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EMPLOYMENT SCAMS – Keeping our Caribbean Diaspora Students Informed

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The hard work and sacrifices of graduating has now quelled and the reality of getting a job or internship is the new reality for many of the Caribbean Diaspora students in our region. It is against this backdrop that the FBI has warned about employment scams that target college students nationwide. Students from the Caribbean Diaspora are not exempt.

This is especially for those students who plan to stay and work legally in the United States after completing their undergraduate degree. Knowing your visa requirements and restrictions is crucial. This is especially important since eligibility requirements and legal rulings continually change. Whether for practical training F-1 Visa; as a trainee H-3 Visa; for Specialty Occupation H-1B; or other types of visa options that are applicable to graduates knowledge about being potentially scammed is vital. Scammers advertise phony job opportunities on college employment websites and/or students receive e-mails on their school accounts recruiting them for positions that are in fact, fictitious. As a result, student who participate lose financially since there is no “employment”.

Here is what you should know to protect yourself from these scams.

1. Never accept a job that requires someone to deposit checks into your account or requires that you wire portions of the deposited check to other individuals or accounts.
2. Look for poor use of the English language since many of these scammers are not native English speakers. Incorrect grammar, poor verb tenses, etc should give you a clue.
3. The scamming incident could adversely affect your credit record.
4. Your personal information obtained from the scammer while posing as your “employer” can leave you vulnerable to identity theft.
5. Be sure to forward suspicious e-mails to your university/college IT personnel and also report it to the FBI.
6. Each one teach one - be sure to tell your friends to be on the lookout for the scam.
7. If you have been a victim of this scam or any other Internet-related scam, you may file a complaint with the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov and notify your campus police.
8. Read more here - <https://www.ic3.gov/media/2017/170118.aspx>

Remember! C-PAC Membership has its benefits!! Reach out to C-PAC to assist you or someone you know to identify attorneys from our Caribbean Diaspora Membership pool who are willing to help you.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

1. C-PAC 12th Annual Founding Patrons Luncheon Saturday, October 14, 2017 12 - 3 PM at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel on Colesville Road in Silver Spring, MD.
2. Elections: Be a Caribbean Diaspora community Leader!! C-PAC 2017 election will be held in December.
3. **C-PAC Cruise!!!** Join C-PAC and set sail from October 20, 2018 – October 28, 2018 on the newly enhanced *Freedom of the Seas*®, a maritime marvel packed with awesome innovations to stir your imagination. Details to follow in upcoming C-PAC CHAT Communication links.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Here are some ways you can support C-PAC by staying engaged and inviting Caribbean Americans and friends of the Caribbean across the metropolitan area to get involved.

Know someone who needs to become a member of C-PAC? [Download our membership application](#) form and get folks plugged in! Membership is only \$50.00 and \$25.00 for students and those over 65 years of age.

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Already a member? Join a committee! Do you want to serve in Membership, Fundraising, Political Advisory or Outreach? Take your pick, bring your ideas and be ready to serve.

Keep in touch. Have an idea? Want to help plan or host a community forum? We're only an email away! Send us a message at cpac.dmv@gmail.com.



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