Voiceover: So you wanna find out more about how you can polish your professionalism while putting it to good use? Stick around for today’s episode of the Harbert College OPCD podcast. We’ve got everything you need to know.

So maybe you’ve struggled to find a job that works with your class schedule or you’re interested in something that would do more to build your resume? You’d like to get a little hands on experience with all things College of Business or have been part of the Harbert family for a few years now and feel like you have a lot to offer to those students who are just starting out. If any of these sound familiar then you may wanna get April 15th on your calendar. The Office of Professional and Career Development is taking applications for it’s student assistant positions - or as they will soon be called: students associates - and you’ve got until April 15th to get those applications in.

Student assistants are part of a carefully selected team and they work within the OPCD to support the staff, visiting employers and other members of the student body. Responsibilities include working with TRL, helping execute the various dynamics of career weeks, managing appointments and assisting recruiters. We have an awesome group who make up the current team of student assistants and, as their year is winding down, we wanted to let you hear from them on what they’ve learned, what they’ve gained and what they’ll take away from their OPCD experience.

J. Kujan: My name is Joe Kujan and I’m a senior majoring in Business Analytics. I learned a lot about my time management skills, especially during the weeks of the career weeks or expos. The most important thing with that was being able to enhance my problem solving skills and multi tasking skills. Especially when I had requirements from employers as well as trying to help students out at the same time. It really helped me juggle more than one task.
Also, being able to meet recruiters and have a leg up on the rest of the competition essentially, and get to know them before any other students are able to.

K. Dunst: My name is Kyle Dunst and I’m a senior in Aviation Management. It’s definitely a good way to make friends outside of like your traditional people within your major or your fraternity or things like that. It’s more relevant experience because it has to do with business and education.

Voiceover: In terms of a time commitment we’re talking 10 - 15 hours a week. And there’s flexibility when it comes to working around your class or study schedule.
**S. Hill:** My name is Seamus Hill and I’m a junior majoring in Finance with a minor in Asian Studies. I’ve worked part-time in a restaurant and I’ve had to work game day weekends, I’ve had to work nights from 4 - 11. Working in the OPCD, you never work later than 4:45, except for during career weeks you might work till 7 one day.

**J. Kujan:** It does take up some time, but I find it necessary. Because it will eventually be just like that in the work place where you’re not going to have, you know, an entire day to do school work. So it is crucial to go ahead and get this experience while you are in college and it will help you better prepare for the real world.

**Voiceover:** If you’d like to learn more, check out TRL for the Student Assistant Job Posting at jobs.auburn.edu.

**S. Hill:** My first career fair I participated in both the Practice Your Pitch and the career fair. I got up in a suit and went for the first hour, kind of did the talking to employers and everything. While talking to them I mentioned “I work for the OPCD upstairs, I’m going to be coming back later” because I was on shift too. So I was able to go down and do the whole career fair for my first hour and then the last two or three hours of the career fair I changed, put on my polo and next thing you know I’m bringing them Chickfila. Then they’re like “Wow” like they put a name to my face and I still have employers that I met last semester at the career fair that come now to interview students on campus that recognize me and know me by my first name.

**Voiceover:** This is definitely an opportunity that is worth checking into and if you’ve got questions stop in to see us in Lowder 101. Thanks so much to Joe, Kyle and Seamus for talking with us on today’s episode of the OPCD podcast and until we see you next time - have a great rest of your week!