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If you think it's difficult to decide what color to paint your room — it's much more difficult to decide on the "color" of your **academic major**. This is not a decision you can make without giving it a lot of thought and exploration.

To allow you the opportunity to do just that, the Career Services Center and the Academic Department have designed an event where you may talk one-on-one with faculty and upper class student representatives from each major.

Explore the assets of various majors to see which is best suited to your interests, skills and aspirations. Learn about the colorful options that relate to each one. Academic Resource departments will also be on hand to tell you about ways they can help you in your academic pursuits.

MAJORS & ACADEMIC RESOURCES FAIR

Thursday, October 16, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
E-MAC—Batten Student Center

Register in CSC by October 8th for a

Practice Graduate School Admission Test: **GRE ~ GMAT ~ LSAT ~ MCAT**

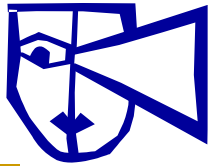
Given on campus Friday, October 17, 2008

2:00-5:00 p.m. (arrive at 1:45 p.m.)

Clarke Hall, 2nd Floor Classrooms

\$10 Test Fee (payable at the door)

Co-sponsored by KAPLAN Test Prep and the Career Services Center.
Practice test will simulate the format and procedures used in actual tests.



This Week at a Glance

October 13-20, 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Instant Messenger delivery</i>	Resume Writing Workshop 11:00-11:50 a.m. Shafer Room, Boyd		MAJORS FAIR 11:00 am-12:30 pm C-MAC—Batten Center	Kaplan Practice Graduate School Admission Tests GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT 2:00-5:00 p.m. Clarke Hall, 2nd Floor			<i>Instant Messenger in your e-mail box</i>
Va. Beach Public Schools Interviews In CSC by appointment	Suffolk Police Department Information Table 11 am-1pm Batten Center						

FALL 2008 CAREER PANELS

Careers in Environmental Science

Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Pearce Hospitality Suite

A panel of experts from various fields of environmental science will share information about their specialty areas and give related career advice. Panelists are:

- Frank Daniel**, Director, Virginia D.E.Q.
- Nicole Dutil**, Envir. Prog. Dir., Keep Norfolk Beautiful
- Liz Martin**, Liaison, First Landing Foundation
- Mark Swingle**, Dir of Research & Conserv., Va. Aquarium

Careers in Government & Politics

Thursday, November 6, 2008, 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Shafer Room, Boyd Dining Center

Panelists from various government and political backgrounds will speak about the process of choosing and achieving their current positions. Panelists are:

- June McPartland**, Economic Development Consultant
- Honorable Deborah Paxon '75**, Judge/Magistrate, City of Virginia Beach
- Lindsay Reynolds '98**, Executive Director, Democratic Party Committee Abroad
- Jim Wood**, Virginia Beach City Council Member

RECRUITERS ON-CAMPUS

SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Information Table – Tuesday, October 14, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Batten Student Center
Drop by their informal information table in Batten Student Center and obtain information about employment in law enforcement and the criminal justice system. **Sign up for an interview appointment and submit your resume to CSC by Tuesday, October 21 to be interviewed on Thursday, October 23rd.** Open to all majors, especially criminal justice.

GEICO INSURANCE

Submit your resume to CSC by October 27 to apply for a pre-selected interview on Monday, November 3, 2008. Recruiting for their *Emerging Leaders Program, Supervisory Leadership Program, and Summer Internships.* Especially interested in seeing students with course work in business, finance, and management. Open to all majors, especially MBE.

MASS MUTUAL/COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL

Interviewing on campus— Thursday, November 6th in CSC
Interviewing for Internship & Full-time Financial positions. Submit your resume and sign up for a first come/first served interview in CSC by Monday, November 3, 2008. Open to all majors.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

Presentation—Tuesday, November 18, 11-11:50 a.m.—Shafer Room, Boyd Dining Center
Interviewing on campus—Thursday, November 20 in CSC
Attend the presentation about Financial Representative positions and then submit your resume and sign up for an interview in CSC. Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 20. Hiring for Internships and Full-time Financial Representative positions. All majors may apply.

Who Are Your References?

Whether you are going on to graduate school or searching for a job, you will most likely need references. Who should you ask? College professors, extracurricular advisors, college administrators, and past internship or job supervisors all make excellent references. **ALWAYS** ask your references if they can serve as a positive reference and provide them an updated copy of your resume. You must start early on this process!* Not sure who to ask? Talk it over today with a career counselor in the CSC.

* www.collegegrad.com

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