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TO: Students and Employers

FROM: Jeff Garis, Senior Director, Career Services

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RE: Employer Visits

As a follow up to [my letter of November 11, 2011](#) posted on Penn State Career Services' website, updates regarding employer recruiting activity at Penn State are noted below.

Last month, three employer luncheons were hosted by Penn State to reaffirm our recruiting partnerships. The luncheons were held in Philadelphia (December 9th), Washington, DC (December 12th) and New York City (December 15th). Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs and I participate in all of the luncheons along with selected University administrators and faculty.

Collectively, 31 employers who have actively recruited at Penn State for jobs or internships attended the luncheons. The message we brought back was extremely supportive and provided substantive suggestions and offers of help. The recruiters all appreciated our outreach, and we can confidently convey to students and parents the word that recruiters are every bit as interested in Penn State students as they ever were.

Career Services will hold our Spring Career Days on February 6th and 7th. As of today, 289 employers have registered to participate representing a 12% increase over last spring's activity. Further information regarding the employers attending Spring Career Days is available at <http://careerfairs.psu.edu/spring/student/employers.shtml> Career Services' People-to-People Career Fair focusing on service, wellness and recreation opportunities is planned for February 28th and as of today, 90 employers are registered which is over double from last spring's employer activity and more employer registrants are expected. Further information regarding the People-to-People Career Fair is available at <http://careerfairs.psu.edu/people>

Additionally, many Colleges sponsor career fairs. Students should check with their respective College-based career offices regarding recruiting programs but a few examples follow:

Smeal College of Business: <http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/careers/careers/career-fairs>.

Communications: JobExpo.Comm (March 23); "Success in the City" in New York (April 20)

Engineering: <http://www.engr.psu.edu/career/ecw/students/>.

IST: <http://ist.psu.edu/events/future-forum-2012-2-2/>

Furthermore, 4,383 full-time interviews were conducted through Career Services during the 2011 Fall On-Campus Interviewing season, up 10% from last fall.

We continue to encourage Penn State students and employers to take advantage of the array of job and internship programs offered through Career Services at University Park and across the Commonwealth Campus system as well as the college-based career program offices. Please know that all Penn State recruiting programs continue at very high levels.