

# CALCASIEU WORKFORCE GAZETTE

Calcasieu Workforce Center Youth Department

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## Upcoming Community Events:

### Black Heritage Festival

03/07/14 - 03/09/14

(Recurring daily)

Lake Charles Civic Center  
(Sports Facility) 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA

12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Children 5 & under Free \$5 before 2PM \$10 after 2PM

### Calcasieu Parish Talented Arts Program Exhibit

03/24/14 - Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until 03/27/14

Mon - Fri. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Henning Cultural Center  
923 South Ruth Street, Sulphur, LA  
Free

### Job Start / Job Fair

04/09/2014

9:00-12:00

Business & Career Solutions Center  
2424 3rd Street  
Lake Charles  
Free to public

## 2014 Annual Youth Summit/Job Fair



The Calcasieu Workforce Center (CWC) will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit/Job Fair, 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the Lake Charles Civic Center located at 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA for youth, ages 16 thru 24. The theme is: **“Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Workforce.”** Whether students are going to college or work after high school they will benefit greatly from this event. Out of school youth will also benefit as they will learn how to immediately jump start their career.

The focus of the 2014 Youth Summit/Job Fair is to connect students to the necessary employers, resources, and post-secondary education/training intuitions to help them prepare for and obtain gainful employment in emerging industrial occupations. Youth participating in this event will experience a selection of workshops addressing work readiness, economic growth, and emerging demand occupations in Southwest Louisiana. A number of local employers’ will be present to interview and accept applications for full time, part time, and summer employment. Representatives from McNeese State University, Sowela Technical Community College, ABC, and other local schools will also be present to answer questions concerning specific curricula that will qualify them for jobs in high demand occupations. We are planning to have at least 25 employers present. A boxed lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Over the past six years that the Calcasieu Workforce Center has had the privilege of hosting great speakers such as Dr. Debbie Silver (2012) and Mr. TaMarlon Carter (2013). Dr. Slivers is an internationally recognized award-winning teacher with 30 years of experience as a classroom teacher, author, and staff development leader. Mr. Carter is a youth advocate, effective team builder, and innovative thinker, whose humanitarian efforts consist of job internships, college scholarships and life coaching. However, with the forthcoming economic boom in SWLA, we thought the 2014 Youth Summit/Job Fair should focus on emerging high demand jobs that will be available within the next five years. Mr. R.B. Smith, Vice President of Workforce Development–The Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance will serve as keynote speaker.

The Summit/Job Fair provides a great opportunity for the youth of Southwest Louisiana to experience an event solely targeted to address their needs. It allows our youth to obtain a wealth of knowledge on topics that can be utilized in every aspect of life, and introduce most of them to the process of gaining and sustaining employment. This experience has been beneficial to a vast number of youth over the years. Our goal is to reach the mass and inform them of every educational and employment opportunity available.

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This program is sponsored by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission and funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)



# PARTICIPANT OF THE MONTH

Hunter Thibodeaux is a 19 year old, older parenting youth who was basic skills deficient, and lacked pre-employment work maturity skills. She had already attained her High School Diploma at the time she enrolled into the WIA program. Hunter enrolled in the C.N.A. program at Sowela Morgan Smith in the Fall Semester of 2013. WIA provided her with Leadership Development, Occupational Skills Training and Support Services which includes: tuition, books, meals, and mileage. Hunter completed the C.N.A. program at Sowela Morgan Smith and received her Certificate of Technical Competency as a Certified Nurse Assistant on October 11, 2013. She was able to obtain employment at Jennings American Legion Hospital as a C.N.A. and she averages 36-40 hours per week. Her employer provides Fringe Benefits and Unemployment Compensation Benefits.



# Congratulations Hunter!

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Preregister for 2014 Youth Summit/Job Fair at [www.cppj.net/youthsummit](http://www.cppj.net/youthsummit)

## Future Leaders



The Calcasieu Workforce Center, Youth Department would like to express their sincere thanks to Ms. Gwendolyn Guillory, Business Services Specialist at Business & Career Solutions Center and to all the youth that attended the "Job Readiness", Leadership seminar.

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"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or objects."  
 ~Albert Einstein

