

## YOUR JOB & CAREER CONNECTIONS

We are your Career Center, open to students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community for staff assisted and self-directed services. Visit us at:

**FS (Fort Steilacoom)** Welcome Center, Cascade bldg. 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., M-TH 8-5 & F 8-3.

**PY (Puyallup)** Student Success Center, Gaspard Administration bldg., A106, M-TH 8-5 & F 8-3.

### MDC (Metropolitan Development Council)

Through a TRIO grant, MDC (Metropolitan Development Council) is here at Pierce College. MDC is a community-based organization located in downtown Tacoma that serves all of Pierce County. Its services include help with housing, health services, employment and education. Some of the housing services include short-term housing when available, energy and weatherization assistance (Tacoma residents only), and the Childcare Food Program. Health services consist of a detox center, supported employment services, and the Center for Substance Abuse Recovery. Employment services include one-to-one career coaching, resume and cover letter review, interview prep, and participation in various hiring events.

Specifically here at Pierce College, MDC provides educational support for any student or community member with:

- FAFSA/WASFA applications
- Scholarship/grant searches and applications
- College/university transfer applications and admissions, including fees (dependent on grant guidelines)
- Identification of a career path (WOIS)
- Navigation of Student Loans and Loan Defaults
- GED Testing, including official exam/student material expenses (dependent on grant guidelines) and online account setup
- Referrals to other MDC/community resources and programs

See the Workforce Staff Directory for contact information and availability.

### New Resource on Pierce College's Website! Need Help Now

Pierce College recently added a [GET HELP](#) link on the main landing page to connect students, alumni, staff, and community members to resources offered on campus and in the community. Resource areas currently include:

**Food** - Do you need a bite to eat or need groceries for your family?

**Health and Wellness** - Do you need low-cost healthcare or access to mental health providers?

**Housing and Utilities** - Do you need a place to live or are having issues paying rent?

**Legal Support** - Do you need to find a lawyer or need help with legal issues? Learn more about lawyers, getting assistance with your taxes, re-entry programs, and transition services available to you.

**Money and Employment** - Do you need money for college or are looking for a job?

**Transportation** - Do you need to get around town or to campus? Learn more about bus passes and transit assistance, driver's licenses, and rental bikes.

Each area includes further questions to guide the reader to potential resources depending on their individual needs. Check it out! Additional topics will continue to be added.

## Workforce Staff Directory

**Diana Baker**, Job & Career Connections/Worker Retraining Manager [dbaker@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:dbaker@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-912-3641

\*Available Monday - Friday at FS

**Jamoral Bonner**, Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)/WorkFirst Manger [jbonner@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:jbonner@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-912-2342 \*Available Monday - Friday at FS

**Adriana Tsapralis**, Workforce Coordinator [atsapralis@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:atsapralis@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-964-6264

\*Available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at FS

**Annette Sawyer-Sisseck**, Business/Accounting Navigator [asawyer-sisseck@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:asawyer-sisseck@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-864-3362 \*\*Available Tuesday and Thursday at PY (C190H/J/F), Wednesday at FS

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**Eleni Palmisano**, Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) Collocated Staff [epalmisano@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:epalmisano@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-964-6228 or work cell 253-722-3429

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**Jayna Pettersen**, Computer Information Systems/Computer Network Engineering (CIS/CNE) Navigator [jpettersen@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:jpettersen@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-912-2399 ext. 8612

\*\*Available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at PY

(Tuesday and Thursday in C174 back office)

**Mary Allason**, Social Service Mental Health Navigator [mallason@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:mallason@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-912-2399 ext. 5884

\*\*Available Wednesday (C381) and Friday (8-11 in Job & Career Connections and after 11 in C381) at FS

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**Sarah Hoaglin**, Workforce Coordinator [shoaqlin@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:shoaqlin@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-912-3617

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**WorkSource Collocated staff** 253-964-6798

\*Call for availability

**Workforce partner Carol Hill**, Ft. Steilacoom Opportunity Grant Coordinator [chill@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:chill@pierce.ctc.edu) 253-964-6577

\*\*Available Monday-Friday at FS

\*Students, staff, or community members needing assistance can meet with Workforce staff on the days they are available at the campus indicated, generally: **8am-11am for walk-ins or afternoons by appointment.**

\*\*Call Navigators and Workforce partners for their hours of availability. Navigators are not always in the Welcome Center or Student Success Center. On those days hours of availability may differ.

## Help Us Welcome Three New Staff!

**Jamoral Bonner** is our new Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)/WorkFirst Manager. Jamoral has three years of experience working in Workforce Education & Development. In his previous role, he was the Opportunity Grant Coordinator at Lake Washington Institute of Technology. He completed his AA degree in Humanities with Highline College and his BA in Interdisciplinary Studies with Central Washington University. In addition, he is currently working on his Masters of Public Administration (MPA) at Seattle University. Furthermore, Jamoral is a first generation college student who is dedicated to supporting other marginalized populations pursuing a higher education pathway.

**Jayna Pettersen** is our Interim Computer Information Systems (CIS)/Computer Network Engineering (CNE) Navigator. Jayna originally came to Pierce College as the Running Start Specialist in 2013. She has since worked in the Workforce department assisting low income and unemployed students to determine eligibility into a variety of Workforce programs which may include additional funding to lower the cost of their education. She has also worked as the Criminal Justice and Social Service Mental Health Navigator and now is the Interim CIS/CNE Navigator. She loves helping students see how quickly they can complete their educational pathways here at Pierce College. She holds a Master of Arts in Global Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary and teaches BTECH classes at Pierce and courses at Southeastern University as well.

**Eleni Palmisano** is our new MDC Collocated staff who started in August. She has many years of education experience as a tutor, high school teacher, and college instructor. She has a BS in Secondary Education with Mathematics emphasis and a MS in Post-Secondary and Adult Education. After a brief break from education, she is thrilled to be here at Pierce College as the MDC Coordinator and to be helping students achieve their educational and career goals.

## Planning an Internship Soon?

Finding a well-fitting internship takes time and it is recommended that you start that search one quarter ahead of when you want the internship to take place. Not sure where to start? Connect with your faculty advisor and be sure to stop by Job & Career Connections for resources.

**Funding Eligibility:** Take the **Start Next Quarter** online survey at [www.startnextquarter.org](http://www.startnextquarter.org), which is used for identifying possible funding sources for those pursuing a Professional/Technical degree or certificate.

**Jobs, Work Study, & Internships:**

[www.myinterfase.com/pierce\\_ctc/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student)

**Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/)