



# Buffalo State College

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State University of New York

News Letter

Fall 09

Getting an edge really pays off - Undergraduate and postgraduate study  
- A special advertising report Daily Telegraph, The (Sydney), SEP 13, 2008

DON'T burn the books after you graduate, because, chances are, you'll need them again.

Around 20 per cent of bachelor degree students go on to further study straight after graduating, and a growing number are taking on further study after a few years in the workplace.

Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) research manager, Bruce Guthrie, says growth in **higher education rates** over the past 20 years has forced many back to the books to gain an edge in the labour market: "There are so many bachelor degree graduates in the market, so some people are looking for further study to stand out, to give themselves a little bit of an advantage."

The trend is occurring across all disciplines, from humanities graduates completing teaching diplomas to give their general degree

an occupational focus, to others wishing to specialize in a particular field to give their career a boost or change of direction.

A new GCA report indicates that the extra effort pays off, with some post-graduates in their first full-time employment starting work

on salaries in excess of \$60,000. The starting salary for a bachelor degree graduate with no work experience who also has a graduate certificate or diploma is \$49,000, \$6000 more than graduates without a further qualification.

"They're essentially the same sort of person, the only difference is the extra qualification," says Mr Guthrie. "There's evidence of a premium being paid for people with extra study on their CV."

Those who work for a few years before commencing further study tend to have more difficulty balancing their work and study responsibilities, but gain more from the course than fellow students with no work experience. "There's no substitute for real world experience, and if you can bring it to your further study, you're going to get so much more out of what you're learning than someone else," Mr Guthrie says.

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## CSTEP BENEFITS

- PAID Internship/research
- Kaplan/ scholarships
- Free tutoring
- Attendance to Conferences
- Bi-weekly student workshops
- Assistance with Resume, Cover Letters & Graduate School

## **CSTEP EVENTS FOR FALL 09**

### **CSTEP Presents: Union Days**

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 12:00—1:pm, Student Union.  
Thursday, September 3, 2009, 12:15—1:40pm, Student Union.  
Thursday, October 1, 2009, 12:15—1:30pm, Student Union.  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009 12:00—1:pm, Student Union  
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 12:15—1:30pm, Student Union  
Thursday, October 29, 2009 12:15—1:30pm, Student Union  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009 12:00—1pm Student Union  
Thursday, November 5, 2009 12:15—1:30pm, Student Union  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 12:00—1pm, Student Union  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 12:15—1:30pm, Student Union  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009 12:00—1pm, Student Union

### **Workshops in September** *Refreshments will be served at all events*

#### **Meet and Greet**

Thursday, September 10, 2009 12:30-1:30pm, Twin Rise room 102

#### **Study skills and Memory skills**

Tuesday, 15, 2009 12:30pm-1:30pm, Twin Rise room 102

#### **Law School**

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 12:30pm—1:30pm Twin Rise room 102

#### **Career Development Center**

Thursday September 24, 2009 12:30—1:30 Twin Rise room 102

### **Workshops in October**

#### **Time Management**

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 12:30pm—1:30pm Twin Rise 102

#### **Stress and Relationship Management**

Thursday, October 22, 2009 12:30pm—1:30pm Twin Rise 102

#### **CSTEP Present McNair program**

Tuesday, October 27, 12:30 pm—1:30pm Twin Rise 102



## **Workshops in November**

### **UB Nursing Program**

Tuesday November 3, 2009 12:15—1:30pm

Twin Rise room 102

### **UB Medical School**

Thursday November 12, 2009 12:15—1:30pm

Twin Rise room 102

### **Buffalo State College Engineer Department**

Tuesday November 17, 2009 12:15—1:30pm

Twin Rise room 102

## **Workshops in December**

### **Buffalo State Graduate School**

Thursday December 3, 2009 12:15—1:30pm

Twin Rise room 102

**COME OUT TO EACH EVENT AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN BE A PRIZE WINNER**

### **Reminder for the Semester**

- Check your email account on a daily basis for CSTEP related materials and reminders.
- Stop into the CSTEP office on a weekly basis to find out about upcoming programs and workshops.
- Make sure you attend programs facilitated by CSTEP.
- If you want a letter of recommendation or any other documents, please let us know ahead of time.



## CSTEP ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### **Kofi Nyantakyi**



Buffalo State College  
Undergraduate Major: Health & Wellness, BA  
Graduate Major: Student Personnel Administration, MS  
D'Youville Collge:  
Graduate Major: Nursing, BS & RN

CSTEP has been my back bone and support system throughout my college career and professional life. Currently I am a Graduate Nurse. I thank the Lord for the life of the Director of the CSTEP program, she always made the impossible...Possible. Thanks Naomi

### **Betsy Oquendo**



Monroe Community College  
Undergraduate Major: Criminal Justice, AAS.  
Buffalo State College  
Undergraduate Major: Political Science, BA.  
Graduate Major: Public Administration, MS. (pending)

CSTEP has supported me professional and educationally. I am currently a graduate student at BSC. I am the Graduate Assistant in the CSTEP office. I appreciate all the opportunities CSTEP has given me as a student.

### **Peggy Purcell**



Buffalo State College  
Undergraduate Major: Social Work, BS  
Graduate Major: Student Personnel Administration, MS (pending)

CSTEP has given me the opportunity to assist students with professional research and conferences. I am currently a graduate student at the at Buffalo Stage College.



Mission Statement: To increase the number of students from under-represented groups who are pursuing professional licensure and careers in mathematics, science, technology and health-related fields.