

Senior Year Survival Guide

“It’s a Jungle Out There”

- Seek leadership roles within your student organizations – regardless of your title, find a way to step up and take an active role within the group
- Participate in at least one volunteer or service experience
- Use every guest speaker or panel presentation as a way to build up your personal network – attend departmental and university-wide programs, as well as off campus opportunities for networking (stay tuned to Career Connection for event listings)
- Register for the one credit Career Education course: CE 131 Intro to the World of Work and consider “How do I get there?”)
- Attend the Career Fair in the spring – do your research, come prepared (dressed to impress with a professional and reviewed resume in hand), and network like a rockstar!
- Check Career Connection for on campus recruiting schedules to see who is interviewing at the Career Center for internships that interest you – do not miss out on opportunities for students with every major to secure a position, as early as the fall semester!
- Update your resume and Career Connection profile – drop in during walk-in hours or make an appointment for resume review at the Career Center
- Set up a graduate school essay or search appointment at the Career Center if this is the direction you are heading – the same qualities that make you a strong job candidate will make you a great graduate school applicant, and the Career Center has resources to help you
- It is highly recommended that you prepare to have at LEAST one internship by the time you graduate – find a way to incorporate some related experience into your work experience
- Check in with your academic advisor to make sure you are on track for graduation – read University e-mails so you do not miss any deadlines for caps/gowns, etc.
- Keep up your GPA!
- Make an appointment with the Career Center for job search assistance or career counseling
- Actively and professionally network with Carroll Contacts and your own personal network of contacts - everyone should know what you can bring to the table and what you are interested in doing
- Bang the gong at a Career Center Gong Ceremony – do NOT be gentle – you’ve earned it!

