Know Your Opportunities

In the last issue of Campus Connection we shared the three things students need to know for college success:

Know Yourself 
Know Your Academic Plan 
Know Your Opportunities

This issue of Campus Connection will focus on knowing your opportunities. Getting actively engaged in your educational experiences (in and out of the classroom) helps you develop an understanding of yourself, explore majors and careers and develop skills sought by employers and graduate schools. So how can you get actively engaged?

**Internships** where you apply classroom knowledge to a professional setting.

**Undergraduate Research** where you critically investigate classroom concepts.

**Service Learning Courses** where you make a difference in the community and become civically engaged.

**Global Exchange** where you study away nationally or internationally learning to be a global citizen.

**Part-time jobs and work-study** where you begin to develop professional skills.

**Special Events** on-campus including speakers, panels, job fairs, etc. to build professional networks, learn about current events and explore majors and careers.

**Community/Volunteer Service** where you make a difference in the community and build professional skills.

**Student Clubs and Organizations** where you develop leadership and transferrable skills, make friends and have fun.

Get involved in your education and you’ll find ways to explore academic and career plans, identify opportunities and prepare for what happens beyond the bounds of campus.
JobWISE, KSC’s Employment and Internship Resource

If you are in search of a job or an internship, opportunities are a click away! JobWISE is the name of Keene State’s electronic job website which provides listings of part-time and full-time jobs as well as internships. JobWISE can be found at www.keene.edu/aca/job_search.cfm. Whether you are looking for part-time employment during the academic year, a seasonal job, a summer internship related to your major, or a professional position after graduation, JobWISE can help! Opportunities posted may be local, statewide, regional, national, or international. New opportunities are posted each week, so it’s important to visit the website often if you are looking for a job or internship. Career Advisors at Academic and Career Advising are happy to meet with you to provide assistance with job search skills, resume writing, interviewing, and networking. To make an appointment, please call (603) 358-2500.

Jobs That Make a Difference Panel Presentation

The Office of Academic and Career Advising hosted its annual panel presentation, Jobs That Make a Difference on Wednesday, October 16th in the Student Center. In attendance were Peace Corps, The Student Conservation Association, Americorps/VISTA, City Year, Teach for America, WWOOF and NISGUA and 60 students. Representatives from the seven volunteer and service-oriented organizations provided a short overview of their organization and then broke out into smaller groups for more focused discussions. The goal of this event is to make students familiar with some of the better-known non-profits and the opportunities they provide. All representatives spoke from personal experience as they had volunteered in their respective organizations. They gave accounts of how their involvement was life-changing and inspirational and provided them an opportunity to give back to local communities while working for social justice on a micro and global scale.

Click on these video links to learn more from students about how they connected their involvement at KSC with career paths.

Learn what Gabriella discovered by getting involved with Orientation

Learn how Kalie volunteered her time and found her career path

Learn how Jeff connected a campus presentation with coursework and finds a career interest
Elizabeth Pockl ’14
Major: Political Science
Minor: International Studies & Management

This past summer my life changed when I was welcomed into refugees’ homes with warm, loving smiles filled with appreciation. I was an intern at the International Institute of New England NH where I worked in the case management sector doing resettlement and placement (RP) and medical assistance. By assisting refugees with necessary appointments and support services, I was able to aid in their transition to US culture and self-sufficiency. The hands-on, one-on-one experience with clients helped me to understand the value of my education in a real life context, as this is what I have studied for at Keene State. The knowledge gained from classes about other cultures helped me to succeed in my internship. The fundamentals of my education in management, political science, and international studies were all used. This internship made me realize that I would like to help others around the world to have a safer and happier life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **How to Make the Most of a Job Fair**
  Wednesday, November 13
  4:00 p.m.
  Madison Street Lounge – Young Student Center

- **The Road to Career Success** – with KSC Alumnus Scott Ettl
  Thursday, November 21
  10:00 a.m.
  Madison Street Lounge – Young Student Center

- **Job and Internship Fair**
  Thursday, November 21
  1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  Mabel Brown Room – Young Student Center

Check This Out!
November 3-8, 2013
The 2013 Keene State College Symposium, “Finding Your Place in the Evolving Commons”. Topics and themes help us understand, locate, and take responsibility for our places in the public spaces we care about and cultivate.
Please visit the website at [http://sites.keene.edu/symposium2013/](http://sites.keene.edu/symposium2013/)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!