



## Success Story – Jenna Weakly

After I graduated in June 2010 from the University of Maryland I started my job search. I had no luck the first 6 months I was looking. I was searching for military spouse job assistance on my computer one day and came across [msccn.org](http://msccn.org). I decided to send my resume in and figured I had nothing to loose except to not hear anything back which I was already experiencing. Within a few days after I submitted my resume I received an email from MSCCN asking me what type of job I was looking for, if I wanted to volunteer, etc. First we made some changes to my resume. I finally started to get phone calls for interviews. Shortly after that I decided while I was looking for jobs it wouldn't hurt to start volunteering with MSCCN to help me get some experience that would relate to my degree. I started off as a Published Author writing employment readiness articles to help assistant other military applicants just like myself with job search strategies and techniques. I also helped create job flyers for job fairs and helped set up job fairs. Then I also decided to take on being a Marketing Assistant where I conducted research, posted jobs and wrote articles for weekly "Find Work Wednesday" Social Media Newsletter every week. The best part about volunteering for MSCCN was it was going to help me not have gaps in my employment history and whatever I trainings I attended I was able to participate in and got information and learned something each time to better help me with my job search. Shortly after I started volunteering I was set up to work with Brenda Lee Winans. She lived within 20 minutes of me and was really helpful. We were able to meet face to face at least one or twice a month to go over what I was really looking for in a job. She was very hands on, encouraging, and a great sounding board and really went above and beyond for me. Not only did she help me get a job but she also became a great friend. Throughout the year of me being with MSCCN I've attended several different online trainings that they offer for free and help you stay up to date with new job search strategies. When I got the call for an interview I decided that it would be best if I did a mock interview after all I had been looking for 1.5 years and I was getting interviews but not getting the job. I spoke with Brenda and she also got with Erin Voirol and set up a mock phone interview with me the day before my initial interview. They gave me the confidence and fine tuned my answers that got me a second interview. After I interviewed in the morning with Mt. San Jacinto College I got a call later that day telling me I was selected for a second interview with the Dean of Student Services. In January I came back and had a second interview and because of MSCCN and the help of Brenda

and Erin setting me up for success and giving me the confidence and materials I needed not only prepared me for success but got me the job. I still plan on volunteering with MSCCN while working at Mt. San Jacinto College. I start January 23 as an Administrative Associate II.