

The NOSE

The Newsletter from the Office of Student Employment



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Upcoming Events:

April 12th - 18th	National Student Employment Week
April 15th	Spring Career Fair
April 16th	Student Employee Celebration
June 1st	Priority FAFSA Filing Deadline

*Check out [SFS Money Matters Newsletter](#) for the upcoming dates around tuition, scholarships, & more!

It's WINTER!

Hey friends! Here is issue #12 of the NOSE brought to you by the Office of Student Employment! It's 2015 and we are so excited for what this year has to bring! Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any [State Work Study](#), [Federal Work Study](#), [on-campus](#), or [off-campus job](#) questions! We are here to help YOU!

-the cool cats in the OSE

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Did you know?

Click on [underlined](#) text in the issue for further information on the web!

Looking for an off-campus job?

Worried about transportation?

NOT A PROBLEM! SPU has ORCA passes available to you at the UNICOM desk located on the first floor of the sub! For more information about transportation:

[ASSP ORCA Passes](#)
[Sound Transit](#)

[Tips for the Bus](#)
[King County Metro](#)

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Hot Jobs:

Click [here](#) to jump to the SPU JobLink login page!

Child Care Staff
Coe Child Care
(Queen Anne)
\$10-12/hr
(item #27231)

K-12 Tutor
University Tutors for Seattle Schools
\$13/hr (Federal Work Study/Community Service)
(item #22940)

SUB Student Manager
Office of Student Programs
\$10.50/hr (On-campus)
(item #30824)

Job Coach for Individuals with Disabilities
WISE (Seattle)
\$11-13/hr (Federal Work Study/Community Service)
(item #30359)

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Student Spotlight

University of Washington Medical Center

Urology Department

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Lab Assistant

Nov 2013-Feb 2015

What does a day look like at work for you? Every day is literally *different*. I typically process specimens like blood and urine for research studies; this means a lot of trips to the clinic in order to pick up the samples. With the study and *biorepository* samples comes paperwork that must be entered into the databases and kept on file. I also do a lot of side tasks, where the "assistant" part of *my job comes into play*. Some of these tasks include *but aren't limited to*, autoclaving biohazardous wastes, making phosphate buffered saline (PBS) solution, washing lab dishes, restocking supplies, inventorying the freezers that contain the blood specimens, etc. And when all of these *tasks have been fulfilled* I am able to move onto a project I got to start last quarter, where I cut fixed soft and bone tissues on the microtome, stain it and produce a slide from it for the lab's pathologist to review it.

What motivates you to go to work?

The *environment* in which I work in and the people who *surround me*. I absolutely love that my position is a part of something both *meaningful and beneficial* and bigger than myself, where we are trying to become one step closer to finding *a cure for prostate cancer* as well as broaden our very understanding of the disease itself.



Any additional comments:

I want to thank *SPU* specifically because without this university I would not have this *work-study job*, and therefore wouldn't have this opportunity to be *featured* in the NOSE.

A Word From Her Supervisor: Jennifer Noteboom

When asked why she likes to hire college students, Jennifer noted that this type of work "*allows science majors to get experience working in a lab setting*." She also noted that it "enables us to have more help for a lower cost for the lab" which in return frees up funds for other expenses related to medical research. Jennifer's advice to students looking for a job is to "*try to always present yourself in the most confident light*" – she always looks for students who are not only capable but also confident when she is hiring for her lab.

Attention Work Study Students!

As you know, it is now time to complete your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)! Just a couple of things to know:

- You must file no later than June 1, 2015 for priority consideration.
- If you participated in a work study program during 2014, you received an email on 02/02/15 from Danielle Richmond.
- Put the amount in this email under taxable earnings from need-based employment programs on the FAFSA.
- Your total earnings can be found in Banner (Home > Employee Main Menu > Employee Pay and Account Menu > View Earnings Summary).
- If you have questions please feel free to contact Danielle Richmond at dani@spu.edu.

What have you gained through this experience, specifically as related to your role as a student and employee?

Aside from *vamping up my resume* this job experience has also fine-tuned certain skills like prioritizing and multi-tasking. It has not only allowed me to *establish professional connections* but to see and understand that *we all have a part in this*, from the doctors who see the patients to the phlebotomist who does the blood draw to the PI who oversees the lab and *even people like me*, the lab assistant who processes the patient's blood. It has *opened my eyes* to other possibilities; to a career and an environment that I may be better suited for based on my *strengths and personality*, where the "behind-the-scene" individuals are just as important and *crucial to the mission* like those at the forefront (i.e. physician).

2015 Minimum Wage Increase

The minimum wage in Washington State was increased to **\$9.47** on January 1, 2015, 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](http://www.wa.gov/employment/labor) website for more information.

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