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## Newsletter

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# Professionalism

This month's newsletter theme is *Professionalism*. With the new spring semester underway, it's the perfect time for us to start thinking about career development for the current semester and beyond.



## Spring Career and Internship Fair 2012

By Christine Poisson

It is never too late to start making connections, and the Spring Career Fair is just one of many ways to do so. Even though some students feel that it is too late to start looking for internships, many companies are still recruiting and this career fair is open to all majors, so it is the perfect time to see what types of internships are out there. The Spring Career and Internship Fair is being held from February 21-23, from 12-5pm each day in the Stamp Student Union. Companies such as Aerotek, Amazon, and Aflac will all be attending, along with hundreds more. There is a full

list of employers on the Career Center website, [www.careercenter.umd.edu](http://www.careercenter.umd.edu), so look at it ahead of time and have a game plan of which employers you would really like to speak with.

Dressing to impress is also very important. At most you will be speaking to these employers for around five minutes, so it is important to portray a professional image. You should be at least business casual, if not business professional. The Career Center website also has links with guidelines for appropriate dress that are extremely helpful, which you may want to take a look at before

hand.

It is important that you bring several copies of your resume with you to hand out to the employers with whom you speak to. This could be your chance of obtaining an internship, so make sure you stop by the Career Center ahead of time and have a career coach review your resume.

It is never too late to start looking for potential employment opportunities, and the University of Maryland has definitely taken the time to set up a great career fair. So mark your calendars, because it is only a few weeks away!

Visit Maryland's  
Virtual Career Center at  
[www.ucc.umd.edu](http://www.ucc.umd.edu)!

-  **Careers4Terps**  
Job & Internship Database
-  **Schedule Appointment**  
Talk with Center Staff
-  **Focus 2**  
Career Assessment
-  **Where Do UM Grads Go?**  
Explore Your Options
-  **Career Insider:**  
Industries & Career Info.
-  **Going Global**  
Abroad, Visa Info. & More
-  **Resume Builder**  
Create Winning Resumes
-  **Virtual Mock Interviewing**  
Practice Interviewing
-  **Career Spots:**  
Career-Related Videos

# From Internships to Full-Time Jobs, The University Career Center Can Help!

By Chelsea Kajs

The University Career Center offers a variety of services to all students, such as:

- **Online Appointment Scheduling:** Allows students to set up an individual appointment with a University Career Center staff member. During these appointments students can ask about anything career-related from resume reviews to how to dress for an interview. These one-on-one appointments are a great way to find out more about how to prepare for life after graduation or how to secure an internship while still in school!
- **Resume Reviews:** These resume review clinics are designed to help students tweak their resumes and ensure that they are ready to be presented to potential employers. They can help get your resume ready for career fairs as well!
- **Virtual Mock Interviews:** This is a one-on-one practice interview available online at the University Career Center website. This service is designed to prepare you for success in your actual job interviews. If you do not have a recording device on your computer, the University Career Center can provide you with one. This is a great way to become more comfortable with interviewing in an un-intimidating setting.
- **Career Development Classes:** One-credit classes enable students to learn more about potential careers and prepare for securing careers after graduation. During these classes students will get personalized assistance with developing their resumes, applying for jobs, and preparing for interviews. Students will also learn about real-life work experiences through various speakers. This is a one-stop shop for a student's career-related essentials!

A student can register for all of these programs through the University Career Center website: [www.ucc.umd.edu/home.cfm](http://www.ucc.umd.edu/home.cfm), or stop by the University Career Center located in 3100 Hornbake Library for more information.



## Become a Pro at Meeting Pros

By Emily Stern

For many University of Maryland students, college is about networking and exchanging handshakes with as many employed adults as possible so that they may be lucky enough to secure a job post-graduation. What some students don't realize is that this does not require having an internship; there are a countless number and assortment of professional societies on campus that UMD students can join.

