12 Days of a Career Services Christmas

The Best Gift You Can Give Yourself This Holiday Season Is To “Jump Start Your Career”

1. On the first day you should make sure you have a fresh, polished resume. Turn a simple piece of paper into the gift of a priceless document that will further your career.

2. On the second day you should check out the Career Services website, www.desales.edu/careerservices, and see what resources we have to offer in your job search, which may seem like over the river and through the woods. But can be managed with time, patience, and careful planning!

3. On the third day you should tackle your business wardrobe. Don’t feel like you’re dressed in a Santa suit! Find something that brings out your unique personality to impress a potential employer.

4. On the fourth day, start to or continue to research internships. The #1 item employers look for on students resumes is EXPERIENCE; and doing an internship through career services is an extra bonus because you can receive academic credit. Remember: everyone has to start somewhere, just ask Buddy the Elf!

5. On the fifth day, ask yourself about the future of your education. Ever thought about graduate school or getting your doctorate? Career Services has great resources and a strong relationship with KAPLAN, the company that administers and educates on GREs, MCATs, LSATs, and other standardized tests.

6. On the sixth day, think about doing volunteer work during your Christmas break. Spread a little happiness and hope this holiday by volunteering at a children’s hospital, food drive, or soup kitchen. Employers love an involved heart and look for someone with integrity and leadership skills.

7. On the seventh day, do a day of shadowing in a place of employment that you would be interested in. Be proactive and get your name on the “Nice List” at a facility you’d like to work for.

8. On the eighth day you should refresh your interviewing skills to ensure you are representing yourself as best as possible. Santa takes pride in his work, and you should too. Fine tune your interview skills to demonstrate drive and pride in your future career. Give Interview Stream a try: desales.interviewstream.com

9. On the ninth day, work on your social networking skills to get your name out in your field of interest. Start making connections by creating and updating your profile on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com

10. On the tenth day, if you are having a hard time going through days 1-9 because you are not sure what you want to do, take the My Plan self-assessment. This is a tool that can help you determine if you want to fly the sleigh or work in the toyshop. My Plan can be found on the Career Services website under Frequently Used Resources or by going to www.desales.myplan.com

11. On the eleventh day, investigate upcoming career and internship fairs. Check out the Career Services website to find out dates for upcoming events in order for you to become a Bulldog 4 Hire! The Christmas lights can wait for a few hours while you invest time into your future.

12. On the twelfth day, finalize your Christmas break by giving the gift of feedback! Talk to Career Services and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you have a successful career.

Have A Very Happy (And Productive) Holiday!