

## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

It is never too early for your student to be thinking about their career goal. The Career Center prepares students to identify and engage in their chosen professions with excellence and integrity. We serve as a connection between education and a student's career objectives by providing students with opportunities and resources for professional career development.

We invite you to partner with us by encouraging your student to begin considering their career goals, and to utilize the resources that the Career Center has to offer.

We suggest that students visit the Career Center at least one time per semester to stay up to date on important events, and to ensure that they are on track to not just graduate, but to graduate with a plan!

### THERE ARE FOUR MAJOR STEPS IN CAREER PREPARATION THAT WE FOCUS ON:

- Choosing a Major within one's Identified Strengths and Skills
- Creating a Career Path
- Developing Professionally
- Obtaining Internships and Employment

### THE PRACTICAL SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO MAKE THIS A REALITY INCLUDE:

- Handshake – An online platform where students can make appointments with the Career Center team, apply for on and off-campus employment, see upcoming events, and access online resources and videos.
- Resume, Cover Letter, LinkedIn, and Handshake Profile Reviews
- Mock Interviews
- Career Path and Internship Guidance Appointments
- Career Fairs
- Employer Information Sessions
- Major and Career Assessments
- Classroom Presentations

As the practices of the job market has shifted to be more virtual, the Career Center has arranged all of our services to serve students both in person and online. During the virtual appointments, the Career Center staff takes time to state the value in online professionalism and presence.

We understand that the career exploration journey can seem overwhelming at times, but it is our desire to come alongside students, give them guidance, and provide opportunities so that when they graduate they can confidently answer the inevitable question... "So what now?"

-Career Center Staff