According to the Student Activities Reporting System,

more commonly known as STARS, it seems that the majority of majors has at least one corresponding professional society. For journalism majors, there's the Society of Professional Journalists. Business majors have several from which to choose, including the Black Business Association, the Business Ethics Society, and the Accounting and Business Association at Shady Grove. For science majors, there's a chapter of the American Society for Microbiology, the

Alpha Chi Sigma Professional Chemistry Fraternity and Society of Physics Students, among others. These are just a handful of the many professional societies that the university is home to. Check out [www.stars.umd.edu](http://www.stars.umd.edu) to see if there's a professional society for your major.

If you worry about what you're going to do after graduation, here's your solution: Join a professional society at UMD, and acquire the skills and networking necessary to your future success.



# Interviewing 101: Making a Professional Impression

By **Tacy Lambiase**

Once you land an interview for a job or internship, it's time to think about how to make a good impression. To help you score the job of your dreams, Maryland students offer some great advice on how to be professional in an interview setting.

*"Dress nicely and don't have your cell phone out. Also, you have to be more formal and thoughtful with your words and how you speak in order to present yourself in a positive light. What you're saying has to match how you look professionally."* – Rachel McGrain, '13

*"Make a positive impact on a potential employer by being yourself."* – Nicole Anderson, '14

*"It's not just about the way you dress, but the way you carry yourself. Even if you dress professionally, you won't get a job or internship if you act immature."* – Kirsten Petersen, '14

*"Don't be late to an interview!"* – Sherry Feng, '14

*"Don't joke around too much and treat the interviewer with respect. Professionalism is important to make connections and to create good business relationships with as many people as possible."*  
–Vincent Chen, '14

Here are some other tips to think about before an interview:

- Beforehand, practice how you would respond to some difficult interview questions.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before, and set an alarm if the interview is in the morning so that you don't oversleep.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get to the interview site on time in case of traffic or other delays.
- Do some research on the company or organization you are interviewing with beforehand, and be able to articulate why you are interested in working there.
- Ask appropriate questions regarding the organization, and the kind of work you would be expected to do if you got the job.
- Have a positive attitude and smile!
- Be confident, sit up straight, and maintain eye contact with the person you are interviewing with.
- Thank the interviewer for the opportunity, and send a hand-written thank you note to that person right after the interview.

## Dress and Impress: Internship Attire

By **David Oliver**

So, you've got your internship set up. Now the real question is, what do you wear when you get there?

Here are a few tricks to help you in your struggles:

1. Think back to your interview. What was your interviewer wearing? The other people in the office? Chances are, you were the most dressed up, since you were the one looking for the job.
2. Go to the company's website. Look up employee protocols and see if there is anything about the dress code. Don't always trust the pictures of the smiling employees though!
3. Ask your supervisor. One quick e-mail or phone call could solve all your problems – don't be shy! Your advisors are there to help you in any way possible, and showing up too casual or too fancy is one area they can definitely help you with.

With all these tips, you'll never fail to dress and impress.

### Common Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why should I hire you?
3. What are your strengths?
4. What are your weaknesses?
5. What is the most important thing to you in a job?
6. What are your career goals?
7. Do you have any questions for me?



**DRESS** *for* **SUCCESS**

# February Opportunities and Passport Events

## **Primannum Passports**

The idea of Primannum Passports is that we want students to take charge of their education and college experience and go beyond the classroom to gain enrichment in their lives. Every month we will provide members with a list of enriching events that they can attend, and when they attend these events they will get their passport signed by someone running the event. We are also open to ideas so if any members know of events that they think should qualify, they can simply email me the suggestion and I will let the general body know if they can add that particular event to their list for that month.

We will be rewarding students at the end of the semester if form filling up their passport book. (Since Primannum only has a three point requirement, we will only offer a maximum of one point for attending one of the passport events but if members fill up five events (one event for each month plus one additional event), they will get a special prize and members who fill up ten events will get an even better prize!

## **Spring Resume Clinic (BRING RESUME)**

February 15 from 10am-3pm in the University Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library)

Want an effective resume? Think you would benefit from employer feedback before you apply for a job? Come learn about ways to improve your resume and get feedback from industry professionals about what they look for in a resume. Online registration in advance is the best way to be sure you are seen at your preferred time (you can choose a 30 minute slot based on availability). However, we will take same-day walk-ins on a first come, first serve basis to fill any empty slots.

