

CAREER TIPS FOR SENIORS

Take a Deep Breath! We are living in unprecedented times. Everyone is finding their way now, and no one is quite certain when and how we will emerge from this pandemic. The one thing we can be sure of is that **we will come out of it**, and we will be more resilient as a result. Here are some things that you can do to **PREPARE**.

- Use this time to plan and make a strategy. Where will you be for the summer? What companies are in that immediate area? Check Handshake <https://web.uri.edu/career/handshake/> and their web pages to see if there are positions posted. Who is hiring? Can you apply?
- Where did you work last summer? Is there a possibility that they will hire you back? You have an advantage. You know their business. You don't have to be trained. Use what you know to your advantage.
- Get your documents in order. Have your **resume** proofed one final time by the College of Business' Career Office. Have you added all the new information? When there is an opportunity you want to be ready to apply immediately!
- Practice your **elevator pitch**. What can you offer a company? Identify your strengths and skills are be able to articulate them in a confident manner.
- What does your **LinkedIn Profile** <https://www.linkedin.com/> look like? Have you updated it? Does it highlight your strengths in your headline (the line under your name)? Are your special certifications and language competencies listed?
- Stay connected with your **network**. Have you been a member of a fraternity, sorority or professional association? Reach out to the national membership directors and see how you can connect with other members.
- Develop a Plan B. Can you do another internship this summer? Can you enroll with an agency for temporary or contract employment? The important thing is to develop skills and stay connected in the workplace.

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