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Graduation Expectations?

Lucky you! This is the month to get things done. Destination Graduation events are taking place on all campuses in February. Why? Because graduation does not just “happen” – you earn it by completing all requirements in your degree plan with a minimum of 2.0 GPA – and this must be verified before you take that glorious walk across the stage in your stunning gown and tasseled cap. Again, as luck would have it, your Advising and Career Services staff is ready with job search tips and techniques – from resume help and mock interview practice to dress for success salons and website wonder lists. Check out the CSM calendar online for specifics and contact your local campus Career Advisor to register right away...today! Meanwhile, to help you warm up to the idea, consider these hot highlights:

February 15	Leonardtown Campus	Destination Graduation – 12 - 6 p.m.
February 23	La Plata Campus	Destination Graduation – 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
February 24	Prince Frederick	Destination Graduation – 12 - 6 p.m.

(with additional events taking place the entire week of February 22nd, so call for specifics!)

At each of these events graduation candidates (is that YOU?) can apply for graduation, order announcements, get cap/gown information, have portraits taken with photo on disk to take home, and most exciting of all – receive great job search and career advising tips!

On the La Plata Campus, Career Services will provide the following additional activities:

10 - 11 a.m. **Hear what local employers** have to say about getting hired!

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Resume Rx, Practice Interviews & immediate feedback, Job Search**

Web sites -All FREE! There is a onetime fee for graduation application process. Contact Career Services today or go online to register for Destination Graduation and Beyond.

There’s no time like the present. No day like today. No reason to hesitate on celebrating!

Puzzling Pause

Not unlike a pregnant pause, fraught with anticipation, we take a moment to regroup in TP puzzle world. What shall it be – boxes? Triplets? Conjured nonsense? Here’s a thought:

Let’s consider that it is February – aka Heart Month, Cupid’s Corner – and dust of an old favorite (okay, we liked it anyway?) Select two or three companies for merger/marriage and come up with an appropriately creative new name for the blended corporation. For example, if Comcast and J. Crew combined forces, the new name might be Cast & Crew – right, not so funny, but it does give you an idea of the challenge presented, right? Just get busy pairing a few odd company names. When you’re sure you have a winner, send it to the Career Center via tracys@csmd.edu. May the best merger emerge victorious with a love match.

4 C the Future?

Might actually be a very bright job future if you can display confidence, courtesy, curiosity, and competence (4 C’s) – according to an online article found on the “web site of the month” for graduates and job seekers. Go to www.jobweb.org and you will find a bundle of suggestions designed specifically to help the new graduate connect with a successful job future. The web site and advice is presented by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). Now that’s a pretty exciting partnership, isn’t it? You bet. Articles include resume checklists, internship benefits in a slow job market, and a few signs that the job outlook might just be improving for the class of 2010 and beyond. Good news!

Ask the Wiz

The Wizard of Work answers your career questions and concerns!

Dear Wiz: I guess it makes sense that I’d be asking this question in February, the great month for lovers. Here goes: my S.O.

(significant other) is being transferred to another state and I need to follow or risk losing at long-distance love. How can I do an effective job search before moving?

Dear SO-SO: Since it is Heart Month we’ll assume that the significance is mutual and not attempt to burst your love bubble. Conduct a long-distance job search by using resources and online services for researching companies – seek help from real estate firms, chambers of commerce, as well as state job listings. Understand that job markets vary in opportunities, salaries, and boss’ expectations. So, be prepared for changing more than just addresses.

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Online Job Posting

Student Employment and General Job Listings, too!

Questions/Concerns?

Get in touch with Career Services

La Plata Campus

301-934-7569

Leonardtown Campus

240-725-5300, ext. 5323

Prince Frederick Campus

443-550-6024

Have a heart this month -

Send a Valentine!

CSM Career Center Locations: AD 103 301-934-7569 Walk in or call for an appointment

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.