

Lucent Career Center

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CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Lucent Career Center All-Star: Mary Lynch

Using the word "motivated" to describe Mary Lynch is like describing the ocean as damp. Someone who commuted for three years from her home on Cape Cod to Lucent's Andover facility to work third shift because she liked the company so much, is slightly more than motivated: she is hardcore.

When the former Test Support Specialist and working mother of four was separated from Lucent in 2002, she wasted no time in determining a new direction for her life. She set new goals for herself, one of which included finishing her bachelors degree. With her resume together, she started contacting biotechnology companies -- a field in which she had always harbored an interest -- and joined the Lucent Career Center. With help from Lucent Career Center Project Manager Fran LaCerte, Mary was also able to obtain benefits under the Trade Assistance Act to help her meet one of her goals: she got her education paid in full.

Mary attacked her studies at U-Mass Lowell, recently completing her B.S.B.A. in management/marketing magna cum laude and earning induction into Beta Gamma Sigma, the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a business program accredited by the Association of Advance Collegiate Business Schools of Business.

She wasn't just studying and raising a family, however. While she went to school, she also took a part-time job with Charm Sciences in North Andover, where today she is a QAQC (Quality Assurance/Quality Control) Analyst.

What's next for Mary? She is interested in the biotech field and, ironically, the telecom field that treated

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July, 2005 Edition

Department of Labor Grants Extensions! — A Plus Project, Lucent Career Center to Continue Servicing Customers —

The Department of Labor recently announced the Lucent Career Center was granted an extension, allowing it to remain open and provide services until December 31, 2005. Also announced was an extension for the A Plus Project — which serves former A PLUS Manufacturing and ABE Staffing employees affected by the downsizing at Solectron — which will also continue servicing customers until the end of 2005.

Lucent Career Center Project Manager Fran LaCerte was very pleased. "This is great news," he said. "It was crucial to our customers we were able to extend our services, particularly job development. It also gives us the ability to serve new customers as, unfortunately, Lucent employees are still being displaced."

The A Plus project, formerly housed in its own offices, will be consolidated with the Lucent Career Center on the first floor of the Landmark Building in Haverhill.

A Plus customers should now go to the Lucent Center to receive services.

Upcoming Recruitment Events

- UPS: Throughout July, except 7/22
(check www.valleyworks.cc for exact times and locations)
- Aerotek: July 15, 9 am –12 pm, VWCC-Lawrence
- Kelly Services: July 21, 9 am –12 pm, VWCC-Lawrence
- State Industrial Products: July 22, 9 am –12 pm, VWCC-Lawrence

Performance Statistics (as of 7/4/05)

Lucent Career Center

Total enrolled at center: **1,148**
Entered employment through center: **730**
Total enrollees in training: **447**

A PLUS Project

Total enrolled in project: **232**
Entered employment through project: **152**
Total enrollees in training: **167**

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her so well for so many years. But she is still keeping her options open, even attending lectures to get additional ideas for the future. And while she likes working for big companies, said she would even consider opening her own business. She also hopes to pursue her MBA at U-Mass Lowell.

When all is said and done, she feels fortunate to have worked at Lucent, and credits the inspiration of Fran and the staff at the Lucent Career Center, as well as the support of her husband and kids, in helping her succeed after leaving the company.


Her secret? "Constantly making new goals."

That's hardly surprising, given her track record and can-do attitude.

The Lucent Career Center is a workforce development project of the ValleyWorks Career Center (VWCC). Funded by a Department of Labor National Emergency Grant and obtained through a partnership with the Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board (MVWIB), the Division of Career Services and the Department of Training and Development, the Lucent Career Center is equipped and operated to provide comprehensive services specifically for displaced employees of Lucent Technologies, Inc.

July 2005 Lucent Workshop Calendar

You must have a **Lucent** membership (no cost) and register to access workshops. Please visit the **Lucent Career Center** to do this.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	In case you need to cancel or reschedule a workshop, or in case of inclement weather, please call us at (978) 722-7000 (press Option #2 for the Lucent Career Center)			1. Comprehensive Job Search 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
4. CENTER CLOSED Happy Independence Day!! 	5. Interviewing Techniques Workshop 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	6. Life After Lucent: Make a Plan to Re-ignite Career Goals 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	7. Making Maturity Work For You 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	8. Lucent Career Center ORIENTATION 9:30 am – 11:00 am Individual Resume Critique ** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
11. Testing 9:00 am – 10:00 am Individual Resume Critique ** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	12. Resume Writing Workshop 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	13. Cover Letters Workshop * 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	14. Lucent Career Center ORIENTATION 9:30 am – 11:00 am Individual Resume Critique ** 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	15. “Surviving a Layoff” 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
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25. Testing 9:00 am – 10:00 am Individual Resume Critique ** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	26. Resume Writing Workshop 9:30 am – 12:00 pm	27. Labor Market Information 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	28. Cover Letters Workshop * 9:30 am – 11:30 am Lucent Career Center ORIENTATION 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	29. “Surviving a Layoff” 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

* Bring a job ad to class
 ** Prerequisite: Attend a Resume Writing workshop first

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

NOTE: All Lucent workshops are free.

Resume Writing

Write a resume that stands out from the crowd. Whether you have a resume or have never written one before, you'll learn how to create a resume that makes you the candidate employers want to interview. Learn tips and techniques to writing a resume that passes the "10 to 30 second" screening.

Cover Letters

Yes, you do need one. Learn what employers will be looking for in a cover letter to make them want to read your resume. Create a great cover letter so your resume gets read. **Prerequisite:** *Bring a job ad to workshop.*

Interviewing Techniques

Learn how to prepare for an interview to build your confidence and success. Includes self assessment tools to identify your strongest skills and qualities. Prepare to communicate these in an interview. You'll be able to answer the 10 trickiest interview questions and sell yourself as the candidate the employer wants to hire.

Comprehensive Job Search

Gain an understanding of the numerous job search techniques and resources that can be used in order to conduct a complete job search.

Labor Market Information

You will leave this workshop with a basic understanding of how to research Labor Market Information as it pertains to your career. You will also learn the critical emerging industries which can lead to new job opportunities.

Making Maturity Work for You

Identify age barriers to job searching. You will also learn how to make age an advantage, develop your interview strategies and eliminate age barriers from your job search.

Piecing the Puzzle Together

If your job has gone overseas or if you wish it would do so, this workshop may be the one for you. If you are considering a career change, this 5 step process will enhance your career development to assure you a more successful transition.

Networking Club

If you don't know about the power of networking, you'll miss out on the vast majority of job leads. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that 94% of successful job seekers claimed that networking had made all the difference for them. At the Network Club you'll learn and apply tips for networking while getting and giving support of other job seekers. The weekly networking club will help you stay focused, positive and motivated.

Self Directed Job Search

A self administered, self scored & self interpreted assessment tool used in career exploration. The target population for this workshop is customers who are interested in confirming their career direction. You will be given a list of occupations that reflect your career interests and abilities.

Surviving a Layoff

You're laid off – now what? Some practical steps to moving you through the difficult, life-changing experience. At this workshop, a guide is given to help you determine what your next step will be.

Individual Resume Critique* (by appt. only)

Polish your resume with an individual resume critique. These half-hour individualized sessions in an opportunity for a one on one final edit and proof reading of your resume.