

# ATI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Events in June

**Midterms- Day**  
Friday June 3, 2011

**LinkedIn Workshop**  
Tuesday June 7, 2011  
3:00-4:00 and 5:00-6:00  
Free Pizza!

**SPI Study Group**  
Saturday June 11, 2011 8:30-5:00  
Saturday June 18, 8:00-3:00  
Saturday June 25, 8:00-3:00

**Resume Writing Workshop**  
Thursday June 16, 2011 3-4, 4-5, 5-6

**Potluck and Awards- Evening**  
Wednesday June 22, 2011

**Potluck and Awards- Day**  
Friday June 24, 2011

**Finals- Day and Evening**  
Friday June 24, 2011

**First Day of Class- Day and Evening**  
Monday June 24, 2011

### **Professional Websites:**

[www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org)

[www.SDMS.org](http://www.SDMS.org)

[www.Linkedin.com](http://www.Linkedin.com)

### **Pay your student loan interest!**

For more information, please see  
George in Financial Aid.

## **Social Networking**

By Emily Kaplowitz

The Career Services Department recently held a workshop about the website "LinkedIn." LinkedIn can be described as a professional networking site, similar to Facebook. The main difference between LinkedIn and Facebook is that LinkedIn is geared towards professionals and networking for the sake of finding a job or business opportunities, sharing updated industry information and sharing ideas.

LinkedIn has many effective features that allow for simplicity when networking. Each individual creates a profile where they can input personal information as well as career-related information (similar to a resume). You can search for colleagues and friends by importing your contacts from your email. You can follow specific companies to find job-related information and make contacts by finding out who works where. You can join discussions based on topics in which you are interested. You can search for jobs. You can also upgrade your profile, for a fee, in order to become more visible when employers search for resumes.

According to the website, LinkedIn has over 100 million users. This number means that you have access to a lot of people who can help connect you to your next job. Many companies are incorporating social networking into their search for new employees as well as advertising.

LinkedIn is a powerful tool that, if used properly, can help you find your next career opportunity. Log on to [www.Linkedin.com](http://www.Linkedin.com), create a profile, import your contacts and start networking!

## Spotlight on ATI College Graduate Christian A.

Each month we will highlight one or two graduates and their recent accomplishments. Christian A. graduated in April and is currently working as an Ultrasound Technician in Portland, Oregon.

### **Tell me about your job search (what tools or methods did you use to locate your job?)**

*As of writing this, I am exhausted - but happy. I have just completed my 1st month with my new company (and I got paid today)...and the pay is good.*

*My job search began well before I finished ATI. I knew that in order to get a well-paying job after graduation, I would need to have as much to add to my resume as possible. I focused on studying for the SPI exam and completed it before my last module. (Every student needs this exam, and each one of you can pass it if you just focus on your Physics. Truly, it is the easiest exam of all of the ARDMS exams)*

*Upon successful completion of SPI, I spent my time on my resume. I wanted a 'pretty' resume, (highlighting what a great student I thought I was). However, the job search was more difficult than I had expected. I primarily used the Internet to apply to jobs. I used sites like <http://www.simplyhired.com>. This site was very good as it constantly sent me e-mails about new openings in the places I wanted to work.*

*Other methods I used were to find Imaging Recruiters. Although they usually want experienced candidates, the fact that I passed my SPI sat well with them & they did entertain my resume. I also posted my resume on job sites like Monster and Yahoo.*

### **How has your education at ATI College prepared you for your job?**

*Every professor at ATI gives his/her soul to our education. If you really listen to them, you will not only learn about ultrasound, but you will also learn the nuances of professional success.*

*- Dr. Taliko: "Pay attention and treat people well!"*

*-Dr. Hesham: "Never say you're tired!" (Never complain - once you do, you change your perspective.)*

*- Dr. Yousef: "You need to study." (Even after graduation you will still need to stay sharp - always take time to refresh what you've learned or it will fade away, leaving you struggling for the right words when communicating with physicians.)*

### **Tell me about the job setting and what you do (what modalities, patient population, etc.)**

*Every morning I meet my team at a certain location and we then drive, in our company van, to our destination where we'll be scanning for the day. Our van has everything it needs for the day. We do several different blood tests including Cholesterol, Thyroid, C-reactive protein, PSA, etc. as well as ultrasounds of the carotid arteries and the abdominal aortas. We also test for peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis.*

*Our patients are usually in their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> decades. I love my patients and several have told me how our company saved their lives. (We have sent many directly to emergency rooms after being scanned by us...100% blockage in one carotid and 95% in the other is nothing to be trifled with).*

### **What advice would you offer a new graduate who is looking for a job?**

*New grads: GET YOUR SPI. It is easier than you think. And, pay attention in school & quit texting in class!!! Find what kind of job you want & focus on getting that type of job. As for myself, I wanted to be in Vascular. That is where I put my efforts. I called vascular clinics and e-mailed countless resumes. Do this unsolicited. Do not wait to see a job posting on Monster. By the time it is posted - you will be against 50 better qualified candidates than you. I also read Chris Cooke's wall in the break room. This is where I actually found my current job. (I pulled it off the wall & took it home with me... eh hemm, sorry Chris.) Get at least one Ultrasound license.*