Making the Connection Between Academics and Careers

It’s never too early to start pairing academic majors and future careers. In fact, picturing what you want to do in your future is often easier than identifying an academic major.

Academic and Career Advising (ACA) often calls our advising services a continuum from the first day of your KSC career to graduation and beyond into alumni years. Keene State offers many practical experiences for new students that align with an academic path. You might be interested in undergraduate research or finding a club or organization that provides your major with greater dimension or relevancy. Consider community service or an internship. Part-time jobs and summer experiences may be deciding factors in academic major searches as well as an excellent way to make connections.

Everything you do and all the opportunities you access have the potential to reinforce or clarify your academic path. No matter if you are a first year student or a rising senior the practical, co-curricular and professional experiences you participate in while at Keene State will demonstrate your value when you transition out.
The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) published the 2012 Job Outlook Survey identifying the skills and qualities employers are looking for. It’s never too early to start developing those skills and there are numerous ways at Keene State to do just that.

### What Employers Look For

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<td>Verbal and Written Communication Skills</td>
<td>Executive Board, Club/Organizations, Research on or off campus, present at the Academic Excellence Conference, Equinox, WKNH-DJ</td>
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<td>Strong Work Ethic</td>
<td>Create a new club, Academic Honor Societies, lead an ASB or International Service Trip, good grades + involvement</td>
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<td>Teamwork Skills</td>
<td>Sports-Athletic Team, Intramural Team, Executive Board of Club, Group Research Project, Equinox</td>
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<td>Obtain, Process and Analyze Information</td>
<td>Lab Assistant, Graphic Design Intern, Social Activities Council (choose entertainment/process contracts)</td>
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<td>Initiative</td>
<td>Organize a fundraising event through club/community service office</td>
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<td>Problem Solving and Decision Making</td>
<td>Director for a play, choreographer, Dance Team President, Student Government or Class Officer, Study Abroad</td>
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<td>Ability to Plan, Organize &amp; Prioritize Work</td>
<td>SAC, Event or Fundraising Coordinator, Research, Do well academically and involvement</td>
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<td>Interpersonal Skills</td>
<td>Tour Guide-Admissions Office, Orientation Leader, Peer Advisor, Global Education Ambassador, Big Brothers/Big Sisters</td>
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<td>Computer Skills</td>
<td>Use social media to promote club/event/etc., Oversee club website, Design flyers, posters, videos for club/organization, Organization Treasurer-create budgets/financial spreadsheets/spending reports</td>
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<td>Flexibility/Adaptability</td>
<td>Study Abroad, ASB or International Service Trip, plan an event</td>
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Click on the video links below for more great career advice from local employers.

Charlie Owusu  
**The TPI Staffing Group**

Alexis Putzel  
**C&S Wholesale Grocers**

Check out this article for more helpful advice:  
**10 Things New College Grads Must Do Now To Snag A Job**
UPCOMING EVENTS

♫ How to Make the Most of a Job Fair
   Tuesday, November 6
   4:00 p.m.
   Atrium Conference Room – Young Student Center

♫ Georgia Pacific Information Session*
   *For Safety and Occupational Health and Environmental Studies majors
   Wednesday, November 14
   12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
   TDS Building, Rm. 110
   Georgia Pacific Information Session Details – Registration is required

♫ Advice for Career Success – with KSC Alumnus Scott Ettl
   Thursday, November 15
   10:00 a.m.
   Madison Street Lounge

♫ Job and Internship Fair
   Thursday, November 15
   11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
   Science Center Lobby

Did you know Keene State College has over 100 Student Organizations and Clubs? Check them out.
http://www.keene.edu/young/sa/

Undergraduate research opportunities exist in all academic schools: Sciences and Social Sciences, Professional and Graduate Studies and Arts and Humanities. For more information access the Office of Sponsored Projects and Research’s website.
http://www.keene.edu/grants/

Are you looking for a part-time job or internship in the Monadnock region? Job Wise is a great resource for you.
http://www.keene.edu/aca/job_search.cfm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!