This academic year the newsletter has highlighted our TREK matrix. You’ll notice a hiking boot logo on all our marketing materials indicating an event that includes components to strengthen a Transition, provide you Resources, encourage you to Explore, or assist in the acquisition of Knowledge. This month focuses on K = Knowledge.

The spring semester is a time to reflect on the year that has quickly passed. What did you learn? Are you a different person from the one who entered KSC in August, 2014. What have been your triumphs and your challenges? The transitions you have experienced, the resources you have accessed, and the areas of your life and campus you have explored all provide you with knowledge you will use as you move forward. Fortunately, our capacity for knowledge is almost limitless so continuing to add to your knowledge base is ongoing.

This month we focus on two events of many to provide you with information that will be important to your time at Keene State. Visit the spring Career and Internship Fair on Friday, March 27th from 2:30-5:00 in Spaulding Gym. To date, 75 employers, companies, and organizations are registered for you to meet, investigate, and find out more about current internships and jobs they may offer. Take a look at upcoming events for all the things happening during Career Week at KSC preceding the Career and Internship Fair.

On Monday, March 30th registration for Fall, 2015 classes begins. The fall schedule is available on Student Planning beginning March 9th. Now is the time to make an appointment with your advisor for course planning purposes. Give us a call at 603-358-2500 if you need direction. Plan on visiting us for Drop In Advising in Mason Library from Monday, March 30th through Friday, April 10

Spring is a wonderful time at Keene State especially after such a long winter. I invite you to continue your TREK in learning all you can about yourself and the community around you. Have a nice Spring Break.
Plan now for Fall Classes with “STUDENT PLANNING”

Registration for Fall semester courses will be here before you know it! Now is the time to check out our new feature on MyKSC called “Student Planning” to plan your Fall schedule and register for classes. Some of you may have used it last semester – here is some information about “Student Planning” for those of you who did not.

To get to Student Planning:
- Go to MyKSC Login on the KSC homepage and log in
- Click on Student Services - Student Planning

Then click on the My Progress tab to view which courses you have taken and those you need to complete your degree.

To search for Fall courses, click on the Plan and Schedule tab. Be sure to change your semester to Fall 2015. Then search for classes to see what is offered in the Fall and when.

Also, be sure to meet with your faculty advisor or one of our advisors in Academic and Career Advising to be sure you are taking the correct courses for degree progress.

If you need help, please call the ACA Front Desk at 603-358-2500 to set up an appointment with an academic advisor or attend Drop-in Advising March 30 – April 10 in the Mason Library.

Employers Are Hiring!

The final semester of college goes quickly. There is excitement, sadness, fear, and anxiety. Many seniors are wondering if they can find jobs related to their liberal arts major. They worry that the job market is still shaky. We’re happy to say that there is a lot of positive news both about the job market and the value of a liberal arts major.

Current Employment Picture
According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), salary offers to college graduates have been increasing each year. NACE has also found that hiring of graduates is expected to increase 8.3% over last year. In fact, according to USA Today, this is one of the strongest years for hiring with “job growth approaching or exceeding the estimated 15-year high reached in 2014.” This is reflected by the number of job and internship postings in JobWISE, KSC’s job and internship posting board. Employers are posting there because they want to talk to and hire KSC students. Yet, JobWISE is underutilized by KSC students.

Our March 27th Career & Internship Fair will be in the Spaulding Gym this spring. We already have 75 employers registered to attend, making this the largest KSC career fair ever. Many of these employers want to talk to Liberal Arts students. You’ll see a range of opportunities from business to non-profits to service to science and technology.

The Value of a Liberal Arts Major
According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), nearly all employers surveyed said that “a demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than [a candidate’s] undergraduate major.” These employers want students with skills developed through their major coupled with practical experience. These experiences will come from internships, research, community service, work, and student activities.

Career Resources Available to KSC Students and Alumni
Students can schedule an individual career appointment with ACA’s Career Advisors by calling 603.358.2500 or stopping by our office on the first floor of Elliot Center. Students and alumni should register in JobWISE to find the latest postings for internships and full and part-time jobs. We offer a number of spring career events including RESUMANIA!, Graduate School Prep, How to Prepare for the Career Fair, and Career Clinics. Our website provides a range of resources to help students with all of their career needs.

It can be a little paralyzing thinking about the next stage of life after college. However, the best way to address that is to take action, reach out for assistance from ACA, and take advantage of all of our spring offerings. The sooner students start, the more prepared they will feel.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, March 9: Resume Writing for Non-Profits.

- Tuesday, March 24: Preparation Workshop for the Career & Internship Fair

- March 24 and 25: RESUMANIA!

- Friday, March 27: KSC Career & Internship Fair

- Monday, March 30: Registration for Fall 2015 Classes begins.

- Thursday, April 16: KSC Career Clinic 2 - Spring 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!