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Peirce College, Philadelphia, has promoted **Uva C. Coles** to vice president of institutional advancement and strategic partnerships, from vice president of student services, and **Brad K. Hodge** to vice president of student services and retention management, from vice president, finance. New hires include **Elizabeth M. Krapp**, vice president of finance and administration, formerly assistant treasurer at Franklin and Marshall College, and **Malik Brown**, assistant vice president of employer relations, formerly Dixon House director for the adult and family services division at Diversified Community Services.

Title: Peirce College offers career advice - and interview suits, too!

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At Peirce College in Philadelphia, career advisers offer job-seeking male students tips on resume-writing and interview techniques.

Oh, and a spiffy suit to wear on the job interview, too.

The college for years has referred female students and alumni to the non-profit "Career Wardrobe" where they can borrow interview attire free of charge. But they could find no similar organization for men, so over the last two years, the Philadelphia-based college that caters to adult learners

has been building its own wardrobe for its male students and alumni.

"We wanted to be able to offer the same type of services for men," said Robyn Dizes, director of career development.

Now celebrating its 150th anniversary, Peirce is making a push to upgrade its collection. It wants 150 suits.

The college is looking for donations of all sizes, big and tall, small and medium, light-colored, dark-colored - whatever would be appropriate for a job interview.

"We've also put the push on for additional ties and belts," Dizes said.

Peirce career counseling officials are hoping to land the suave stash by the end of December.

"It's a really big need that we have," said Amanda Hill, supervisor of marketing and communications at Peirce, which enrolls about 2,200 students, average age about 35. "We've seen the success of students when they come in and find a suit that fits and they go out on an interview and can put all their skills to work. It's a really great thing."

Peirce has turned an office into a makeshift dressing room with blinds and racks of clothing. They call it the "Career Closet."

Clothing can be borrowed for up to two weeks, free of charge, by current students and alumni. (The clothing is available to those trying to land a job. Once the job is landed, individuals must begin building their own wardrobe).

Since July, 72 Peirce students have borrowed from the closet.

It's not a unique program. Other colleges have started career closets, too.

At the University of Arkansas, the Sam M. Walton College of Business Career Development Center Closet (Career Closet) opened in August 2010.

Kansas State, Delta College in Michigan and Santa Monica College all house closets, too. More recently, two UCLA seniors opened one in April.

"It made me pause because we go to UCLA to get higher education to go to graduate school or get a good job, and attire shouldn't be the one thing holding us back from achieving our goals," Amir Hakimi said in an interview on UCLA's web site.

New to the interview world, students don't always know what they need, Dizes said. Her office hammers on the importance of appearance.

“The first impression is often the last impression,” she said.

At Peirce, students will be charged \$50 if they don't return the clothing - but that's not happened in the last two years, Dizes said.

“They check it out like a library book,” she said. “They are pretty good about returning it.”

Title: Mildred A. Deacon, 91, longtime Burlco employee

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Mildred A. Deacon, 91, of Westampton, who retired in 1993 as chief clerk for what is now the Burlington County Department of Finance and Administration, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, at a family residence in Springfield Township.

Eve Cullinan, the Burlington County administrator, said that while she did not know Ms. Deacon personally, others in the office recalled her "as a very dedicated and hard worker.

"Her service was well appreciated over the years," Cullinan said.

That service covered parts of five decades. County records show that Ms. Deacon was hired on Nov. 9, 1953, and retired on April 1, 1993.

Born in Westampton, she graduated from what is now Rancocas Valley Regional High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1943. Ms. Deacon studied at what is now Peirce College in Philadelphia, earning credit as an "excellent bookkeeper," a niece, Judy Gaunt, said.

"She was a straight-A student and loved mathematics," Gaunt said, but "back in the day, all of the positions were bookkeeper."

So when county administrators saw her graduate with high honors from high school, they asked her father: "What is your brilliant daughter doing to do? Would you let us know?"

And so, the county sent her to Peirce because "she was a great worker, smart, and articulate," Gaunt said.

Ms. Deacon worked for the Burlington County Farmers Co-Op in Mount Holly before joining the county workforce.

"It had pretty much everything you need to feed your animals," Gaunt said, "back when there were 400 dairy farmers in Burlington and Gloucester Counties."

Besides Gaunt, Ms. Deacon is survived by nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place on Monday, Nov. 23.

Donations may be sent to Burlington County Animal Shelter, 19 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, N.J. 08060.