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## 2014 Minimum Wage Increase

The minimum wage in Washington State was increased to **\$9.32** on January 1, 2014, based on the increase in the average cost of living, including the average cost for food, shelter, health care, and transportation. See the [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries Website](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Events:

**Job & Internship Fair Tuesday, April 8th**  
**3-6pm in Upper Gwinn**

Meet employers who have a variety of openings: Work Study, Part Time, Full Time, Internships, Summer Jobs, etc.

**Education Job Fair Thursday April 24**  
Contact [Tiffany Kim](#) for more details

**Spring Career Mixer Tuesday, April 29**  
**3-5pm in Upper Gwinn**

## CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

Here are a few of the jobs that are currently on JobLink. Act quickly, because there's no saying how long they will be around for!

**State Work Study:** [Blue Rooster: Jr. Development Aide](#), [Child Care Resources: Professional Development Data and Administrative Specialist](#), [Kidspace Childcare Center: Assistant Teacher](#)

**On-Campus:** [SPU Facilities: Student Office Assistant](#), [SPU CIS: CIS Accounting Associate](#), [SPU Safety and Security: Dispatcher](#)

**Off Campus and Non-Work Study:** [Underdog Sports Leagues: Volleyball Supervisor](#), [Private Home: Calculus Tutor](#), [Private Home: Piano Teacher](#)

**Note:** We cannot guarantee that these jobs are available for any certain amount of time. It is up to the employer when they want to disable their job on JobLink. The above jobs are just a few of the many that are posted, and we encourage you to explore the entire website to find the perfect match for you!

# WORKING COLLEGE STUDENTS DO BETTER ACADEMICALLY THAN NON-WORKING PEERS

By Lauren Osberg

Commonly referenced studies suggest that students who work while in school do better academically. The U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics provide data that supports this claim in their paper titled *Parental Transfers, Student Achievement, and the Labor Supply of College Students*. Regarding students at 4-year colleges, the study found that on average, students who did not work earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.04, while those who worked 1-20 hours a week earned a 3.13 GPA on average. The study suggests, however, that students should balance time they spend working and time studying, because the average GPA for students at 4-year colleges who worked over 20 hours a week was 2.95, even lower than for those who didn't work ("Parental Transfers, Student Achievement, and the Labor Supply of College Students").

Students may do better academically when they also work a job because the little free time they have forces them to manage their time effectively and efficiently. Their time is precious, and they make it count by spending much of it studying, leading to higher grades. Additionally, in the article *Study Finds Students with Part-Time Jobs Get Better Grades*, Kayla Soper reasons that "Twenty hours a week will most likely give you the motivation to be productive with your free time, while working too much will give you no free time." ("Study Finds Students with Part-Time Jobs Get Better Grades")

## ATTENTION WORK STUDY STUDENTS!

As you know, it is now time to complete your 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **You must file no later than June 1, 2014, to receive priority consideration.** If you participated in a work study program during 2013, when completing your FAFSA, it will benefit you to include your total earnings for 2013 for question **44c**, under taxable earnings from need-based employment programs. Your total earnings can be found in Banner (Home > Employee Main Menu > Employee Pay and Account Menu > View Earnings Summary) as well as in an email sent by Danielle Richmond on 2/12/14.

If you have questions regarding your earnings in 2013 or if you need further clarification, please feel free to contact Danielle Richmond at [dani@spu.edu](mailto:dani@spu.edu).

## job Matchmaker

Are you looking for a job you love during this season of love? Look no further than SPU's JobLink, for a job that matches your every need. Use the search engine to find jobs that match your interests, and then apply through your online profile.



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