

YOUR JOB & CAREER CONNECTIONS

We are your Career Center, open to students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community for staff assisted and self-directed services. **We are currently serving individuals remotely and in person at Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup. We continue to be available by email or phone.** Contact information can be found in our Staff Directory on the next page.

Employer of the Month!

Employer of the Month is a great way to learn about career pathways, connect with employers, and ask recruiters questions about the field. Events are free and open to all students and faculty!

Advanced Technology Construction (ATC) April 28th 2pm – 3pm

ATC is a local General Contractor who specializes in federal contracts along the west coast with a headquarters here in Tacoma, WA. They will be talking about their company, what they look for in new hires and interns, and recruiting for internships and positions to include: *Project Engineers, Project Coordinator, Estimators, Assistant Project Managers, Occupational Health & Safety, and Quality Control!*

Join us via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/9ce6uyr9> Passcode: 845106
or call in at 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 878 4329 3406

GENSCO May 5th 2pm-3pm

GenSCO is a local family-owned and operated regional wholesale distributor and manufacturer. They will be talking about their company, what they look for in new hires and interns, and recruiting for permanent and internship positions in pathways to include: *Accounting, Business, Operation, Project Management, and IT.*

Join us via Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/y8k9b48x> Passcode: 432914
or call in at 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 865 9787 1473

Handshake

Pierce College District is now using Handshake!

Handshake is a web-based platform to connect students, alumni, faculty, and staff to employers and recruiters. This platform includes fulltime and part time employment opportunities, internships, volunteer positions, work study, and campus student employment. Additionally, employers can host events to share about their company and positions they are recruiting for. Students and alumni can create their profile to connect with employers, upload a resume, and have the option of being open to employers connecting with them as well as with other students and alumni. You control the level or privacy.

To start, students use their Pierce College log-in credentials to claim their account by going to <https://pierce.joinhandshake.com>. Keep an eye out for an email from Handshake to claim your account. Handshake is available as an app as well through Google Play or the App Store.

Questions about using Handshake? Connect with Job & Career Connections!

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FS (Fort Steilacoom) Welcome Center,
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Hours: In-person service available
Monday – Friday, 8am-11am for walk-
ins and afternoons by appointment.

Have a question? Email us at
JCC@pierce.ctc.edu

FAFSA and WASFA Assistance

Most college students are eligible for some form of financial aid. The FAFSA or WASFA are used to determine your eligibility for student aid, including grants, low-cost loans, and work-study. Anyone who plans to attend college should submit an application.

Need assistance completing your 2022-23 financial aid application? We are here to help!

Individual assistance and workshops are available at Fort Steilacoom, Puyallup, and virtually via Microsoft Teams to review the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#). Staff will walk you through the application process and answer any questions you may have about applying for financial aid.

Complete the [Assistance/Workshop Interest Form](#) to select the day, time, and format that works best for you.

Questions? Contact Eleni Palmisano at 253-722-3429
or epalmisano@pierce.ctc.edu.

WOIS 2022 Scholarship

Sponsored by WOIS/The Career Information System

The WOIS Scholarship is awarded to one or more WOIS or Career Planner users each year. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$1,000. Up to three scholarships will be awarded.

Pierce College will nominate up to two students for consideration.

Steps to apply:

- 1) Complete the second page of the WOIS Scholarship form which can be found attached to the Job & Career Connections Spring Edition 1 Newsletter email. It must be **typed and single-spaced**.
- 2) Submit application to the Pierce College Job and Career Connections Office at JCC@pierce.ctc.edu no later than **Sunday, April 17, 2022**. Make sure to send your application from your **Pierce College student email**.

Funds awarded will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient after they have sent transcripts to WOIS from one term or semester of post-high school education, training, or apprenticeship. The scholarship must be used within one calendar year after it is awarded. Funds may be used for any expenses related to education, training, or apprenticeship.

Please contact JCC@pierce.ctc.edu or call 253-964-6265 with questions.

Funding Eligibility: *Start Next Quarter* www.startnextquarter.org, is a quick survey that identifies possible funding sources for degrees or certificates.

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: <https://pierce.joinhandshake.com>

Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/