Helpful Ideas for Parents

Here are a few tips to help your student succeed!

Suggest visits to the Career Center where a staff of career counselors can help empower your student to choose a major and develop confidence in relevant career building skills.

Remember that choice of a major should reflect a student’s individual interests, skills and values in such a way that will support combining long-term job satisfaction with positive financial factors.

Keep in mind that there are shifts in the job market year to year, and no specific major guarantees an immediate position; CSM’s majors, minors and transferable skills are all highly valued by employers nationally and world-wide.

Support your student’s involvement in varied campus opportunities. Student organizations, sports, and artistic activities provide chances to practice leadership, teamwork, time management and other factors appreciated by employers.

Encourage (not nag) your student to pursue an internship relevant to future plans. Sometimes this is valuable to confirm a student is on the right path ... or will suggest a better career fit.

Practice your own networking! Your employer or other contacts might be able to offer internships, co-ops, or even full-time positions for the CSM students. If so, please pass on our information!
Welcome!
The Career Center staff is dedicated to the education of every student in certain specific valuable lifeskills:
- Career Exploration
- Self-Assessment
- Interview Preparation
- Networking
- Work/Life Balance

These skills are essential to enhancing relevance of the overall academic experience and creating a satisfying framework for life after graduation. From the first contact with the Career Center to signing an employment contract, students will find our office to be a helpful partner in this very important learning process.

Services

The CSM Career Center:
- Teaches students to know where to find resources for jobs/internships.
- Maintains the DiggerNet online recruiting system with job postings, online library of helpful guides and schedule of career events.
- Helps students critique and coach themselves through individual video mock interviews.
- Educates students in ways to be proactive in the career journey:
  - Resumes that reveal strengths
  - Research of potential employers
  - Communications tailored for success
- Helps students connect with Employers & Alumni to begin lifelong networking.
- Hosts Fall & Spring Career Days and presents many informative workshops.
- Posts positions for on-campus work study and even on-campus research opportunities.
- Initiates fun events for students, faculty, staff.

Career Center Website

In addition to all the live services offered, there is also the Career Center website for great self-directed career information! Visit and you'll see what we mean!

http://careers.mines.edu/

Here are just a few examples of what the Career Center website has to offer:
- Career Planning Resources
- Resources for Choosing a Major
- Career Day Guides with Contacts
- Co-op & Internship Information
- Job Searching Techniques & Tools
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Interviewing Skills and Tips
- DiggerNet Information
- Information for International Students

Don’t take our word for it! Mines students say:

“Thank you again for all the presentations and also for looking over my resume individually. Coming into college, I felt I was incessantly asked to make important decisions concerning things I had little to no experience with. Finding an internship or career feels very similar - that is why I am so thankful for your help!”
NH, Electrical Engineering

“The Career Center staff has been wonderful, and unbelievably helpful in finding internships and jobs.”
RR, Chemical Engineering

“I got multiple job offers and urge all students to take advantage of the great resources available at the very helpful Career Center.”
CO, Petroleum Engineering

Highlights

2007-2008 Placement and Average Salary
- B.S. Graduates - 94% $61,489
- M.S. Graduates - 95% $66,946
- PhD Graduates - 97% $78,345

Fall 2008 & Spring 2009 Career Days - The Most Employers Ever at CSM!

2009-2010 CAREER EVENTS
- September 1-11  Workshops
- September 15  Career Day
- September - November  Interviews
- February 9  Career Day
- February - April  Interviews
- Summer 2010  Internships/Jobs!

“You can’t win if you don’t play!”