Welcome to the beginning of the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year! It is great to see the campus so alive again with activity.

In this newsletter, you will find relevant and timely career information on topics that are of importance to you. This is one of many places you can turn to for information about internships, part-time jobs, and relevant (yet brief) career articles to help you manage your career. Make this newsletter a part of your weekly reading!

**EVENTS**

Mark your calendar for these “don’t miss” events. All of these events are **free**. For more information or to RSVP contact the Crouse Center at 630-844-6870.

**Monday, September 20**
Deadline to submit resumes for Illinois Small College Placement Association Interview Day. For more information visit [www.iscpa.org](http://www.iscpa.org)

**Wednesday, September 22 • 5:00–6:00 p.m.**
“Writing Personal Statements that Get Attention”  
*Presented by Donette Considine, Assistant Provost, George Williams College of Aurora University and Aurora University Woodstock Center*  
University Banquet Hall • Pizza provided • RSVP required

**Monday, September 27**
Graduate Entrance Testing I  
*Presented by Lisa Piemonte, Graduate Products Manager, Kaplan*  
LSAT • 2:45–5:30 p.m., Institute for Collaboration 318  
GRE • 3:30–5:00 p.m., Institute for Collaboration 316

**Thursday, September 30**
Graduate Entrance Testing II  
Presented by Lisa Piemonte, Graduate Products Manager, Kaplan  
MCAT • 3:00–6:30 p.m., Dunham Hall 101  
GMAT • 4:00–7:00 p.m., Dunham Hall 102

**Saturday, October 9 • 10:30 a.m.–noon**
Saturday Success Series — Resumé Writing and Cover Letter Composition  
Perry Theatre • Aurora Foundation Center  
To register, call 630-844-5482, e-mail alumni@aurora.edu or visit [www.aurora.edu/alumni](http://www.aurora.edu/alumni)  
For Seniors and Alums
Friday, October 15 • 8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Illinois Small College Placement Association Interview Day
Ashton Place, Willowbrook, IL

Wednesday, October 27 • 5:00–6:00 p.m.
“Say What?: Graduate Interviewing”
Presented by Brenda Barnwell, Assistant Professor of Social Work
University Banquet Hall • Pizza provided • RSVP required

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are available internship opportunities. It is not too late to register for a second 8-week of the semester internship. Information along with the applications is available on-line at [http://www.aurora.edu/academics/resources/crouse-center/internships/student-internship-information.html](http://www.aurora.edu/academics/resources/crouse-center/internships/student-internship-information.html)

**Futura Language Professionals**, a community-based organization, has an immediate need for dynamic individuals to teach part-time Spanish! We provide Spanish training for elementary children before and after school. The pay rate is $28.00/hour. We offer paid training, a competitive salary, room for advancement and a comprehensive curriculum. We use songs, games and cultural training to teach Spanish in a fun atmosphere. We are looking for Students in Education or Spanish with a minimum of Junior or Senior standing, All applicants must have experience with children, own transportation, and have near Spanish fluency. No certification required. We come in and do written observations of your class, which are great to use with professors or for future endeavors! The available classes are currently: Thursdays: 3:30-4:30, 3:05-4:05 in the St. Charles, Elburn, and Montgomery areas. If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: Rachel Eliasek, RachelE@futuraadventures.com or visit [www.futuraadventures.com](http://www.futuraadventures.com)

Make sure you join the Career Development page on Moodle or on Facebook search for Aurora University Career Development

**CAREER ARTICLE**

What Should I Do? Three steps to choosing a career
by Michelle Tullier

A professional wrestler runs for governor of Minnesota and wins. The owner and pastry chef of my neighborhood bakery is a former investment banker. A friend from college, who was a computer scientist for seven years, now makes her living as a sailboat captain in Seattle. How did these people get where they are today? Through a combination of luck, confidence and lots of self-awareness.

As you contemplate where your own career might take you, it’s impossible to know what opportunities fate may throw your way. What you can do, however, is identify your interests, talents and values, then explore occupations that might make good use of them. Follow the three-step process below and discover what makes you happy.
Step One
Figure out what makes you tick. Ask yourself these questions:
1. What grabs (and holds) my interest?
2. What do I do well?
3. What kind of personality do I have?
4. What’s really important to me?

Take any career-related tests, like the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator or the Keirsey Temperament Sorter. Or think of times when you’ve enjoyed and excelled at a class, job, internship or aspect of your personal life. A great book to read for help with this process is Do What You Are by Paul Tieger and Barbara Barron-Tieger.

Step Two
Learn about your career options. Rarely do you have the opportunity to take a class in school that shows you what the work world is like. You have to take the initiative to explore it yourself. Career counselors have a library of books that describe different kinds of work, the typical qualifications needed, and the salary ranges for various occupations. You can also find profiles of career fields at the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) website. Also, talk to people through informational interviews, and try out careers by shadowing and taking internships or part-time jobs.

Step Three
Sort out your priorities. After you’ve spent time on steps one and two, some of your strong preferences may start to emerge. You might learn you don’t want to be in a corporate environment; that rules out investment banking. Or you might find that your interest in art wouldn’t sustain a career, so you cross those types of jobs off your list. Whatever it is that you learn about yourself, you’re making important discoveries that will help you choose a good career when the time comes.

Most importantly, keep it all in perspective. Remember that you don’t have to live forever with any career decision you make. Most people change careers several times over their lives, so the thing you choose to do right after high school or college will most likely not be your career forty or fifty years from now, unless you want it to be. So don’t put too much pressure on yourself to make the perfect decision. And always keep your eyes open.

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