Preparing for your Junior Year

Action to Take...

Gain at least one experience relevant to the major and careers you are considering
- Try things out now to allow enough time to make changes to your planned career path
- Experience in your field will help you develop a strong professional network even before you graduate
- Take a class to jump-start or take your engagement and career preparation to a new level

Connect with your department and major
- Get to know at least one faculty member in your department. You will need references and letters of recommendation for your job search and/or applications to graduate and professional school
- One way to get to know faculty is through an informational interview

Draft a graduation plan and review it with your college advisor
- Some courses are only offered once each year
- Meeting with your advisor will ensure that you will have all your degree requirements fulfilled by graduation

Explore and research possible careers you could do after graduation
- Explore career options for your major and research at least two - three possible careers that interest you. This will help you focus your internship search and may expose you to new options you didn’t know about
- Meeting with a career counselor can help you focus and find options that are a good fit for you

Build your professional network
- It’s never too early to begin building your network and connecting to professionals in careers you are interested in. Networking is the most successful internship and job search strategy.
- Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with alumni through the CEHD Alumni and Student Networking Group to learn about their career paths

Getting Started...

Study Abroad
Internships
Informational Interviews
APPS Courses

Networking
CEHD Faculty/Staff Directory

Graduation Planner
APAS Report (Degree Audit)

Careers by CEHD Degree
Researching Careers
Meet with a Career Counselor

Informational Interviews
Networking
LinkedIn
Preparing for your Final Year

**Action to Take...**

Check over your degree completion plan with your advisor
- Make any last adjustments to your degree plan
- Learn how to apply for graduation

Start your job search and/or apply to graduate school
- Start early. Many graduate school applications are due in the fall and many employers recruit during fall semester for spring graduates
- Work with CEHD Career Services to learn job search strategies and to ensure you are using your time wisely in the job search and graduate school application process

Polish your marketing materials
- Make sure you are putting your best foot forward and have your resume and cover letter reviewed by CEHD Career Services
- Google yourself and review your online presence, make appropriate adjustments and use your on-line presence to help your job search

Attend career events and on-campus interviews
- Take advantage of career events planned specifically for you! These are great ways to connect and network with potential employers right here on campus
- Be prepared. Create your 30 - 60 second elevator speech for introductions and do practice interviews with a career counselor or professional in your field

Celebrate your accomplishments! Stay connected.
- Attend Commencement
- Watch for information from the Alumni Association
- Complete the Graduate Survey

**Getting Started...**

APAS Review
Undergraduate Graduation Checklist

Job Searching
Preparing for Graduate School

Resume Writing
Cover Letter Writing
Professional Portfolios
Online Identity

GoldPAS
Career Blog
Job Fair Success On-line Workshop
Interviewing Networking

Commencement Information
LinkedIn
Graduate Survey

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