

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

2024 – 2025 Annual Report Engagement, Outcomes, and Impact

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## **COLLABORATION WITH FACULTY AND STAFF**

University partnerships and service.

### The Career Development Team supported its Roberts Wesleyan University partners by...

- Serving on MSCHE self-study teams, supporting the critical gathering of evidence and analysis of the university's state of affairs for the Middle States reaccreditation process
- Supporting enrollment programs such as: Athletics Preview Day, Admissions Discovery Days, Academic Scholarship Celebrations, Accepted Students Day, and four spring New Student Registration Days
- Participating in Learn Campus Basics (new student orientation) in August for all new first-year and transfer students to introduce the team and onboard students to Handshake
- Partnering with Alumni Relations for the annual February Mocktails Mixer event
- Collaborating on the Leadership You program and facilitating a workshop on Strengths to rising student leaders
- Partnering with Residence Life by presenting to Resident Advisors
- Serving on the International Student Support Team and assisting/coaching international students through the Curricular Practical Training (CPT) process
- Delivering coursework:
  - One staff member supervised Psychology interns (fall and spring semester)
  - One staff member taught First Year Seminar during (fall semester)
  - One staff member closely supported the School of Business' Intern Prep course and Mock Interview Day (fall and spring semester)



#### **DELIVERING**

**36** 

Class and Workshop Presentations

#### **TOPICS**

- CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- EMPLOYMENT SEARCH AND RESUME WRITING
- HANDSHAKE, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AND ONLINE RESOURCES
- INTERNSHIPS. HOW DO I FIND ONE?
- INTRO TO CAREER DEV AND HANDSHAKE
- INTRODUCTION TO CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES -PATHWAYU
- PATHWAY U ASSESSMENT REVIEW
- PROFESSIONALISM AND INTERVIEW TIPS
- RESEARCHING THE MARKET
- RESUME PREPARATION AND INTERVIEWING
- PROFESSIONALISM AND INTERVIEW TIPS
- RESUME AND COVER LETTER WRITING
- STRENGTHS IN LEADERSHIP
- THE 411 ON CAREER TRANSITION

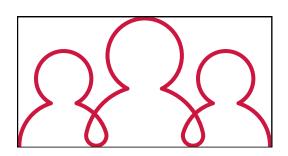
#### **ACADEMIC COURSES**

BUSINESS (INTRO TO BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS: PERSONAL FINANCE)
FIRST YEAR SEMINARS (ALL SECTIONS)
INTERNSHIP PREPARATION COURSES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL WORK, AND PSYCHOLOGY
SENIOR SEMINAR
SOCIAL WORK (SENIOR FIELDWORK SEMINAR)



## **OUR REACH, REALIZED**

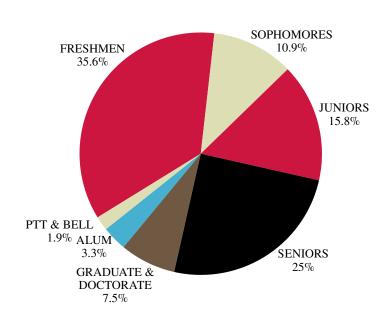
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# 1396 STUDENT TO STUDEN

INCLUDES ONE-TO-ONE APPOINTMENTS, CLASS PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, CAREER EXPOS/FAIRS, PRO PIC POP-UP, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

# 576 UNIQUE TO STUDENTS









## A YEAR OF SERVICE

Rooted in purpose to deliver with excellence.

## **Employer - Student Connections**

In addition to our annual campus-wide Career Connections Expo, held on March 17, 2025, Career Development partnered with Teacher Education to organize and deliver two networking and mock interview events on November 12, 2024, and March 4, 2025.

25 school districts networked with 61



students, and conducted on-site mock interviews. Looking ahead, academic major/school-specific events will be Career Development's strategy to deliver opportunities that increase student engagement that provides meaningful employer interaction.









#### **Special Events!**



On April 29, 2025, **Pro Pic Pop Up** delivered "authentic headshots with pro results!"