## **Armed Xenophobia: The Global War Against Immigrants**

February 16 from 5-7pm at the Ulrich Recital Hall in Tawes Hall

Armed Xenophobia will examine the global phenomenon of violence against immigrants, its root causes, various manifestations, and global political implications. The forum kicks off with a lecture by prize-winning journalist Jeffrey Kaye. Kaye, the author of *MovingMillions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration*, worked as a correspondent for the PBS NewsHour for 25 years.

## **Industry Networking Series: Careers & Internships in Government**

February 16 from 4:30pm-6:30pm in the University Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library)

Interested in interning or working full-time with the federal government? Wondering about the application process? Confused about opportunities and deadlines? Join us for a panel discussion with several federal government agencies followed by a networking social. Professional dress is suggested and you may bring several copies of your resume.

## **Black Monologues**

February 17 from 6-9pm at the Hoff Theater in the Stamp Student Union

MICA is proud to present the third production of *Black Monologues*, which highlights the diversity that exists within the Black campus community, in particular at the UMD. This event is designed to also give students, staff, and faculty an opportunity to share their stories through a creative and empowering form, while educating the broader campus community on institutional issues and experiences of underrepresented groups, while illuminating the complexity of identity. Facilitated discussion and reflection will occur directly following the performances so that attendees have an opportunity to respond and share their stories as well. Doors open at 5:30pm.

## **Walk-In Resume Critiques (BRING RESUME)**

February 20 from 11:30am-2:30pm in the Baltimore Room at the Stamp Student Union

Bring your resume and questions to the Baltimore Room and have a career advisor help you prepare for the upcoming career and internship fairs.

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# Opportunities and Passport Events (continued)

## Student Organization Reception and Employer Networking Dinner 2012

February 22 from 5:15-7:30pm in the Colony Ballroom at the Stamp Student Union

Student leaders are invited to participate in our 7th Annual Student Organization Reception & Employer Networking Dinner. On the night of the 2nd day of the Spring Career & Internship Fair, this event has everything; a 3-course meal, entertainment, awards and scholarship announcements plus it is a great time to network with employers while also discussing potential future organizational partnerships with employers in programming, sponsorship, and mentoring. Opportunities to learn about how your leadership experience can translate into the world of work will be abundant. Student registration is at [www.careers.umd.edu/special/SOREND/home.cfm](http://www.careers.umd.edu/special/SOREND/home.cfm)

## Documentary Film: "A Soundtrack for a Revolution"

February 27 from 7-9pm in I 102 South Campus Commons Building #1

Beyond the Classroom presents a fresh and exhilarating take on one of the most important social movements in American history! Soundtrack for a Revolution explores the Civil Rights struggle through the stirring songs that inspired a generation in this deeply moving documentary, legends of the fight for equal rights such as Congressman John Lewis, Julian Bond, Ambassador Andrew Young, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow, Coretta Scott King testify to the indispensable role that songs of rebellion and hope played in helping activists fight against the brutality and injustice in riveting performances. Through historical footage, interviews and heartfelt performances, the film makes an original, emotionally resonant contribution to the Civil Rights story. This stunning film is a testament to the vitality of music in the lives of those who strive for justice.

## Spring Mock Interview Clinic

February 29 from 10am-3pm in the University Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library)

Need help preparing for an interview? Would you like to gain valuable interviewing tips from employers BEFORE the interview? Need someone to practice your responses with? Come and meet with employers from a variety of sectors and practice your interviewing techniques with them in order to prepare for the real thing!

*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*

## Lecture by "Biggest Loser" Contestant—Chris Blackburn

February 29 from 6-7:30pm at the Hoff Theater in the Stamp Student Union

Listen to former "Biggest Loser" contestant, Chris Blackburn, talk about the struggles he had with obesity and body image prior to the show and how it he made a change to live a healthier life. His story is an inspiration and hopefully it will inspire you to live a healthier life too!



Check out our website at: <http://www.studentorg.umd.edu/prim/>

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