

# Senior Year



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Congratulations! Being a senior has its perks. You get most of your major courses out of the way and you get to decide what you want to do next. Maybe a full time job, graduate school, or a year of service? Whatever you decide, this is the year you should be filling out applications, refining your resume and have a little fun too! We look forward to seeing you at the Gong Ceremony this year!

- If you have not yet declared a major, you should. The Career Center has resources available to help you make your decision. Comprehensive career counseling includes assessments such as “Do What Your Are” which connects your personal qualities to careers that would best fit you!
- If you haven’t done so, get an internship. This will provide you with invaluable experience that will prepare you for life after college. An internship may be a stepping stone to a full time position with the same company. This could be a formal internship program or a part time job related to your career field of choice.
- You should have joined two or three clubs or organizations in your three years, if you haven’t done so, do it now! Involvement demonstrates to employers that you have well-developed social skills, multi-task and work collaboratively and cooperatively.
- If you are involved in several organizations, take on a leadership role. Experiment with different roles- supporter, leader, committee chair or new program developer. Continue to develop strong relationships with the faculty and staff supporting your organization.
- Continue to connect assignments, papers, speeches, and projects to your field of interest. It’s a great way to explore areas and develop expertise in a field while completing your assignments at the same time! Take a leadership role in a class project.
- Attend the Career Fair and distribute your resume. Do your research ahead of time on the employers attending. Visit all the tables of interest to you and ask questions. Knowing more about different industries, companies, and job opportunities will help you make a better career choice.
- Conduct a real job search. Utilize Career Connection and make an appointment with the career center for an overview of successful job search strategies.
- Complete 15 Minutes to Fame if you haven’t done so already.
- Sign up for On-Campus Recruiting with employers of interest.
- Interview for positions of interest to you, and prepare yourself for those interviews.
- If you are considering graduate school, research the schools that specialize in your areas of interest now. Begin the application process. Visit the Career Center for assistance with personal statements and essays. (Be aware of application deadlines!)
- Hit the Gong! Once you have been accepted to a graduate program or have accepted a full time position, participate in the Career Center’s Annual Gong Ceremony and receive a free t-shirt! Contact the Career Center for more information.