

Kent told students, "I used to do more listening than talking because I was afraid I would sound 'young' due to the 15-year age gap between myself and the next youngest employee."

However, she learned to use that gap to her advantage. "I am very aware of how I present myself." This is advice she heeds students to follow.

A self-proclaimed "geek", Kent believes it was her knowledge of all social media paired with her motivation and drive that made her stand out to her employers. "I taught myself everything I know, I even know about HTML coding," she says.

In college, Kent was really into YouTube video blogging, and even made some money off of her work. "I got a lot of positive feedback from my viewers, and even made a video per viewer request once," Kent says.

She explains that MWV is different than a lot of companies, because people tend to stick around for longer.

"MWV really knows how to take care of its employees, and they are really big on the work-life balance. We try to do something family-oriented once a month." Kent enjoys this, because spending time with her co-workers' in this setting makes them seem "more like family".

the reigning Miss Mount Pleasant
Kent will be competing for Miss South Carolina USA this year, and happily informed students that her entire department will be sitting in the front row cheering her on.

Another perk to her job is that she has a company credit card for travel expenses and entertaining clients. While most people would be quick to brag about this, "you can't put a dollar on the connections you make with your clients," Kent says modestly.

Kent urges students to use the tools provided to them through the college, "I love the cistern online! It's how I got all of my jobs in college!" *she said.*

Following up on Kent's advice, Katie Smith, Career Center ~~Internship~~ Coordinator, told students, "The cistern online posts opportunities every day, but you will only get out of it what you put in. Anything you can get involved with on campus will help you."

The College of Charleston's Department of Communication offers multiple internship and mentoring opportunities locally and through its advisory council. For more information, contact Dr. Kirk Stone at 843.953.5644 or stonek@cofc.edu.

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