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Increase Your Employment Opportunities by Beginning Your Job Search NOW!

It is hard to miss gloomy reports about the current state of the economy and job market. As graduation nears, you may wonder how the current economic situation may impact your job search. The National Association for Colleges and Employers (NACE) recently released projected college hiring figures. First, the good news: college hiring is expected to increase by 6% for the upcoming class of graduates. This figure, however, is low compared to 15.95% and 17.41% growth rates reported in 2007 and 2006, respectively. This year's rate still compares quite favorably to 2001, in which college hiring dropped by a dramatic 19.66% in the wake of events on September 11.

What does this all mean for you? First, plan to spend more time on your job search. In the best of economic times, we recommend spending time equivalent to that of a 3-credit course on your search. Therefore, in order to secure a position upon graduation in May, **you must begin NOW**. Make sure your resume, cover letter and other job search documents are flawless. Utilize multiple job search strategies, including networking. Finally, consider being as flexible as possible when it comes to your first career position. If you can consider multiple geographic areas and types of organizations, you will greatly expand your options and chances of landing a great position after VWC.

RECRUITERS ON CAMPUS

U.S. Dept. of Justice
Environment & Natural Resources Division
Info Table on Wednesday, Nov. 19
12:30-1:30 p.m. in the
Hub Lounge—Batten Student Center
Recruiting for their 2009
Honors Paralegal Intern Program
Seeking 2008-2009 graduates with an overall
GPA of 3.00+ who are organized, analytical,
have strong research/writing skills.
Position begins July 20, 2009
Starting salary: \$40,000 (GS-7) +
comprehensive benefits package

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
Presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 18
11:00 a.m.—Shafer Room, Boyd
Submit your resume for an interview
In the CSC on Thursday, Nov. 20
For Financial Reps & Interns



1st Annual Graduate School Recognition Day!

Get ready for VWC's 1st Annual Graduate School Recognition Day!

On December 3, faculty and staff will sport t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats representing their graduate school alma maters. We encourage you to ask your professors and VWC staff about their experiences in graduate school.

The CSC will also staff a table in the Batten Center from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. to answer all of your questions about graduate school.

(A special thanks to Dr. Kathy Stolley for contributing the idea.)



This Week at a Glance

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Instant Messenger</i> delivery Final Fall '08 Issue	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network Presentation, 11 am Shafer Room-Boyd Submit resume to be Interviewed on 11/20	U.S. Dept. of Justice Recruiting for Paralegal Internship 12:30-1:30 p.m. Hub Lounge	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network Interviews in CSC				

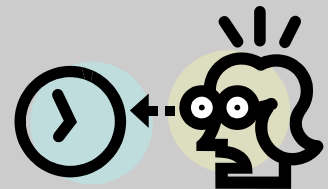
GEICO 2009 Achievement Award Program

Nominations for **outstanding sophomore and junior students majoring in business or IT** are sought from VWC faculty and staff. The selected student will receive a **\$1000 award**. The program objectives are to encourage achievement in fields related to the operations of an insurance company and for students to recognize GEICO as an employer of choice for a post-graduate career. Students must have a 3.0+ overall GPA, be accomplished in their field of study, and involved in campus/community life.

To apply, visit http://career.geico.com/college_recruiting/achievement_award_program then click on "How to apply."

Deadline to submit all materials is February 7, 2009.

Did you miss the "LAST CHANCE" Resume Writing & Interviewing Workshops last week? Were you planning to search for an internship, but put it off because of class assignments?



Don't PANIC. . .The CSC will be open even after you finish up your final exams.

This can be a great time to sit down with a career counselor to map out your internship, job search or graduate school strategies for the spring. Stop by and see us through **December 19, 2008**. We will reopen on **January 5, 2009**.

\$200 "INTERVIEW ATTIRE" GIFT CARD DRAWING

Entry deadline is Thursday, December 4! The winner will receive a \$200 Gift Card for Interview Attire from either [Ann Taylor](#) or [Men's Wearhouse](#)

TO ENTER: Register online with CAREER 15 at www.vfic.org/career15.html. Then bring your registration confirmation printout to the CSC in Batten 220 to get your raffle ticket number. Post your resume with CAREER 15 for major corporations and organizations to review. CAREER 15 is sponsored by the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges.

DID YOU KNOW?

A job offer includes more than just a salary figure. Can you decipher the other benefits offered (medical insurance, 401(k) retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, flextime and more)? These benefits often add significant value to a starting salary.* Talk over your job offer today with a career counselor to make the best possible decision about your future. *NACE (2007)

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