Career Services Helps Students at All Levels of Career Development

Career Services consists of six professional counselors who specialize in career development; they work within a theoretical background to help students and alumni explore, discover, and connect their personal definition of career to the world of work. There is also a team of individuals working with employers and alumni, as well as an internship coordinator.

Career counselors assist students through the career development process, and work collaboratively with faculty and staff to ensure that our students become life-long learners in the pursuit of career satisfaction. The information below will help you understand the importance of Career Services in student development, as well as describe how Career Services might best support you in your role as a faculty mentor.

What is career development?

Career development starts when a student begins to decide on a major and think about what might happen after college. We encourage students to:

• begin a process of self-exploration, learning about personal interests, skills, personality and values.
• connect their self-knowledge to majors and career goals.
• gain experience through internships or volunteer positions.
• launch themselves into the job market with a comprehensive set of job search tools.

When can I refer a student to Career Services?

Our counselors have the training and skills to support you as you work with students making career-related decisions. In addition to counseling, our counselors often use career assessments such as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), Strong Interest Assessment, and the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey. Please refer a student to Career Services when he or she:

• lacks a career direction and cannot make a decision.
• has self-doubts or confusion, and lacks self-awareness.
• loves the major, but doesn’t know where to take it.
• has a career goal, but needs help putting it into action.
• wants to find an internship, job shadowing or volunteer experience.
• is ready to start the job search, and needs assistance with networking, resume, and interviewing.

What resources can be found in Career Services?
In addition to our comprehensive in-house Career Library, we have a “Faculty & Staff” link on our main site at careers.slu.edu which features:

- What to Do With A Major?
- CareerLink (Username: faculty Password: careerservices)
  - Hundreds of job, internship and on-campus opportunities for SLU students
  - Information on upcoming career-related events
  - Sigi3 (an interactive career assessment tool)
  - Reference USA (a company and industry research tool)
  - Going Global (an international and national job seeker’s guide)
- Interfolio (an on-line, credential file management tool)

**Are there other Career Services events and activities?**

- Fall and Spring Career Fair (participants include employers and grad schools)
- Major Fair, Networking Events, Etiquette Dinner
- On-Campus Interviewing (in which employers come to campus to recruit students)
- PSYA 194 Career Decision Making
- Automatic résumé critique for students in CareerLink
- Daily walk-in services for students
- Career Development Week (a celebration of career development with various activities & events)

**Are there opportunities for collaboration?**

- Become a mentor to whom we can refer students deciding on or changing majors.
- Refer employers to Scott Plowman, Assistant Director of Employer Relations. Scott will post job opportunities into CareerLink, so all students in your discipline have access to the position. He also develops relationships with employers.
- Work with our new internship coordinator to develop experiential opportunities.
- Invite a representative from Career Services to conduct a presentation to your class; we are available to present on a variety of career development or job search topics.

**How can I refer a student to Career Services?**

Our counselors are generalists, in that they work with deciding students and students from all majors and schools. They are also specialists, working with students from a specific discipline. **Students can make an appointment with a career counselor by calling 977-2828.**

For additional information, visit the Faculty link on our website (http://careers.slu.edu).

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