Rock Stars.

Yesterday the School of Environment and Natural Resources hosted the monthly Environmental Professionals Network breakfast. The topic was a hot one - algal blooms and our water resources. There were over 200 of the most influential environmental professionals in Central Ohio as well as bordering states in the room to engage in conversation.

I invited students to apply and attend a Student to Professional Networking session before the breakfast. I had 3 students attend. ONLY THREE. Turns out, these 3 students were very glad more of you weren't there because they had fantastic odds!

I just wanted to say that Miranda M., Parker J. and Matt U. - you are rock stars! Thanks for getting up early and taking advantage of this opportunity to meet with these professionals. They thought you were amazing. Heck, they even tweeted about you. Way to go!

(p.s. Melanie B. - you are a rock star too! Melanie attended the breakfast and asked me after the event who she should talk to in the room. We strategized over an introduction and I pointed her towards two of our regular attenders who work for a local environmental consulting firm. 5 minutes later she came over to tell me that she was supposed to call them to set up a lunch date so they could talk more. Awesome!)
That's how networking works. You have to show up if you want it to work for you. And by the way, it's the #1 way to find a job. I am excited to see more of you there next month! I'll post more details about in upcoming newsletters.

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Career Tips and Advice

**Does your career field give you butterflies in your belly?**
Often, students come to visit with me (Trish - the Career Counselor) to talk about careers and to figure out what they want to do with their life.

They know they want to work outdoors.  
They know they want to make a difference.  
And they have passion.
Wow, you guys have a lot of passion!

This past week, I had the opportunity to attend several professional development events. I do that so that I can learn more about the actual career fields in ENR. So that I can share with each of you about new opportunities and so that I can network with potential employers who will want to hire you. (I'm pretty sure I nailed down about 15 new internship positions for this summer for a variety of ENR majors that you will be super excited about).

But I also attend these events because I love this field. Not just career services. But the environment. I'm an alumnus of SENR and when I hear lecturers talk about climate change or about phosphorus in our water or about recreation resources, I get that butterfly feeling in my stomach. It's one of the things I talk about with students, about how they will know when they have found the right niche in ENR for them. How to recognize when they get that feeling. When they get so excited, energized and start thinking about creative real solutions that will help us live more sustainably.

I still get excited to learn. I love watching each of you get excited to learn. So as you are exploring what major to focus on in ENR through classroom lectures, or student organization involvement or through internships - I know you will find that butterfly feeling of excitement.

Get involved. Immerse yourself in lots of different opportunities. If you are not yet sure exactly what you want to do in ENR, stop in and see me. Let's talk about ways for you to explore.

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Grow Your Network and Knowledge

Coca-Cola Sustainability Grants

Thanks to the generosity of Coca-Cola, the Office of Student Life offers the Coca-Cola Student Sustainability Grants for student-led initiatives that support the university's goal to reduce greenhouse gases, conserve resources and promote sustainability.

Seed funding of $500 to $15,000 is available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students or student groups for projects that directly contribute toward reduced environmental impacts on campus. The application deadline is Oct. 27; awards will be announced by Dec. 6.
In addition, the university’s Office of Energy and Environment has created scholarships, research grants and travel funding to help students who are studying or researching topics in sustainability, energy and environment: Five Commitment to Sustainability Scholarships of up to $1,000 each are available for undergraduates each academic year.

Funding support ranging from $500 to $15,000 is available from OEE to support both undergraduate and graduate student research. Interested students must submit a personal statement, a research proposal, an application and a letter of support from a faculty advisor or mentor.

The application deadline for the OEE scholarships and research funding is Oct. 27, and awards will be announced Dec. 1. For complete info see: http://oee.osu.edu/student-funding.html

**Graduate and Professional School Expo**

Don’t miss Ohio State’s annual Graduate and Professional School Expo October 21st from 11am-2:30pm at the Ohio Union. The fair is a great opportunity for any student who is considering Graduate or Professional school to explore their options. The Grad Expo hosts over 110 graduate and professional school programs from around the country, and represents a broad range of postgraduate possibilities, from Ph.D. programs in the sciences and humanities to professional degrees including law, medicine, and counseling. The event allows students to learn more about the application and admissions processes, gather information about specific schools and programs, and develop contacts with representatives from programs of interest. Admission is free to all students and professional dress is not required.

Participants are also encouraged to attend the Graduate School Panel from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Great Hall Meeting Room of the Union. The panel will feature a discussion of the essential components of the application process.

The event is co-sponsored by University, Council of Graduate Students and Student Life Career Counseling and Support Services. For more information visit http://ccss.osu.edu/gradexpo/

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HOT JOBS!

Marketing and Communications Volunteer Internship with The Nature Conservancy's Eastern Division. Interns will support the Marketing department of The Nature Conservancy's Eastern Division. This is an unpaid internship position, based in Dublin, Ohio, with the possibility of telecommuting at least part-time. Internship dates and hours are negotiable, to be determined by supervisor and selected intern(s). Applications are being accepted now. Contact Jessica Keith, ENR grad and TNC Marketing Manager at jkeith@tnc.org.

You can find more HOT JOBS on HireaBuckeye.

Check out all of the resources available on our Career Services page.

To schedule an appointment to see the ENR Career Counselor, call us at 614-292-2265.

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