

Job fair draws thousands

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MIDLOTHIAN, VA (WWBT) - Hundreds, even thousands of people show up for a job fair in Midlothian. The parking lots were packed, the lines were long and many of the people were looking for their next job. But, it's not just jobs that some people were here for. Some came to hear more about ways to start their own business, work on their resume and more.

Floyd McQuinn is one in a sea of job seekers with a unique story of his own.

"I forgot in the job world how hard it is to find a job. It's tough," he said.

With more than 80 employers at the job fair, from both small and large businesses, many are trying to land that life changing job.

"For me it's about planning your steps. If you plan your steps you really can't fail and I try to stick with that," said Floyd.

Yet many question whether these employers are actually hiring people, or just here for show.

"The jobs aren't as plentiful as they once were. But certainly opportunities out there. We're doing everything we can to bring folks one step closer," said Jay Barrow with MWV.

In fact, many of the employers here told us they had jobs available for those at the fair.

Then there is Kareem Harrison. He's at the job fair to find some money and get himself some information on more than just the here and now.

"I want to work on my future and how to start a business," he stated.

Congressman Eric Cantor, who is a sponsor of this job fair, says it's seminars on how to start a business, healthcare and more that are also important to the people at the fair.

"People are looking for any opportunity they can have to get in front of employers who are saying look we are hiring. I believe in a recession like we are in, it offers some people a bit of hope," said Rep. Cantor.

Its table after table, resume after resume for Floyd.

"At the end of the day, leave no room for failure," he said, in the midst of a rough economy.

If you weren't able to make it out today, here is a list of all the employers who were at the fair.

***Adecco**

***Affinion Loyalty Group**

***Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia**

***Ashland Police Department**

***Averett University**

***Bankers Life & Casualty Co.**

***Boeing**

- *Bon Secours Richmond Health System
- *Bostwick Laboratories
- *BurgerBusters Inc./ Taco Bell
- *Capital One
- *CarMax
- *Central Intelligence Agency
- *Central State Hospital
- *Centura College
- *Chesterfield County Police Department
- *Chesterfield County Public Schools
- *Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office
- *Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions
- *Colonial Farm Credit
- *ColonialWebb Contractors
- *Comcast
- *Community Financial Education Foundation
- *CSX Transportation
- *Defense Intelligence Agency
- *Defense Logistics Agency/ Defense Supply Center Richmond
- *Department of Motor Vehicles
- *Dominion Resources
- *Drug Enforcement Administration
- *Edward Jones Investments
- *Elephant Auto Insurance
- *Federal Bureau of Investigation
- *Financial Academy
- *Goodwill Industries - Community Employment Centers
- *Greater Richmond Small Business Development Center (SBDC)-*an initiative of the Greater Richmond Chamber*
- *Henrico County Division of Fire
- *Henrico County Division of Police
- *Hoopers Internet Store
- *Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)

- * Immigration and Customs Enforcement**
- * Ironbridge Army/Army Reserve Career Center**
- * James River Grounds Management**
- * Mainline Supply Co.**
- * McGuireWoods LLP**
- * Modern Woodmen of America/ MWA Financial Services**
- * Mondial Assistance**
- * MeadWestvaco**
- * NEW Customer Service Companies**
- * Northrop Grumman**
- * Office Depot**
- * Owens and Minor**
- * Patient First**
- * Piedmont Geriatric Hospital**
- * Polished Image Consultants**
- * Primerica Financial Services**
- * RSHT**
- * SCORE**
- * Southside Virginia Training Center**
- * State Corporation Commission - Bureau of Insurance**
- * SunTrust Bank**
- * The Choice Group, Inc.**
- * U.S. Air Force**
- * U.S. Department of State**
- * U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**
- * U.S. Marshal Service**
- * U.S. Navy Recruiting District Richmond**
- * University of Richmond**
- * Urban League of Greater Richmond**
- * Virginia Aqua Massage**
- * Virginia Asset Management**
- * Virginia Association of Insurance Agents (VAIA)**

***Virginia Career Network**

***Virginia Commonwealth University Health System**

***Virginia Council on Advanced Technology Skills (VCATS)**

***Virginia Employment Commission**

***Virginia Troops to Teachers**

***Wachovia (Direct Access)**

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