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# School of Environment and Natural Resources

## Career Development Newsletter

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### I have no idea what I want to do with my career...

Have these words ever escaped your lips? You are not alone. It's not uncommon for students to come visit with the ENR student services team and confess, they don't know what direction they are headed with their career.

Maybe you are questioning what you can do with your major or what jobs really exist in the environmental industry. Exploration and expanding your knowledge is what the college experience is all about. You will take courses that introduce you to brand new concepts and ideas. You will meet guest speakers at a student organization meeting that will spark your curiosity. You will travel abroad or take a class field trip that will leave you feeling very excited. It WILL happen.



My best advice is to be open to the experiences and connections. Take it all in. Join an ENR related [student organization](#). Attend the [Environmental Professionals Network](#) events. Talk to other students. Faculty. Staff. DON'T MISS a single [ENR Career Development event](#) like the upcoming [Internship Forum](#).

Be patient with yourself. Don't worry that your roommate has their whole life figured out already. Don't be concerned with the person sitting next to you in Chem class who seems like they know exactly what internships they will be working and where they will be the day after graduation.

This is your race. Your life. Your journey. You don't need to compare it to anyone else's. Your career plans will fall into place at the right time.

About 5 or 6 years ago, I had a student come into my office to talk about career plans. He didn't know what he could do with his major or what kinds of internships he should be seeking or if his major was even the right one for him. He had just failed a test in a difficult class. He experienced a few other personal losses that were taking a toll on him that week. He was feeling defeated, discouraged, and very lost.

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We talked about a plan of action to help get him moving towards exploring his career options. We talked about what he would do for the next 2 weeks, the next 2 months, and so on. We met frequently to talk about his progress with those plans and before the mid-point of Spring semester, he had already landed an internship for the summer that would allow him to explore his major. That internship led to another. And that next internship led to a study abroad and research opportunity. And pretty soon, he came to see me to tell me he would be entering the Peace Corps upon graduation. He's in his final few months of his service now.

That day he came to see me, he was feeling pretty low. The plan that he made helped him to create a list, check things off, and push him to network and explore in his career field. The more he pushed himself into new experiences, even uncomfortable ones, the more he learned about himself and what he could do in the future.

*If you are saying to yourself, "I have no idea what I want to do with my career...", it's OK.*

*It's not uncommon. It's part of your journey and it's all good.*

*Make a plan, get out there and explore, and enjoy the experience.*

A great way for you to get started on your own plan is to use our Career Roadmap. It will be getting an update soon, but the resource will give you some ideas of ways to get you moving in your own career path from year one through graduation and beyond. Come visit me in my office and we can talk about how you can use this plan. As a bonus for all your hard work and exploration, [link here](#) to the ENR Professional Development Certificate which can be earned and added to your resume as you are checking off professional development activities on your list.

## Walk-In Hours

Every Friday, from 10a – 4pm, the ENR and CFAES Career Development team offers walk-ins for quick questions and resume reviews. Trish and Mary McLaughlin will be available. Check in at 210 Kottman Hall.

## Scheduling Appointments

Students can schedule an appointment with Trish by calling 614-292-2265.

EEDS students have the added bonus of having Mary McLaughlin, Career Development Coordinator in CFAES as lead career advisor for the EEDS major. Mary is located in 100 Ag Admin. You can schedule appointments with her by calling 614-292-2265 or reaching her by email at [mclaughlin.154@osu.edu](mailto:mclaughlin.154@osu.edu)



## Grow Your Network and Knowledge

### ***CFAES Speed Networking Event***

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00- 7:30pm, KH Lobby

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Hosted by the CFAES Career Development Office and Alumni Engagement Office, the Speed Networking Event provides individuals the opportunity to practice their networking skills to prepare students for the FAES Career Expo. Students will meet and learn from networking mentors, comprised of alumni from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Along with speed rounds, there will be open networking with snacks and beverages provided.

Students must register for the event!

RSVP in [Hireabuckeye](#) – Click on Workshops – CFAES Speed Networking Event

***Practice makes perfect.***

Practice your interview skills in this very casual first [Mock Interview Monday](#) of the school year on Monday, September 19th. We will run you through a few sample questions and provide feedback on your performance. Register on HireaBuckeye.

**CFAES Career Expo** is coming up : 70 companies attending and counting with countless opportunities

- Thursday, September 29 from 10:00 - 2:00 PM
- Location: Fawcett Center
- This career event is open to all students. Come explore what opportunities are available for both internships and full time employment. Find the full list of registered companies that is being updated daily through your Hireabuckeye account.
- Please bring your Buck ID to check-in.
- Free Parking!!

Don't want to walk...ride the FREE expo shuttle from the RPAC to the CFAES Campus stop and to the Career Expo at the Fawcett Center.

**The [Environmental Career Conference](#)** on October 22nd registration is now open. Space is limited so register early. It's a day full of career exploration and networking that you won't want to miss.



The MidOhio Regional Planning Commission will be hosting the [Summit on Sustainability](#) on Friday, October 21st in downtown Columbus. ENR will be sponsoring several student scholarships to cover the registration fee to attend. If you would like to be considered, please submit a brief letter of interest detailing how this

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experience will benefit your career plans to [OSU Courses](#), subject matter, internships.

Deadline to apply for conference fee scholarship is September 30th.

Those are just a few of the many events we have going on throughout the year. Be sure to [download the calendar](#) and save the dates for the many opportunities to grow your network and knowledge.



## The Ohio State University Career and Internship Fair

This [university wide career fair](#) is open to students of any major at the university (see our career calendar for career expo events just for SENR students). You will find an opportunity to practice working a room, talking to employers and learning more about potential career opportunities. Be sure to check out their website for information about preparation, who is attending and the [Career Closet](#), where you can get FREE professional dress clothes.

Don't hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have questions.



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