**66 students, 3 faculty, and 15 staff members** participated in the day-long event, resulting in high-quality headshots instantly emailed to participants.





Grab & Go: Fuel Up for Fall held on September 10, 2024 during the First 40 Days series, welcomed students to the NEW Career Center on the first floor of the GCEC! 40 students dropped in for a bag of fun treats with Embrace your Roberts journey messaging!



## FROM CALLING TO CAREER

Helping students discover, prepare, and step into their God-given purpose.

#### Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Program Development Grant - Year One Implementation

## Priority Emphasis 1 - Vocation and Career Programming

Developed a new course, EXPR 2000 - Vocation and Calling (1-credit), designed to expand access and opportunities for underrepresented students and/or first-generation students to further explore, discover, investigate, and engage in vocation-clarifying discussion, reflection, and activities.

#### **Course Themes**

- INTRODUCING RESOURCES and SELF-ASSESSMENT REVIEW
- INCREASING UNDERSTANDING OF VOCATION THROUGH OTHERS' JOURNEYS
- BUILDING YOUR PROFILE (LinkedIn, Handshake) and DEVELOPING YOUR RESUME
- PREPARING FOR CHALLENGES through GRIT
- BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER THROUGH a "POSTER WALK" FINAL

#### FIND YOUR WHY - CONNECT VOCATION TO CAREER





of course participants have already or will recommend a friend/peer take this course

#### **Priority Emphasis 2**



This online platform was launched in August 2024. It provides campus-wide access, including prospective students on a case-by-case basis.

 PathwayU was embedded in the First-Year seminar curriculum, used during one-on-one counseling sessions, and introduced to students in other undergraduate courses, including Intern Prep for Business, Social Work, Criminal Justice/HSAI, and Intro to Business

**267** 

unique students completed self-assessments in 2024-25

## Priority Emphasis 3 - Professional Development

Focused on providing faculty and staff with engaging opportunities, including customized presentations and special events to orient them to vocation and career, and demonstrate PathwayU's value in fostering students' self-discovery.

#### **Strategies and Initiatives**

- In summer 2024, reviewed and enhanced website and intranet pages, adding content that strategically incorporated vocational exploration resources.
- In fall 2024, Career Development staff presented to schools, deans, and departments, and at a Faculty Development Lunch.
- In March 2025, an Open House was held for faculty and staff to visit the new Career Center in the Golisano Community Engagement Center and to update colleagues on Career Development's vocation and career current work and PathwayU resources.

95 faculty, staff, and school deans served through professional development

#### **Featured Professional Development**

The development of Roberts' **Vocation and Career Faculty Toolkit** in spring 2025, with the assistance of our student NetVUE intern, is an exciting and sustainable outcome of the NetVUE grant! This online toolkit provides ready-to-use resources for integrating vocation and career assignments into the curriculum to enrich students' educational journeys. Accessible to all faculty and staff through Google Drive.

A "Lunch & Learn" for First Year Seminar Faculty partners in spring 2025 highlighted the components of EXPR 2000 to familiarize faculty with course content and ask them to help identify students who could benefit from the course. The gathering provided an opportunity to cast a vision for faculty to consider teaching future courses.



## IN THEIR WORDS

Serving Students Along Their Journey to Purpose-Driven Success

## Post-Appointment Student Feedback

Sandy helped me better understand what needed to go into my med school personal statement to make it into what it needs to be, sharing more of my experience, as well as what has inspired me to begin this journey.

Senior, Biomedical Sciences

I learned a lot about the results from my self-assessment and what exactly they mean in terms of finding a career.

Sophomore, Marketing

After feeling a bit in the dark about the whole internship process, Kathleen was absolutely amazing. She guided me through everything and took so much stress off my shoulders.

Junior, Health Administration

It was really nice to feel heard, and Mary made me feel like she cared about my plans. She helped me figure out next steps and made me more passionate about my future

Senior, Homeland Security and Applied Intelligence

My appointment was very positive, structured, engaging, and respectful, and it helped me get a solid-looking resume that will benefit my academic journey going forward!

