CHOOSING A MAJOR OR CAREER

Major and career exploration is a process that requires students to reflect on their values, personality, interests, and skills. Career Services offers a variety of tools to guide students in making these decisions. Whether students are exploring majors or searching for information/options about their chosen field, this site provides a thorough analysis of opportunities. Continue to remind students the world of work isn’t “broken up by major”. There are plenty of options out there!

MyPlan: (website found under Career Guidance section)
This self-exploratory assessment is available to students who are deciding on a major or career path, by measuring personality types, skill sets, interests, and work values.

Occupational Outlook Handbook: (http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)
From the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this site allows students to view the different career fields that interest them, connect those career fields to specific college majors, and see what salary and experience are desired to gain employment in that field.

Career Planning and Development Course (SO:140 – 3 credits):
Elective course offered each Spring semester to help students commit to their career journey. Seats still available for the upcoming Spring semester!
Career Services on Ice: the Snowflake Series

While you’re relaxing over semester break and the snowflakes are falling, take some time to further your career search with the Career Services Snowflake Series. Just as each snowflake is unique, so is each career search. Don’t be left on thin ice during your career search!

🔹 The First Snowflake: make sure you have a fresh, polished resume. It’s a priceless document that will further your career. Career Services has the tools to help you get started and make edits using the Career Planning Guide.

🔹 The Second Snowflake: check the Career Services website, www.desales.edu/careerservices, and see what resources we have to offer in your job search. DSU CareerLINK is the best system for locating and applying to internships and jobs!

🔹 The Third Snowflake: your business wardrobe. Find something that is professional and stylish, bringing out the best “you” possible to a potential employer.

🔹 The Fourth Snowflake: research internships. The #1 item employers look for on students resumes is experience; and doing an internship through career services means you can receive academic credit.

🔹 The Fifth Snowflake: ask yourself about the future of your education. Have you ever thought about going to graduate school? Career Services has great resources, along with KAPLAN Test Prep, who administers graduate school standardized tests.

🔹 The Sixth Snowflake: think about doing volunteer work during your break. Spread a little happiness this holiday by volunteering at a children’s hospital, food drive, or soup kitchen. Employers look for someone with communication, teamwork, and leadership skills.

🔹 The Seventh Snowflake: do a day of shadowing in a place of employment that you would be interested in or conduct an informational interview.

🔹 The Eighth Snowflake: refresh your interviewing skills to ensure you are representing yourself as best as possible. Fine-tune your interview skills to demonstrate drive in your career. Try CareerBeam: http://cb.careersearch.net/login/DeSalesCS.tt2

🔹 The Ninth Snowflake: 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.

🔹 The Tenth Snowflake: take the My Plan self-assessment to help gauge where you want your future to take you! My Plan can be found by going to www.desales.myplan.com. Make an appointment to review your results!

🔹 The Eleventh Snowflake: investigate upcoming career and internship fairs. Check out the Career Services website to find out dates for upcoming events. February 26th is the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Career Expo (Internship and Job Fair) from 12:00-4:30pm. Visit www.lvcce.org for more information.

🔹 The Twelfth Snowflake: mark in your calendar to make an appointment with Career Services when you return from break!