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Serving hotdogs and jobs at the 2nd Annual Co-op Cookout

CEAS students devoured more than 500 hotdogs during the 2nd Annual Co-op Cookout, a three-hour opportunity for students, career advisers, and employers to meet informally.

Greg Adamczyk (in chef's hat), a mechanical engineering (ME) senior, grills hotdogs. Assisting him is ME senior **John Bolhuis** (right)



Fred Sitkins, CEAS director of co-operative education, coordinated the event, held on the Parkview Campus front lawn. Post Battle Creek and Parker Aerospace donated the hotdogs and accompaniments respectively.

Sitkins attributed the cookout's success to the "excellent support" provided by CEAS Career & Student Employment Services staff and administration, and to ASME, NSBE, Tau Beta Pi, and Theta Tau volunteers.



Parker reps set up the company display in the Parkview Campus lobby and met with students eager to learn about the global leader in motion and control technologies

The picnic-style eating fest followed a "Co-op Spring Info Session" by Parker, which offered students an afternoon of information on the company and its employment opportunities. Similar information sessions had been offered by Post Battle Creek, Stryker, and Eaton Galesburg for the three weeks preceding the cookout.

Each week, one company spent one afternoon at the CEAS campus. The company's representatives set up a table-top display in the Parkview lobby in the early afternoon, accepted resumes and met informally for a couple of hours with students.

Then, at about 4:30 p.m., company reps provided a two-hour presentation highlighting the company's history,



Stryker reps check WMU student resumes and discuss opportunities – co-ops, intern-ships, full-time positions at the global leader in medical technology that's headquartered in Kalamazoo

products, processes, innovations, goals, and employment expectations. The presentation ended with a Q and A session.

Sitkins said the weekly spring events had been so enthusiastically received that he plans to continue them this fall in a format similar to this spring's. About 25 to 45 students are expected to attend each event.



Eaton's Dale Kwasniewski presents an overview of the global industrial manufacturer of diversified products in four distinct areas: electrical, fluid power, truck, and automotive.

"We're encouraging business and industry reps to connect with engineering and technology students for potential internships, co-ops, and full-time employment," Sitkins said.

Employers interested in learning more about the fall session program or in scheduling a fall information session should contact Sitkins at fred.sitkins@wmich.edu or **Heather Highhouse**, CEAS career advisor, at heather.highhouse@wmich.edu

Send your thoughts or suggestions for future topics to the editor at jerrie.fiala@wmich.edu Thank you.