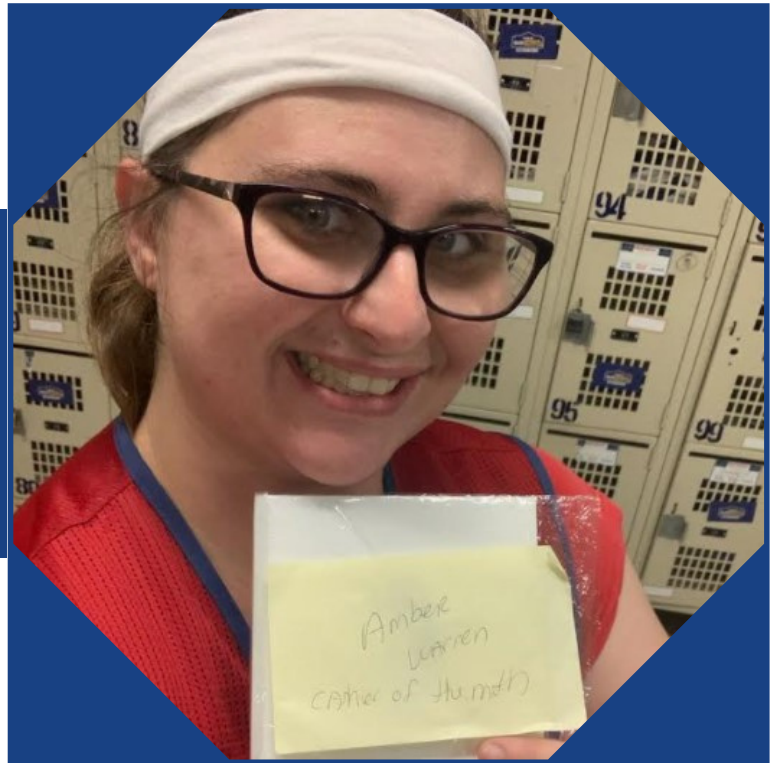


SUCCESS TRACKS

Monthly Newsletter - April 2021



Amber Warner - Employee of the Month at Lowes

THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - AMBER WARNER

by Damaris Rosales

Amber worked at Publix for a few years as Cashier, but Amber decided she wanted more out of her job at Publix. Sadly, there was no room for her to advance at Publix, so Amber, together with her Employment Specialist Damaris, applied to Lowes for a Cashier position. Amber was given an interview with Lowes, and she was offered the Cashier position almost immediately.

Amber has been with Lowes for a few months, and on April 14, 2021, she was given an award for the cashier of the month (pictured above). The Assistant Manager Destiny stated Amber is doing a great job, is always on time for work, is well-liked by all her co-workers, and is a great team player. Amber is happy to share this achievement with her husband, child, and family.

The Vocation Depot congratulates Amber for all her hard work and resulting success! We love when clients can find jobs they not only enjoy but excel at. The Vocation Depot wishes continued success for Amber on her employment journey!

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Some End of March Facts for TVD

8 Cases Successfully
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21 New Referrals

17 People Were Placed in
Jobs

Vocational Evaluations are
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remote.

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JUMP ON BOARD - TIPS TO HELP REACH YOUR DESTINATION STAND OUT

by Courtney Lape

Below is a great resource for interviews (pg. 04), but what if you are stuck constantly not receiving the opportunity to interview before you are passed over? Everyone who has searched for a job has been in the position where they have applied over and over to numerous jobs and never hear anything back. But there are steps you can take to stand out among applicants which raises your chance of getting a call.

Make Sure You Are Qualified: This is a pretty important step as applying to jobs as if you do not have the qualifications for the job you will get no where, as there are tons of people applying to the same job, many of whom are qualified. But the following advice will help if you lack one or two skills.

Write a Cover Letter: Cover letters show you are actually interested and not just mass applying to jobs. You will do extra well if you customize the cover letter to the job you are applying for, emphasize your skills and qualities they seem to be looking for in the job post.

Follow Up: Follow up is very important after an interview, but it can also be helpful to follow up a few days after you apply to a job. Just contact them once so as not to overwhelm them and ask if they received your application or if they had any questions. This shows you are interested and eager to receive the job, and helps you stand out.



MEET OUR CONDUCTORS

COURTNEY LAPE

Courtney Lape-Hutchinson is a native of Riverview, Florida. Born in 1994, Courtney spent her youth creating a passion for reading, literature, and nature. From a young age, Courtney knew the importance of creating a better world and taking care of what we have. Courtney set her sights on a path of helping others and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Saint Leo University.

Courtney has spent nearly three years with The Vocation Depot and enjoys working with employees, Vocational Rehabilitation Centers, and all the great clients she has met over the years. Courtney's love of literature caused her to begin writing a book, which she hopes to finish within the coming year. Her love of animals brought forth a Koi Pond in her yard, and a butterfly garden that attracts nature from across the neighborhood.

She has great graphic design skills, and has created sophisticated graphics for multiple campaigns. Courtney also enjoys working with and learning technology, and likes to help with IT support whenever she can. Courtney lives in North Port, Florida, with her husband, Cory, and her dog / work-buddy named Buttons. Courtney is excited to continue her career with The Vocation Depot, and continue her path toward helping others.

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OR

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Learn more

THE ON TRACK RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

<https://mrsimon.ai/>

Job interviews are essential, and making a good impression is not easy! With this website however, you can build confidence through Mr. Simon's mock interview, which includes common questions from real job interviews. There are 150 frequently asked behavioral interview questions that you can choose from or choose to randomize, and your answers are recorded as you answer out loud so you are able to listen to your responses.

How does this help? Practice is essential! Being able to hear your answers and deciding where you need to improve your responses helps you build a repertoire of easy to fall on answers. This will reduce anxiety and help sentences come out smoothly and with confidence when answering in an interview.



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