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Free Workshops Help Displaced Worker with Job Search

Donna Dungan of Red Bud lost her job as an office manager when U.S. GreenFiber in East St. Louis shut down its operation in early March.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever been unemployed,” she said. “It’s the first time I ever had to sign up for unemployment benefits.”

With so many people searching for jobs, Dungan knew she had to find ways to make her resume stand out and how to make sure she was ready for interviews.

Fortunately, she saw an article about three free workshops SelsiustTM Corporate and Career Training was offering to unemployed individuals. The workshops held at the Southwestern Illinois College Belleville Campus, were so useful, they will be offered again at the SWIC Sam Wolf Granite City and Red Bud campuses.

Dungan attended all three workshops at the Belleville Campus.

“I learned something valuable in each workshop,” she said. “I learned about changes I can make to my resume to get it to stand out and what’s important to have in my portfolio. Probably the most important things I took away had to do with the interviewing process.” She learned what kind of questions might be asked and how best to answer them, she said.

Best of all, the workshops didn’t cost anything.

“I would definitely recommend these SelsiustTM workshops,” she said. “It’s a tough market right now, and people need to learn whatever they can to make themselves stand out.”

Unemployed residents of Southwestern Illinois College can call 618-222-5688 to sign up for one or all of the following seminars, which begin April 24 at the Red Bud Campus and May 29 at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus:

- Getting Your Job Search Started
- Creating a Dynamic Job Portfolio
- Mastering the Interview