journey at Lackawanna College as a nontraditional student. It all started in 2009 as a single parent with not even a high school diploma. By chance, I was given the opportunity by CareerLink to take GED classes at Lackawanna. After successfully passing my GED, I enrolled in Lackawanna College's Certified Nursing Program. After completing my CNA program, I began working at Gino Merli Veterans' Center. I made the decision a few months later that I wanted to go to college and enrolled at Lackawanna in the fall of 2010 for the Human Services major. This is where I also met my now husband who was also a Human Services major and non-traditional student. We both graduated in the winter of 2013 and enrolled at Misericordia University to continue our studies.

My journey at Misericordia was difficult. After some unfortunate events and failing to succeed, I decided to take a break from my studies. In the fall of 2016, I started working for an outstanding

company, Friendship House, as a Therapeutic Support Staff, providing one-on-one applied behavioral interventions to children with autism.

In December of 2019, I started Registered Behavioral Technician training from Florida Tech School, provided by Friendship House, and became a Behavioral Health Technician-ABA, which is my current position today. I reenrolled at Misericordia in January of 2020, and successfully completed my bachelor's degree in Behavior Science in May 2021. I am currently enrolled at Medaille College in Buffalo, N.Y., for my master's in Clinical Psychology. My goals after completing my master's program are to become a Licensed Behavioral Specialist for Friendship House, so I can continue working with the autism population and applying to a Ph.D. program for a doctorate in Neuropsychology.

-Jessica VanDusky '13

## SKILLS 2021: WORKFORCE SUMMIT AND CAREER FAIR

Join the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce on Thurs., Sept. 23, for SKILLS 2021 Workforce Summit and Career Fair. The 2021 theme is Bridging the Gap: Employers & Employees in a Post-COVID World.

Attendees can learn about career opportunities with 50 local employers and receive free help with resumes. Interviews are available for job seekers.



**SKILLS 2021**  
Workforce Summit & Career Fair



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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## LOOKING FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Contact Beverly O’Hora at (570) 504-7939 or [ohorab@lackawanna.edu](mailto:ohorab@lackawanna.edu)!

### INTERNSHIP SEARCH TIPS

- How do I find a good internship?
  - Start by narrowing down your interests
  - Decide how you want to intern (Remote or in-person)
  - Figure out where you want to intern (in-state, out of state)
  - Send in a resume with your application to the internship and have it reviewed by someone who specializes in career development
  - Call or Email to follow up with wherever you’re applying to intern
  - Make sure your internship is credible and useful (a real valid internship that can provide you with skills to help you in the future)
  - Can intern during the school year if you balance your internship with schoolwork
  - Start your search by talking to a mentor, career counselor, doing a simple google search
  - Maybe there are some internships on your college campus or in your neighborhood
  - If you want to intern internationally, consider re-locating or doing a remote internship
  - Studying abroad can allow you to intern internationally
  - Check websites like Indeed and College Central, that have lists of internships available to suit your needs and wants
  - Ask people around you such as friends or family. They might be able to provide you with an internship.
  - Overall, just use your networking skills, to help you land that internship you have been looking for!
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**VIRTUAL & LIVE**  
**Career FAIR**  
Virtual, September 8, 2021  
In Person, September 15, 2021  
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- Steve Jobs

For more information on internship and job opportunities, contact

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