

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Xavier University 530 Conaton Learning Commons 3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati OH 45207-1161

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST: JUNIOR/SENIOR YEARS

## JUNIOR YEAR

- Join the <u>Mentor</u> Program
- Continue to update resume, cover letters, and portfolio
- Continue to update and *monitor* all social media outlets (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest)
  - Utilize <u>Hire A Muskie</u> to identify internships and part-time opportunities
  - ] Narrow industry focus based on internet research, informational interviews, and library resources
    - Explore graduate/professional school plans and options with faculty, career advisors, and online/library resources
      - Law School Admissions Council Website (www.LSAC.org)
      - MBA Programs website (<u>www.MBAPrograms.org</u>)
      - Graduate School Directories (www.GraduateGuide.com and www.GradSchools.com)
      - GRE information (<u>www.ets.org/gre</u>)
      - Association of American Medical Schools (www.aamc.org)
    - Identify internships/experiential opportunities with organizations that do not recruit on campus
      - Attend on and off campus career fairs and network with various organizations in your area of interest
      - Explore additional areas to identify skills, interests, and values
      - Join professional organizations affiliated with career interest many professional organizations have local chapters and student membership rates

## SENIOR YEAR

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- Organize job search strategies for obtaining full-time employment via Hire A Muskie, internet and personal networking
  - Target desired industries and determine geographical preferences
  - Complete resume/cover letter consistent with industry preferences
  - Research and gather information on companies in chosen industries
  - Identify companies through web based job boards, career coaches, and faculty
  - Schedule phone or in-person interviews with industry employers who are not scheduled to come on campus

- Organize graduate/professional school applications to meet established deadlines
- Participate in a mock interview

- Continue to attend various career-related workshops and employer presentations
  - Evaluate employment offers, graduate/professional school study, and/or volunteer service opportunities based on personal interests, values, and career goals
    - Consider and research post graduate internships to gain further experience in given field and to enhance resume
      - Attend workshops and meet with career coaches to prepare for life after Xavier University
      - Have discussions with alumni, faculty, professionals, and career coach
      - Visit Xavier's National Alumni Association website for events and chapters
      - Connect with Xavier University Alumni LinkedIn group