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Career Chatter

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Loyola Parents—Special Edition

During these difficult and uncertain economic times, many of our students are concerned about their job search. We are concerned, however, that some students are not taking advantage of the many resources we provide as they seek to start their careers in this challenging economy.

Please encourage your student to accept the Career Center's invitations to attend one or more of the special programs we are offering. Last fall, for example, we hosted several excellent programs including *Job Search During Difficult Times*, in which a panel of five employers discussed the present economic climate and shared advice on how to market oneself during an economic decline. Another program, *Employer Networking Event*, offered students the opportunity to interact with a variety of employers. We received very favorable feedback from the students who attended, although the attendance was low.

If your son or daughter has not started steps towards their future, please encourage them to start now.

The Career Center staff invites your son or daughter to schedule a meeting with one of our professional career advisors to discuss their post-graduation plans.

We are also planning several events that will allow students to interact with employers this semester. In late December we sent a letter to all seniors with information on our services and upcoming programs.

Now we ask that you assist us by encouraging your student to participate in these programs. The "Mark Your Calendar" section of this newsletter offers a partial list of upcoming events.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter this semester. Together we can help our students launch fulfilling careers!

Best Wishes,
Dr. CreSaundra Sills
Director, The Career Center

How Can Parents Help?

- Encourage your sons and daughters to schedule an appointment at The Career Center. Career advisors will be able to assist them objectively in planning for their future goals.
- Suggest they take advantage of every opportunity by attending Career Center-sponsored events.
- Advise them to begin this process early in the Spring semester.
- Stay informed of our upcoming events/programs by checking our Web site.

Mark Your Calendar

- *Monday, Feb. 9 - On Campus Interviews begin*
- *Wednesday, Feb. 11 - The Art of Networking, 5:30 – 7p.m., McGuire Hall*
- *Thursday, Feb. 19 - How to Use On-line Resources to Conduct a Job Search, 6 – 7p.m., Library*
- *Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Understanding Today's Economic Situation, Time and Location TBA*
- *Friday, Feb. 27 - Maryland Career Consortium Career Fair, Towson Center, Towson University, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, March 25 - Loyola College Career Fair, Noon – 2:30 p.m., Reitz Arena*
Please continue to check the Career Center's Home page for additions to this calendar.

Online Services

Hounds4Hire

Contact the Career Center to activate your account.

Students can develop and upload résumés and cover letters, publish résumés for employer viewing, select on-campus interview times and search for jobs, internships and employer information. Students can also gain access to company profiles using **Hoovers Search**.

Alumni Career Network

Available through Hounds4Hire

Network with Loyola graduates who have volunteered to provide career guidance for students and alumni. Alumni can be a fundamental part of the job search and a great resource for gaining information about a particular career field, geographical location, and job and internship opportunities.

Goinglobal

Available only through Hounds4Hire

Goinglobal offers expert advice and resources for finding jobs and internships

both at home and abroad. Find more than 35,000 country-specific career and employment resources, corporate profiles for key employers in 31 countries, worldwide internship and job listings, and a global chat forum.

CareerSearch

Available through Hounds4Hire
Client referral: loyolamd

CareerSearch is an Internet-based, employer research system containing a searchable database of more than 3.5 million companies worldwide, 250 publications, 9 million executives, 400 city reports and more than 300,000 Web sites. Students can search for information on a particular company (both national and international), person, industry or location using a variety of search options. Students can also obtain information on most metropolitan U.S. cities and major countries as well as salary information.

Vault Online Career Library

Submit Loyola e-mail address through Career Center Web site to receive password.

This online library provides students with their own on-line copy of 60+ Vault guidebooks, over 2,500 company profiles and discussion boards, dozens of industry and occupation overviews, and a vast database of Vault career advice articles.

NACELink (National Association of Colleges and Employers)

Create your own username and password

This resource from the NACE allows you to access job postings and employers, create and store résumés, and apply for jobs online.

International Employment Weekly

www.internationaljobs.org/current.html
Username: thecareercenter@loyola.edu
Password: 26266

Each issue contains over 500 current international job listings.

Ask Bruce and JR

Dear Bruce and JR,

As a finance major looking for a full-time job after graduation, I was wondering if you have any advice for me. With the stock market falling and economic crisis that we are involved in, I am concerned that I will not be able to find a job.

- Freaking Out Finance Major

Dear Freaking Out,

It is important to start your job search as early as possible. It is hard to gauge at this point the status of companies regarding openings, layoffs, buyouts, etc. By starting now and continuing your search throughout the school year, you might find that more opportunities are available by second semester than you might have predicted.

Take advantage of systems like Hounds4Hire that can provide you with a number of contacts. Be creative with your search and use all methods possible when seeking positions.

Keep abreast of what is happening and how companies of interest to you are doing. Be

willing to extend your job search to other things finance-related, other locations, or other career choices.

The bottom line is to start now. Be consistent, organized and thorough. Follow-up is very important in the job search process and is a crucial step in making your job search successful.

Dear Bruce and JR,

I am a senior worried about trying to find a job after graduation. I was thinking about graduate school, but am not sure if I am going for the right reasons. What do you recommend?

-Confused Collegian

Dear Confused,

It is certainly important to weigh all the options available to you after graduation. If graduate school is a possibility for you, even a remote one, I would recommend applying in order to keep your options open. Meet with a career advisor who would be able to serve as an objective

listener in this process and be able to advise you regarding your specific situation.

The important thing to remember is that graduate school shouldn't be taken lightly. You shouldn't just go because you don't know what else to do. It should be a well-thought-out decision, which includes weighing the current economic crisis.

Know that if you get accepted into a program, you can request a deferral of your acceptance and maybe pursue your degree after a year of working. If you don't apply, however, and decide you want to at the end of the spring semester, you run the risk of having to wait another year before you can apply.

Bruce Smeltz, *Associate Director*

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Do you have a question for Bruce and JR?

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