

## CAREER TIPS AND ADVICE

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[Last newsletter](#), we talked about how to dress and what to do as you start a new job or internship this summer. Continuing on that note, I wanted to share a simple story about “**teamwork**” and the importance that plays when beginning a new job.

As a college intern, I had the opportunity to work as a state park naturalist for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. My naturalist cabin was located in the campground and served as my home base for programs and greeting visitors. Being new to the job, I didn't think twice about things like replacing toilet paper in the camp restrooms or picking up trash along the trails even though we had a maintenance staff and also, ew, it was kind of gross. I did those quick tasks because I saw they needed done and I wanted to make sure visitors had a good experience while at the park. Have you ever been caught in a restroom when the toilet paper ran out? Not a pleasant experience, right? No one asked me to do these things. It wasn't part of my job. It wasn't glamorous. I just did them.

One day, one of the maintenance staffers asked, who had been keeping the toilet paper stocked in the restroom because every time they went in there, it was never out. Well...I sheepishly raised my hand and said, “Um, that was me. Did I do something wrong?”. They were very appreciative of the help and up to that point, not many of the staff had spoken to me except for a friendly hello each day. After that, I was just “one of the team”. Something that menial became the thing that impressed the other staff that I was caring, conscientious and a hard worker. Who knew toilet paper and some trash pick up could accomplish all that?!

It's a philosophy I've tried to stick to and also teach my own kids even at a young age. Jump in to help out even when you aren't asked, do something for others, take an interest in what your co-workers are doing, and just pitch in. ***That old saying about “many hands make light work” is an important tool in all situations.*** You are never too important or too little on the intern chain or too busy to be part of the team when a co-worker needs help. Keep that in mind this summer and see if you can find ways to incorporate that idea into your team settings. It could go a long way in building your reputation.

## GROW YOUR NETWORK AND KNOWLEDGE

We hosted a great **Internships and Ice Cream** event last week where students who have landed summer jobs or internships were encouraged to come in and report them or register for credit if needed. To congratulate them, we toasted with an ice cream treat. There are still a few ice cream treats left in the freezer. Stop by KH 210 and use our lobby kiosk to report your summer job or make an appointment with me (Trish Raridan Preston) to register for academic credit for your internship. You can read more about that [HERE](#).

**Defend Our Future** is sponsoring a [panel discussion](#) on the importance of combining federal policy with local action to combat climate change. The focus will be on actions aimed at curbing the effects of climate change, including the Clean Power Plan, rules and policies in the state of Ohio, local Columbus initiatives, and actions students can take in their daily lives. Wednesday, April 13th, 2016, 5:00 PM, Thompson Library Multi Purpose Room. Arrive promptly at 5pm – Dinner and refreshments will be served.

**Licking County Soil and Water Stream Team** is offering this great opportunity to build your resume. Participate in the training session to learn how to use water quality testing equipment and supplies. At the end of the training, you can adopt a river or stream to monitor and contribute to their long term studies. This could be a great student organization activity as well. [For more info...](#)

A [Career Readiness Webinar](#) will be hosted on April 19th from noon – 1pm is targeted for students registered with disability services. After the webinar, from 1-3, meet with a recruiter from the Ohio Business Leadership Network.

**Are you interested in Environmental Health and Safety?** Thursday, April 28th students are invited to attend the Columbus State Community College Environmental Health and Safety Career Day. More info available [HERE](#).

Stay up to date with workshops and events in ENR – [subscribe to our Remind 101](#) service for text reminders. We send out 1-2 reminders per month about events.

Put all of your networking and employment experiences to use. Complete the [Professional Development Certificate](#) program and receive a special gift upon completion plus register to participate in custom mentoring sessions with professionals in the industry. **Congratulations to Katie Penza**, our first completion of the Professional Development Certificate!

## HOT JOBS

Graduating Senior and looking for a job? What does your resume say about you? Student or Professional? Come have your resume evaluated and let's talk job search strategy to help you land a job like this one: [Full time Forester opening at the Wayne National Forest](#).

Are you still looking for an internship? It's not too late.

Be sure to check out the opportunities on [HireaBuckeye](#) and visit with one of our Career Development advisors. We can help you quickly network and identify job opportunities.

*To schedule an appointment with Trish Raridan Preston in ENR or Mary McLaughlin in CFAES (including EEDS), call us at [614-292-2265](tel:614-292-2265).*

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