SUMMERTIME NETWORKING

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER VACATION

Summer and the Competitive Edge

Networking is a key element for successful transition from college to the professional world. It helps students: explore majors and careers; get leads on job and internship opportunities; and identify industry trends. It is never too soon to start the networking process. Many people are intimidated by networking not realizing we do it every day when we talk to friends, co-workers, even that person in line at the grocery store. Our best networks are often through people we already know. Here are some easy ways for you to start networking this summer:

Conduct Informational Interviews - Informational interviews are an opportunity to gain information and advice on career fields or job search strategies through one-on-one conversations with individuals working in a particular field. To learn more about informational interviewing go to: http://www.keene.edu/aca/infointerview.cfm

Create a LinkedIn Account (www.linkedin.com) - LinkedIn is a social network that allows members to connect with individuals, companies and professional groups. Through LinkedIn a student builds a professional network, gains information on career paths, learns about job opportunities and follows organizations. All KSC students and alumni are encouraged to join the “KSC Student and Alumni Career Network” on LinkedIn.

Join Professional Associations – Every industry has a professional organization which allows members to network at meetings, events, conferences and online. Attending meetings of local, state or regional chapters are a great opportunity to develop networks that will be helpful with career exploration and job search.

Considering a Summer Class?

Are you thinking about taking a class at home this summer? Academic and Career Advising can help! Perhaps there is a course you dropped this past year and you would like to make up the credits or maybe you know you will be very busy next fall and getting ahead of your credits might lighten your course load in the fall. We are happy to help you choose the best course to transfer back to Keene State College and even help you choose the best local college to take a course. Transferring in a course from another institution can be very easy but often students don’t realize there are a few things to consider before taking that class. One the first things to consider is, exactly what course do you need? Which course would make things easier for you down the road? Which courses do we not recommend you take?

If you are a New Hampshire resident check out NHTransfer.org. This is a terrific tool to identify courses at your local New Hampshire community college that will meet requirements at Keene State. Jen Drake-Deese and Phoebe Price, in ACA, work one on one with students on transfer related matters. Simply stop ACA or call 358-2500 or set-up an appointment with either one of us. We look forward to meeting with you and helping you to get a leg up this summer!
Bridget will be graduating in May with a dual major in Sociology and Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Her love for working with children and firsthand experience with the homeless population in Keene inspired her to apply to CityYear, a program whose mission is to fight the national dropout rate by committing itself to helping students stay in school. Bridget will be off to San Antonio, Texas later this summer as a CityYear Corps member for the 2013-2014 program. Asked what types of experiences she has found helpful in securing her new position, Bridget responded, “For the past two years I have had the privilege and honor to be a part of the Orientation Leader team. This experience has changed me in infinite ways. I believe this experience and my interdisciplinary majors have helped me obtain my new position as a CityYear Corps member for next year.”

Wrapping up in May with a degree in Applied Computer Science, Corey has landed the ultimate dream job as an operations engineer with Google’s Internal Technology Residency team. The two-year training program consists of three components that include front-line support, training and development and internal rotations allowing employees to learn Google’s internal technology from infrastructure to user end. Corey has had a number of experiences, including President of the Computer Science Honors Society, that led recruiters to seek him out after finding his profile on LinkedIn. Working as a student technician for the IT Group Helpdesk and as Webmaster for The Equinox, Corey explains how these experiences have been invaluable. “With providing support for the faculty/staff of Keene State College coupled with support of the IT Group staff and management, I have been able to advance my communication, technical and interpersonal skills. I am very thankful for the experiences that have been provided from the Helpdesk.”

Deena is the Keene State College Chapter President of the National Biological Honors Society and will be graduating with a degree in Biology. She has been accepted to the Ohio State University PhD program in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology and has an interest in developmental neurobiology. She would like to work in advocacy focusing on neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental disorders such as MS and Autism Spectrum. Along with her academic studies, Deena has been doing independent research for the past three years and has also been involved with a summer research program at Dartmouth. Coupled with co-curricular experiences, such as a member of the Orientation Staff and peer advisor for Academic and Career Advising, she states, “These experiences have allowed me to gain personal and leadership skills that have shaped my ability to be a strong, independent worker.” Deena has recently been awarded one of the 2013 Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Awards.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NHCUC Job and Internship Fair**
Thursday, April 4, 2013
2:00-5:00 pm
Center of NH – Radisson Hotel,
Manchester, NH
Click below for more details:

**The Graduate School Search & Application Process**
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
4:30 pm
Student Center, Atrium Conference Room
Click below for more details:

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**Summer Momentum**
A living-learning community-based educational experience
8 Week Summer Session: May 20th – July 12th

**Program Features**
- Eight-Week Summer Program for Keene State Freshman and Sophomores
- Improve GPA
- Catch up on courses and/or credits for class standing
- Explore major and career interests
- Earn 8 credits at a discounted rate
- Integrated residential experience (recommended)
- Academic and career advising
- Academic support and assistance
- SAVE $$$$$$

**Program Purpose and Overview**
Summer Momentum is an integrated summer school experience that provides students with the conceptual and tactical skills for decision-making and self-development through a living-learning community. Over an eight-week immersion experience, Summer Momentum provides the path for making lasting, substantive connections here at Keene State by integrating course work, residential study halls, evening and weekend activities, regular meetings with career advising, tutoring and mentoring. The overarching aim of the program is to provide the means for developing self-identity in order to foster responsible decision making for one’s future. In addition, the program aims towards helping students raise their grade point average, receive assistance in developing academic goals and career pursuits, as well as raising student awareness as to the structural support available at Keene State College.

**Participants**
Keene State College students who have just finished their freshman or sophomore year are encouraged to attend this summer session, specifically if they are looking to improve their GPA, find a solid direction for selecting a major area of study, and/or develop one’s decision making ability with a particular focus on choosing a career path. Summer Momentum helps connect students to key institutional support and delivers hands-on guidance that can help facilitate a more enriching academic and social experience at Keene State.

**Program Structure and Features**
Summer Momentum combines two 4-credit courses, a variety of academic support, and a residential living-learning community in order to achieve its mission. Evening events designed around academic and social development are conjoined with numerous one-on-one advising meetings aimed at helping a student select a college major and think through his/her career goals.

**Application Process**
Please complete the enclosed application and submit by April 15th, 2013 to:
Director of Continuing Education
Keene State College
229 Main St.
Keene, NH 03435-2605
The application process will include a brief interview. Once accepted, students will meet with academic advisors to select the elective course.