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## News

### Career Connections Expo 2025

On March 21<sup>st</sup> more than one hundred employers and 305 student, alumni, community and staff/faculty participants engaged in the Career Connections Expo in TRAC. We thank all sponsors, volunteers and campus partners for making this such a positive event.

### Kaplan All Access Campus Connection

UIS Campus has available to enrolled students, courses and test preparation through Kaplan free of charge. The access is valid for 12 months from the time you sign up—particularly helpful for soon to be graduates. Sign up for courses and test prep in Business, Engineering, Nursing, Graduate School admissions, and licensing in a range of fields. Savings of thousands of dollars are the benefit. For more information visit [go.kaplan.com/Illinois/course-tips](http://go.kaplan.com/Illinois/course-tips)

### Student Spotlight:

**Kayruwhuka Owhonda**



#### How was working with the Career Development Center helpful to you?

The Career Development Center played a huge role in my interview preparation. When I was shortlisted for my Graduate Assistant interview, I reached out for a mock session, and their guidance was invaluable. They helped me understand how to structure my answers, emphasizing the importance of using examples from my experience. More than that, they created a comfortable environment that made me feel confident and ready for my interview.

#### How did the Career Development Center support you during your job/internship search?

Their support went beyond just giving interview tips, they truly invested in my success. During my mock interview, they not only helped me refine my answers but also reassured me that I was more than qualified for the role. They made sure I walked into my actual interview feeling prepared, calm, and capable. Their encouragement made all the difference.

### **What's the most valuable piece of advice you received from a career advisor?**

The best advice I received was from Kathyy, who told me that being invited to an interview meant I was already more than qualified. She reminded me that I had earned my spot and didn't need to be anxious. That advice stayed with me, helping me approach my interview with confidence rather than self-doubt.

Stay up to date on upcoming events by checking out [UIS Connection](#) and [UIS CareerConnect](#) (Handshake).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **April 17-Job Search 2.0 LinkedIn + ChatGPT**

**Secrets Revealed!** Join guest speaker **Jeremy Schifeling** sharing key, timely and relevant insight.

**Thursday, April 17**

**3:30 PM to 4:30 PM CDT**

**HRB 111 & Zoom**

Life after UIS presents **Insurance for Young Adults** with alumnus **Christine Bailey and Mark Bailey**. Their talk will include topics such as the need for auto, home/renters, and life insurance and discuss why it is important to lock in those now.

**Date; April 8, 20205**

**Time: 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM CDT**

**Location: virtual on Zoom**

**Replay available on UIS Unite**

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### **Spare your change and make a difference.**

Help fight food insecurity by purchasing and donating items to the UIS Cares Food Pantry to help our student community. Note that meal plan funds expire at the end of the Spring Semester, so you can put them to good use by helping peers.

### **Career Suite**

Bring your questions, resumes and professional documents to Career Suite for same day feedback at these times:

<https://www.uis.edu/career/student-employment/services/career-suite-drop-in-call-hours>

### **Job Search Club**

Join Diego Prats, career counseling intern, as he leads the next two sessions of the Job Search Club.

**Mondays April 14 and May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 to 2 PM CDT**

**Career Center-Multipurpose Room HRB 111**

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