Career Tips and Advice

Dressed for Success

The "COUNTDOWN TO CAREER EXPO" series continues in this latest issue of the Career Services Newsletter. The Environmental and Sustainability Career Expo is January 22nd, 2015 and it's time to start getting prepared.

While you are home on Thanksgiving break, go through your closets and put together your job interview / career expo outfit. If you don't have one yet, well, it's time to do a little Black Friday Suit Shopping!

For the gentlemen, you should have a pair of dress pants, dark colored socks, and nice dress shoes. Complement that with a dress belt, crisp pressed shirt and tie. A jacket would be great but, is not a must have for this event.

Ladies, stick to the basics. A nice skirt or dress pants. Skirts should be preferably to the knee. Save the miniskirts for another day. Dress shirt and a blazer or cardigan sweater. Dress shirt should not be too low cut. Simple
jewelry. Kitten heels or flats but no stilettos. And of course, hosiery. Simple sheer or neutral colored tights. Given that the career expo is in January, nice dress boots would be acceptable as well.

In fact, if there is snow on the ground and you end up wearing snow boots to get across campus, no problem. Just pack your dress shoes in your backpack and change when you get to the event.

Where to shop near campus if you need an outfit? Ladies, LOFT in the Lane Avenue shopping center typically has great items on sale or clearance, perfect for work attire. Kohl's on Olentangy River Road always has coupons out (ask the cashier for one if you don't have one or find one on your phone) and they will have both men's and women's dress clothing.

And if your college student budget is SUPER TIGHT - then try the Volunteers of America on Indianola close to campus. You will find gorgeous, high end, name brand, gently worn clothing for just a few bucks. I checked it out recently and found a Banana Republic wool blazer with velvet trim, brand new, never worn, for $8. My guess is you could outfit yourself entirely for around $20 there. Your professional outfit can be used not just for the Career Expo but also at the EPN events (see below), banquets and more throughout the school year. It's a good investment.

Read more Countdown to Career Expo articles in previous newsletters HERE.

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Grow Your Network and Knowledge

Upcoming opportunities to network and learn

There are always amazing speakers and events going on in ENR and also across the university that involve environmental related topics. Bookmark THIS spot on the web to read about the latest events.

Resume Writing Workshop for Internship Seekers
Monday, December 1st
5pm in Kottman Hall Room 460
Let's write a fantastic resume for your Summer 2015 internship. Now's the time because jobs are starting to roll in and many employers are done hiring by mid-February. In addition, we will have a panel of students who will talk
about their internships they held last summer and discuss how you can get started on your internship search. Don't miss this workshop!

Environmental Professionals Network Breakfast  
Tuesday, December 9th, 2014  
Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center  
Love the outdoors? Love recreating in the outdoors? You won't want to miss the next EPN event. Especially Natural Resource Management students interested in outdoor recreation - this will be an excellent venue for networking. Come meet representatives from the OSU Outdoor Adventure Center, REI, Cabela's, North Face, Field and Stream and many more as they discuss partnerships among outdoor retailers, Ohio State and other organizations.

An excellent venue for networking with environmental professionals from all over Central Ohio and beyond, this monthly breakfast seminar series is open to all students and the general public. Students can volunteer to help at the event to receive free registration by contacting student assistant James Schwieterman at schwieterman.58@buckeyemail.osu.edu.

A "Student to Professional Success Networking Session" will be hosted from 7:10 – 7:30 before the main event. This session is by invitation only and limited to only a small number of students who will have the opportunity to speak one on one with some of the best industry leaders. To apply for one of these slots, fill out the application found HERE and submit no later than Monday, December 1st.

Certified Interpretive Guide Course  
Are you interested in working in environmental education? The Certified Interpretive Guide course is a certification course that will help you develop your professional presentation skills and program design, perfect for your resume. Taught by OSU Instructors, Sue Rasche and Danielle Ross. Sue, teaches in ENR and is also a seasonal park ranger for the National Park Service. Danielle is the Vice President of Education for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and The Wilds. The class is available for academic credit and / or certification. Read more HERE or contact Sue Rasche at rasche.4@osu.edu

Leadership Summit  
Want to stand out for job opportunities? Introducing the 2015 Leadership Summit, an annual all-day experience that seeks to bring together aspiring student leaders from across Ohio State's campus. This event will allow you the opportunity to uncover your leadership strengths and network. The
itinerary includes a VP of UPS as the opening speaker, break-out development sessions held by industry professionals and dinner with company recruiters. The 2015 Leadership Summit will be held at the Ohio Union on January 31st from 1-7 PM. Deadline to register is December 15th.

Find out more information and register on our website http://www.osuleadershipsummit.com/student-registration.html

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WASHINGTON ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The **Washington Academic Internship Program** (WAIP) selects outstanding Ohio State undergraduates of any major to intern and live in Washington, DC for a semester. Internship placements are based on each student’s individual interests and goals. Students intern on Capitol Hill, in Federal agencies and at a variety of nonprofit organizations.

**Neil Miele**, a fourth year majoring in Public Affairs with a focus on environmental policy, participated in WAIP during summer 2014 and interned with the Marketing and Communications Team at the National Park Foundation.

As the marketing and communications intern, Neil was responsible for putting together the weekly media recap, which required him to research various National parks-related topics and compile a list of related articles and media. Neil also tracked the organization’s social media metrics and produced reports for his team. He also contributed to fundraising, online marketing initiatives, design options, media outlet relations, and press
releases. As a result of his internship in Washington, DC, Neil has gained substantive experience in nonprofit management, donor management, fundraising, social media, and organizational communication. He was even invited back to assist the Foundation with the National Christmas Tree Lighting, organized in collaboration with the White House Visitor Office. Neil also had many exciting surprises during his internship last summer, one of the most notable being an opportunity to meet Bo and Sunny (the First dogs) at the White House. Neil is pictured left with Bo and Sunny, the presidential dogs, at the White House.

Neil aspires to work in public relations in the public sector after graduation. He reflects on his experience:

“This experience has taught me much about effective communication and what to avoid when displaying a message, whether it is written or verbal. I believe NPF has truly set me up for future success in this field.”

You can become a WAIP Fellow too! To learn more, visit the WAIP website, meet the current WAIP fellows, or follow WAIP’s Twitter. The deadline to apply for summer 2015 is January 20, 2015. To learn more, please join us for an info session on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6pm at Page Hall in room 130, or on Thursday, December 4th at Page Hall in room 130. For further questions, please contact the Program Manager, Katy Hogan, at hogan.124@osu.edu.

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HOT JOBS!

Stone Lab
Ohio State's Lake Erie campus now has their Summer 2015 class schedule posted. Besides the amazing courses they host - they have summer internships available. [Check them out HERE.](#)

Assistant Park Manager
Conservation Engineer
Administrative Conservation Specialist
with the [Muskingum Watershed District](#) - full time and part time positions for graduating (or soon to be graduating) seniors.

Sustainable Business Council Internships now posted [HERE.](#)

Interested in Federal employment? Find out more about the Pathways and
Recent Graduates programs for internships, co-ops, and more on USAJobs. https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads

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.

REMINDER >>--------> The ENR offices are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday and Friday this week.

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