

Creating Local CS/IT Student and Worker Profiles Handout Sample



Mingling at the office, Marian and her co-workers find time to socialize and enjoy one another on the job. “Truth be told, I pretty much stumbled into IT,” says Marian Lyons, Technical Project Manager at Activant Technologies. Marian puts her liberal arts background to work for her as a project manager, as the job requires valuable technical skills as well as effective communication skills. She went back to school and now holds a Masters degree in computer science. At work, Marian enjoys the opportunity to solve technical problems in software development and management. She works closely with a technical team, and excels at translating technical jargon for business associates and clients. According to Marian, “people in this role seem to marry their interpersonal skills with the ability to embrace technology.” To learn more about Activant, go to: <http://www.activant.com/index.cfml>.



Shooting a blue screen video is one of many authentic artist projects Museum of Outdoor Arts (MOA) interns experience under the guidance of Tim Vaca.



There is no such thing as a typical day for Tim Vaca, who plays a multifaceted role at Colorado's Museum of Outdoor Arts. Tim manages interns in MOA's summer program, where high school and college students get a taste of digital and performance art, film, music, architecture, and dance. Tim has a studio arts background, with an emphasis in digital art and photography. He advises students “to take a variety of classes in different mediums. I learned so much from mixing IT with my art.” To learn more about the Museum of Outdoor Arts, go to www.moaonline.org.

Guiding youth in simulated space exploration allows Lockheed Martin IT experts to give back to the community. “IT is a team sport,” according to Linda Brisnehan, Project Manager and former CIO of Lockheed Martin. “Project management and communications skills are invaluable and will help you throughout your career.” Linda says that the most important quality for success at Lockheed Martin is the ability to put herself in an IT user's shoes. Linda advises that students interested in IT work stay current in their knowledge of technology applications, but also network with a group of technological experts to keep up with the exciting, ever-changing tech world. To learn more about working at Lockheed Martin, go to: <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/features/great-start.html>.

