Career Chatte

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Become a Standout Job Candidate

Adapted from NACE (National Association of Colleges) The Job Outlook For The Class of 2014

Here's tried-and-true advice: **Start your** job search preparation today.

The earlier in your college career that you begin your career development preparation, the better prepared you can be when it's time to find your first job. (Hint: It's not too early if you're a freshman.)

First on your list should be a visit to your college/university career center. Staff there won't find you a job or "place" you in a position, but they can provide you with key resources and guidance for developing your resume and cover letters, interviewing effectively, identifying and connecting with employers, and more.

Get experience—it pays!

One of the keys to finding the right job at graduation is to have experience in your field. Internships or a cooperative education program will add considerable value to your resume. (Three out of four employers said that they prefer to hire

new graduates who have some relevant work experience.)

Research before you interview.

Before you interview, learn everything you can about the company. Your goal is to be able to articulate the skills and abilities you can bring to the job and how you will be a good fit within the company. If you have trouble putting your research into words, ask a career services counselor for help. This is the easiest step of them all—and often the most neglected!

Practice interviewing before you interview.

You're not looking to memorize a script, but practice interviewing can help you get over the "jitters" and become comfortable answering (and asking) questions, making eye contact, and using the interview to advance your candidacy.

Check out more from NACE's *The Job* Outlook For The Class of 2014

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Director's Corner:

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the semester! Regardless of your class year, if you are unsure of your next steps, stop by the Center to schedule a meeting with a career advisor to talk about your career goals. Summer is an excellent time to work on enhancing your job-readiness and networking skills whether you are looking for employment or planning to attend graduate/professional school. The Career Center will work with you. We are open during the summer. Contact us at (410) 617-2232 to set up a time to meet or email thecareercenter@loyola.edu with questions.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 on your accomplishments. We wish you well as many of you will begin new jobs and /or attend graduate/professional school. We hope you have an excellent finish to this semester.

Best of luck to you, Dr. CreSaundra Sills, Director



Starting Salaries Up for Class of 2014 Grads

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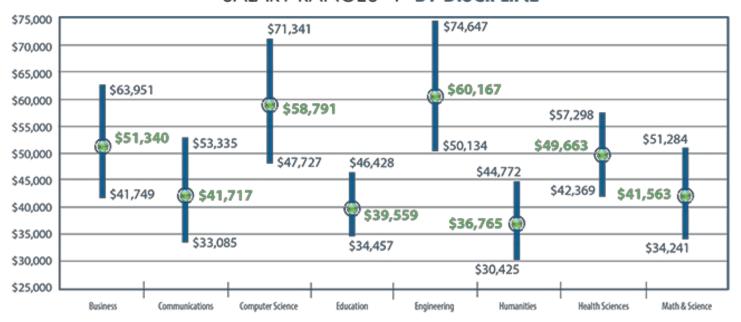
The average starting salary for new college graduates earning bachelor's degrees has increased 1.2 percent over last year, according to NACE's April 2014 *Salary Survey*.

The survey—the first look at starting salaries for the Class of 2014—found that the average starting salary for these college graduates stands at

\$45,473, up from the 2013 average salary of \$44,928.

With an increase of 3.7 percent, health sciences garnered the highest increase among the disciplines for the Class of 2014, while humanities and social sciences and computer science trailed closely with gains of 3.5 percent and 2.9 percent, respectively.

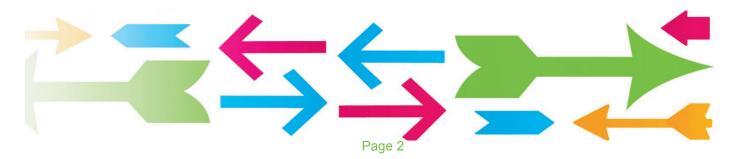
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Class of 2014

Congratulations to you on your upcoming graduation. So many of you have left your mark on the Loyola community and we look forward to hearing about the ways that you leave your mark on the world!

For The Career Center, this isn't goodbye. We like to say, "see you soon!" We want you to know that we continue to offer services to alumni and graduate students!



--> Alumni Spotlight: Pat DePuydt



Patrick graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in 2009. Pat, who is residing in Washington, DC. been working as the Education Program Producer at General Assemblu.

How did you find your career path?

Trial and error. I chose Political Science after I couldn't join the Marine Corps, then went to New York City to try being a commercial and music video filmmaker and then falling back into graphic design and web development. It was a hard pill to swallow to learn that I got more out of helping other people accomplish their goals than I ever did in accomplishing my own. I found I did not know who I was until I learned what I was not.

Networking is something you obviously believe it, how has it helped you and what advice would you give for someone wanting to start or advance their networking?

Every job I ever have had since graduating I obtained because of someone I knew, and I have complete confidence it will always be this way. If you're serious but don't know where to start read Never Eat Alone by Keith Ferazzi and How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie. Don't network, make friends. Help people accomplish their goals and the rest

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What advice would you give to someone currently going through the "trial and error" process you went through? What helped you during that process?

Make mistakes and learn from them. If you aren't making mistakes, consider taking on bigger challenges. If you do not challenge yourself, you will never know. Apologize to those you offend or hurt, thank those who helped you along the way, give back to those who were in your shoes.

What do your day-to-day work activities look like?

8am - 10pm I work in education to provide the resources instructors need to teach compelling content for students taking our classes. I interview instructors, set up classrooms, organize info sessions, check in individually with students and visit design agencies and partners. It doesn't feel like work because it's so much fun. I look forward to Mondays.

What do you find most rewarding in your work activities?

Hiring people to do what they love and seeing students get new jobs in careers they've only dreamed about breaking into. Also calling vendors to tell them I need to buy donuts or pizza for 200 people for that night.

What tools did you find helpful as you were in your job search process?

Networking. 100% networking. Network by making friends. People will email and call you if they know you are helpful and Network, network, network. resourceful.

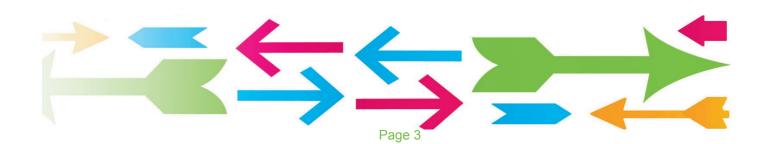
What advice would you give to underclassman?

While your grades are important for graduating and what you may be pursuing after college, since I graduated no one has ever asked what my GPA was and rarely, if ever, was it a concern if I even went to college. Don't stress yourself out over grades.

Also Baltimore is an incredibly rich and vibrant city with numerous campuses of students. Loyola is but a small fraction of the potential in the city.

What other advice would you give to graduating seniors?

Education and experience will not save you in difficult circumstances. Only until you become invested in someone else's' success will they become invested in yours. Meet other people, find out what they're trying to accomplish, and help them do it.



Mark your calendar!

April

29 **Study Day** 30 Exams begin

May



1-8 **Exams**

Commencement

Congratulations Class of 2014!

> The Career Center Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday: 8:30-8:00pm Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Summer/Breaks: Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm









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The mission of The Career Center at Loyola University Maryland is to assist undergraduate and graduate students and Loyola alumni in the total career development process. This process is an ongoing, lifetime activity and addresses various needs, such as: Choosing or changing a major, clarifying interests, obtaining part-time and summer job and internship experiences, planning and conducting a professional job search, obtaining full-time employment, selecting and being admitted to graduate school, and changing careers. The Career Center offers many services to assist in this process, and continuously strives to educate and promote partnerships with students, alumni, faculty, employers, and members of the Loyola community

