

= Job Fair (The Office) =

" Job Fair " is the seventeenth episode of the fourth season of the American comedy television series The Office , and the show 's seventieth episode overall . Written by Lee Eisenberg and Gene Stupnitsky and directed by Tucker Gates , the episode first aired in the United States on May 8 , 2008 on NBC . The episode featured Trevor Einhorn as a guest star .

In the episode , Michael and a few employees go to a high school 's job fair to find a summer intern for Dunder Mifflin . However , very few students seem interested in the internship . Meanwhile , Jim attempts to make an important sale by golfing with a potential client . At first the client claims to be not interested in talking about business , but after much negotiation , Jim lands the sale . Back at the office , Dwight is left in charge . Everyone leaves except his ex @-@ girlfriend Angela , leading to an awkward day .

= = Plot = =

After Ryan Howard (B. J. Novak) gives Jim Halpert (John Krasinski) a warning about his job performance , Jim tries to land his biggest client ever (Phil Reeves) . He takes the potential client golfing , bringing along co @-@ workers Andy Bernard (Ed Helms) and Kevin Malone (Brian Baumgartner) . When Jim tries to talk business , the client reveals that he is not interested in switching paper suppliers . But after much persistence and negotiation , Jim lands the account .

Michael Scott (Steve Carell) , Pam Beesly (Jenna Fischer) , Oscar Martinez (Oscar Nunez) and Darryl Philbin (Craig Robinson) set up a booth at a local job fair to find a student for Dunder Mifflin 's summer internship but while other companies are prepared and have provided materials and products for their booth , Michael only brought a single white piece of Dunder @-@ Mifflin paper . The fair proves unsuccessful , as Michael drives away the only interested student , Justin (Trevor Einhorn) because Justin is not cool enough for him . After everyone else either ignores the booth or tells Michael to piss off , Michael tries to recruit Justin as their intern , only for Justin to call Michael out for treating him badly and walk away . Michael then makes such a commotion that the teacher (Lori Murphy Saux) calls security and has him removed from the fair . After , Pam ventures to a booth advertising graphic design , where she discovers that she has yet to learn many graphic design programs . The man working at the booth recommends she goes to either Philadelphia or New York City to learn about the graphic design technology .

Meanwhile , Michael has left Dwight Schrute (Rainn Wilson) in charge of the office , but none of the employees obey his wishes . When most of the employees leave in the middle of the day , Dwight is left alone except for ex @-@ girlfriend Angela Martin (Angela Kinsey) , causing the two to interact awkwardly for the rest of the day . When Jim and Pam meet up again in the office , they share two long , passionate kisses having accomplished both of their goals (Jim making the sale and Pam finding out the next step for her future in graphic design) .

= = Production = =

This episode was the third episode of the series directed by Tucker Gates . Gates had previously directed the third season episodes " Branch Closing " and " Women 's Appreciation " . " Job Fair " was written by Gene Stupnitsky and Lee Eisenberg .

In order to create the blisters that Andy had on his hands during the episode , the make @-@ up crew had to use Ben Nye sunburn colors , RCMA scar making material , and acetone . The process took twenty to thirty minutes , in which the sunburn colors were applied first and the scar making material was applied last . Angela Kinsey was pregnant during shooting . Her character wasn 't pregnant , so items (such as a copy machine) were placed between her stomach and the camera to hide her pregnancy . Writer Lee Eisenberg recalled that during editing " I asked if we had any wider shots . Both Gene (Stupnitsky) and Dave Rogers (the editor) reminded me that we were shooting around Angela 's enormous belly " . Kinsey later gave birth on May 3 , five days before the episode premiered .

= = Reception = =

" Job Fair " received 3 @. @ 6 / 9 in the ages 18 ? 49 demographic in the Nielsen ratings . This means that 3 @. @ 6 percent of all households with an 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ old living in it watched the episode , and nine percent had their televisions tuned to the channel at any point . The episode was watched by 7 @. @ 22 million viewers .

Reviews for this episode were mixed . Travis Fickett , of IGN , criticized parts of the episode , saying that the situation between Dwight and Angela was " played out so minimalist that virtually nothing develops " and even though Michael " gets up and makes an ass of himself " the resolution " isn 't much of a pay @- @ off " . Fickett did say that although " this may not be the funniest episode , it shows how the series is capable of subtlety and depth . " BuddyTV 's Oscar Dahl thought that " Job Fair " " had some nice moments , but it was a bit lacking in the comedy department " . Jay Black , from TV Squad , wrote that Andy " stole the show " .