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Student Career Experience Program replaces Cooperative Education Program

The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) replaces the former Cooperative Education Program. SCEP appointments are noncompetitive, year-round appointments that can be made at any time. This program is intended to provide work experience that is *directly related* to the student's educational program and career goals. The program is formally structured, and requires a written agreement to be completed by all parties (student, school, and ERDC). The agreement is coordinated through the ERDC's Training Program Office and covers: nature of work, schedule, requirements, evaluation procedures, tuition assistance (if applicable). Work and academic schedules are developed to compliment each other. The ERDC may pay for some, all or none of the student's training expenses that are directly related to the student's official duties.

Participants who have met all the requirements of the SCEP Program *may be noncompetitively converted to career or career conditional appointments* at any time within 120 days from satisfactory completion of the requirements for a diploma/certificate/or degree.

Students are defined as individuals enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) as a degree-seeking student who are taking at least a half-time academic/vocational/technical course load in an accredited high school, technical/vocational school, 2 or 4 year college/university, or graduate or professional school.

Students are eligible for within-grade increases, promotions, life and health insurance, and retirement benefits.

The SCEP appointment authority is a valuable recruitment tool for specific situations where a career appointment with the ERDC is expected to result. (Susan Koh, ERDC Training Program Coordinator, (603) 646-4500)

Name the Publication Contest

Ideas for a permanent name for *The ERDC Connection* are requested. A committee will select the winning name and the winner will receive an 8-hour Administrative Leave Award from the Commander.

Submit ideas to: e-mail at Deborah.H.Quimby@erdc.usace.army.mil, by fax at (601) 634-2361, or by mail at Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Debbie Quimby, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199 by COB Jan. 31.

Pin Design Contest Ideas Sought

Design ideas for an ERDC pin are requested. Submit ideas to: e-mail at Deborah.H.Quimby@erdc.usace.army.mil, by fax at (601) 634-2361, or by mail at Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Debbie Quimby, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199 by COB Jan. 31.

Please make sure the design is legible, whatever method you use for transmission. The winner receives a \$100 savings bond.

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 30 | DCSINT visit to TEC (Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan and Maj. Gen. Robert Harding) |
| Feb. 2 | Visit to TEC by Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers |

Departures

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| Karen Moore | TG-S | Jan. 12 |
| Chris Rollwagen | RM-A | Jan. 12 |

ERDC Travel Update

All travel orders will continue to be signed by the Hanover Site Travel Office, Betty O'Donnell at (603) 646-4355 and Lillian Guay at (603) 646-4356.

<http://erdcinfo.erdc.usace.army.mil/lmo/travel/index.htm>.

Commander's Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

ERDC Publications on Internet

The ERDC Publication Bulletin serves as the official notification of new ERDC forms and publication, as well as rescissions or changes to existing forms or publications. As of Sept. 10, 1999, ERDC official publications ceased to be printed (i.e., Center Regulations, Circulars, Pamphlets, or Commander's Policy Memoranda). All ERDC official publications are now distributed in electronic format on the ERDC web site located at <http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>.

ERDC Job Vacancies

Reminder: Information on all current ERDC job vacancies can be found on the ERDC Intranet at <http://erdcinfo.erdc.usace.army.mil/hr/vacancies/index.htm>. All job announcements are also posted at the CPOL web site <http://www.cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html> and at the OPM USAJobs web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a9.htm>.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Blood Drive Results

TEC members donated 51 units of blood (six over the goal) during the Jan. 4 Blood Drive. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for March 9 at the Casey Bldg. in Rooms 140 A and B from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator, ICOM 2290)

ASMC Luncheon Scheduled for Jan. 18

The Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will host their January luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on Jan. 18, 01 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Diane Disney, Deputy Assistance Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy. Dr. Disney will discuss what's happening on the Hill regarding military and civilian personnel policy.

The cost is \$12.50 for members and \$13 for non-members (see attached luncheon flyer). If you're interest in attending the January luncheon, please contact me via e-mail by COB Jan. 11, 01 (sorry for the short suspense!). All TEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. ASMC is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian personnel involved in or having an interest in military comptrollership. ASMC promotes the education and training of its members and supports the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership. (Kathy Holcombe, ICOM 2350 or (703) 428-6259)

Classifieds

For Sale: 1994 Toyota Camry LE; green; am/fm cassette stereo; ac; power windows and locks; 136k; timing belt changed at 110k; runs great! Asking \$6,795/obo. Please contact Valerie at (703) 428-6773.