Junior, Business Administration

I learned more about myself. It was helpful to have someone recognize skill sets in me that I have not noticed before. Freshman, Social Work





# EXPR 2000 - Vocation and Career Poster Walk Guest Comments (faculty, staff, coaches, RDs, and RAs)

I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about and seeing your poster presentations. I can see how this class has given you a wonderful foundation to build upon your future vocation and calling! I was excited to hear and see what you have

Thank you for sharing a small part of your life with our community. I am so deeply encouraged by your growth and by the positive impact you will undoubtedly have on our society. The world needs you! Thanks to the facilitators of the course as well. Well done, everyone!!

learned!

What a great job with your posters and presentations! I was very impressed with your oral communication skills! Keep working hard!

Continue on this professional development journey. Use all your strengths and continue to grow them. Watch out for the opposites or shadow sides of strength, and always show your grit. You will succeed!

## **CLASS OUTCOMES**

## **CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION STATISTICS**

**AVERAGE SALARY** 

\$69,141

OF GRADS ARE 25% GOING TO GRAD SCHOOL

Clemson University Daemen University Dominican University D'Youville University Keuka College Nazareth University Roberts Wesleyan University Rochester Institute of Technology St. John Fisher University SUNY College at Brockport SUNY College at Oneonta The Grand Canyon University West Chester University



**CLASS OF 2024 POST GRADUATION** 

**AVERAGE SALARY** 

\$60,775

**OVERALL EMPLOYMENT RATE** 

56%











## **EMPLOYERS HIRING THE CLASS OF 2025**

Adaptt Rochester

Alcami

Aspen Ridge Mental Health

Avangrid

**Brighton Central School District** 

**Brighton Collision** 

Calm Seas Psychotherapy

**CASA-Trinity** 

Catholic Charities Family & Community Services

Catholic Health

Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Churchville-Chili Central School District

Classical Charter Schools

Dallas Legends

Discovery Charter School

East Irondequoit Central School District

Erie County Medical Center Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

Exploration Charter School for Science and Technology

Federal Bureau of Prisons F.F. Thompson Hospital Finger Lakes Health

Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office

Forward Health Ohio Fresenius Medical Care

Gates Chili Central School District

Genesee County Department of Social Services

Geneseo Central School District Geneva City School District Golisano Children's Hospital Greece Central School District Guthrie Lourdes Hospital

Highland Women's Health OBGYN

Highlands Living Center Hillside Family of Agencies Huntington Learning Center Ibero-American Action League Jamestown Public Schools

Jericho Road Community Health Center

Keith Greer Coaching Lakeview Mental Health LaVigne Financial Living Word Church

Lyons Central School District Marion Elementary School

Mary Cariola Center

Meaningful Life Psychological Services, PLLC

Monroe 2 - Orleans BOCES

Mosaic Health

New York State Police

Northgate Free Methodist Church

Omnicom Group Oncore Aviation Open Door Mission

Palmyra Macedon Central School District

Penfield Central School District Perry Central School District Pro Cabinets of Central Florida Quality Vision International

Revive Wesleyan

Roberts Wesleyan University Rochester City School District Rochester General Hospital Rochester Prep Charter Schools Rochester Regional Health

Rochester Regional Health | Rochester General College of

Health Careers (RGCOHC)

Rock Church

Rome City School District

SAGE (Support, Advocate, Grow, Education) Special

Education Agency Saint Pius Tenth School Seton Teaching Fellows Sodus Central School District Spencerport Central School District

St. Joseph's Hospital The Hochstein School

True Environmental Holdings LLC

United Methodist Church University of Rochester

University of Rochester Medical Center

University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital

UR Medicine | Thompson Health Upstate University Hospital USI Insurance Services Vertus High School

Veteran's Administration - Western New York Healthcare

Visions Federal Credit Union Waterloo Central School District Webster Central School District

Wesleyan Church

Youth Enrichment Services

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church