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NEWSLETTER

Technical Communication Career Fair

The Carolina Foothills Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication is tentatively planning a career fair for Saturday, March 28th. This will provide an opportunity for regional students to obtain information about the technical communication profession. It will also serve as a career fair where technical communication professionals can exhibit their work, answer questions, and recruit employees. This will be free, but an informal RSVP is requested so the chapter office can have an idea of who is interested in attending. Notify Alexa Thompson at ThompsonA@dstm.com if you are interested.

STC Awards

The regional awards for the Society of Technical Communication's Technical Publications Competition were announced Saturday, January 24. Our own Wendy Winn won top honors in the Information Design category. Her entry was the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Freshman Brochure. As a result of this award, Wendy's entry advances to STC's International Technical Publications Competition. The entry also received a "distinguished" award in publications and an "achievement" award in art. The rankings were (from highest to lowest): Distinguished, Excellence, Merit, and Achievement. Congratulations, Wendy!

MATRF Upgrades

Great news concerning the Multimedia Authoring Teaching and Research Facility. The lab has been given money to upgrade several aspects of the lab. All of the workstations in the lab will be upgraded to 233 MHz, and we are getting more server space. Additional upgrades are possible. Look for these changes in the future!

MAPC Candidates

There is some exciting news for the MAPC program. The department has begun bringing four assistant professor candidates to the University for Professional Communication positions. The schedule for the candidates is as follows; Michelle Sidler was here Friday, January 24. Christine Boese will be here Friday, January 31. Tim Peeples will be here, Monday, February 2, and Barbara Heifferon will be here Friday, February 6. Students are encouraged to come out and meet the candidates.

STC 1997 Technical Communicator Salary Survey

Curious about the salaries of Technical Communicators? The Society for Technical Communication has published a pamphlet containing extensive salary information. The pamphlet has results for both the United States and Canada, along with median U.S. salaries by two-digit zip codes.

Grouping	Mean Salary
Total	\$47,510
Employment Level	
Entry	\$32,910
Mid-level, Non-supervisory	\$43,190
Mid-level, Management	\$51,920
Senior Management, Non-supervisory	\$53,980
Senior Management	\$70,390
Education Level	
Bachelor's Degree	\$45,090
Master's Degree	\$49,940
Doctorate	\$55,810
Gender	
Female	\$45,370
Male	\$49,210
Age	
20-29	\$41,980
30-39	\$45,880
40-49	\$51,210
50 years and over	\$50,600
Years of Experience (in Tech. Comm. Field)	
Less than 2 years	\$36,370
2-5 years	\$43,960
6-10 years	\$51,990
11 years or more	\$52,800