2,000 job seekers attend 1st District Career Fair

Clay packs Harris-Stowe

More than two thousand eager attendees packed Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay's Second Annual Career Fair at Harris-Stowe University last week. The remarkable event brought together more than 100 of the St. Louis area's top employers to meet and greet job seekers from across the region. Visitors met a broad spectrum of leading national and local companies, along with federal, state and local governmental agencies.

"This year's Career Fair was absolutely amazing," said Clay.

"Our attendance almost doubled, and the quantity and quality of our employers was unprecedented. I want to thank the over 100 partners who gave their time and effort to provide my constituents with some great job opportunities. I'm thrilled that so many residents took advantage of this chance to meet with and learn about some of the St. Louis area's best employers from both the private and public sectors.

"Our event offered employment opportunities to everyone from first-time job seekers, to successful professionals who were looking to advance their careers. With the invaluable help of Harris-Stowe University and our excellent vendor partners, we achieved that."

Clay's Career Fair is designed to specifically target unemployment and underemployment in the 1st Congressional District.

New to this year's edition of the Career Fair is the Summer City Youth Job Program, a bold initiative launched by Clay and St. Louis Police Chief Joe Mokwa. The program pairs at-risk youth with area companies for paid, 8-week summer internships that will provide invaluable on-the-job experience.

"Helping my constituents connect with new employment opportunities has always been a top priority for me," said Clay.

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