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## 2011 CAREER FAIR

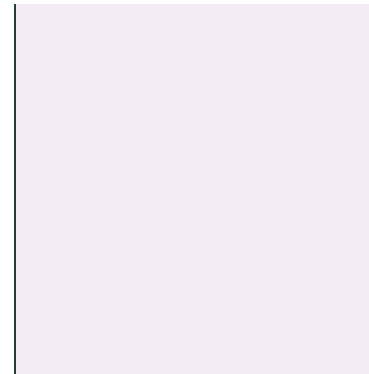
Struggling to find a job or internship in the sport industry? Well, the Sport Management Student Association (SMSA) has your back! Please join us on March 15th from 10am-12pm in the Heskett Center lobby as we host the annual SMSA career fair!

Local sport organizations will be in attendance as they are eager to find prospective employees and interns for their upcoming season. Exhibitors include the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission, the KCAC, the Wichita Thunder, Wichita Wild and Wichita Wingnuts! Students will have the chance to speak with the various representatives, hand out resumes, and build their network. This event has been extremely successful in the past, with many of our students obtaining jobs or internships.

We welcome all students to attend. Please remember first appearances mean everything, so business casual attire is required for this event. Also be sure to bring a resume with you. For those students looking to have their resume revised, please visit Career Services in Grace Wilkie Hall or their website: <http://webs.wichita.edu/> for tips on how to improve your resume.

Any students interested in helping out with the career fair should contact Ashley Byers at [ambyers@wichita.edu](mailto:ambyers@wichita.edu)

We look forward to seeing you there!



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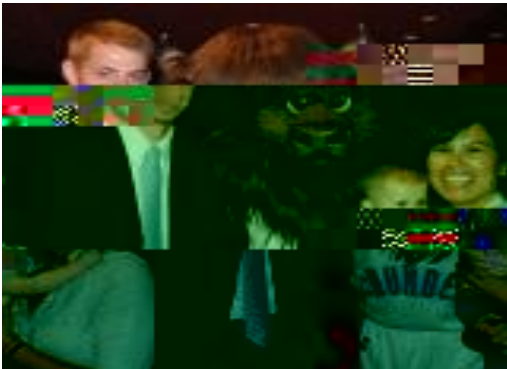
The pursuit of a college graduate's first job can take many twists and turns. It can be time consuming, frustrating, exciting, and longlasting. I experienced all of this in the 16 months between the end of my internship and the start of my career. Persistence and patience ultimately allowed me to break through and begin my career.

My journey began in September of 2009 when I finished my internship with the Kansas City Wizards, which I received thanks to the help of our staff at Wichita State. The internship experience was amazing, as it was exactly the type of job I wanted to pursue. I strongly encourage anyone looking for an internship to find one very similar to your ideal job, even if it does not pay well, if at all. Post-internship, I began a job as a bartender to pay bills. I truly believed I would only be there a month or

because I would not allow myself to give up. I had to force myself to have the same persistence with doors continually slammed in my face.

A month after my rejection, I was at my lowest when I received a phone call. I was shocked to learn they wanted to hire me after all. The top candidate fell through, and I was the second choice out of over 300. Sometimes it pays off to be second best! I felt an instant sense of pride, relief, and satisfaction as I began to think of how my persistence, patience, and hard work had paid off in my job search. I am now an Assistant Manager of Facilities at the University of Michigan. As my mother says, Everything happens for a reason, as the rejections and disappointments allowed me to end up here. I encourage everyone who is currently or soon to be looking for a job to stay focused on your search and never let the rejections and frustrations detract you from your goals. I have no doubt that good things will happen for you, too. My father told me, Luck is where preparation meets opportunity, so good luck to my fellow Shockers!

## Alumni Spotlight -- RUSTY WILEY



Rusty Wiley is Sport Management Alumni Spotlight for the month of

At WSU I was able to connect with some alumni that were already working in sports, which was one of the most beneficial opportunities provided through the program. Additionally, the professors and staff that WSU employees are truly talented and very knowledgeable on the facets of the industry they teach. Classes like Sport Tournament and Event Management, Sport Marketing, and many others allowed me to get some insight on what sport organizations do and what types of jobs they employ.