The Center for Career Development partners with seniors to pursue their career goals and prepare for a successful transition from college to post-Davidson life.

We’re here to empower you to pursue your path, whether you are planning to go to graduate school, exploring fellowships, or working to land your first job. We’ll guide and support you as you prepare to embark on your life of leadership and service.

Critical Steps: Two things you really **must** do this year!

1. **Get Involved Early**
   - Visit the CCD early in the fall semester—or even during the summer—to begin implementing your senior year plans.
   - Recruiting timelines and strategies vary depending on the industry. Application deadlines for fellowships, scholarships, and graduate and professional schools also differ by program focus (business, law, medical, etc.) and competitiveness. Visit the CCD early to make the most of resources and programs that can position you for success.

2. **Stay Informed**
   - Through emails and social media, the CCD keeps students informed of opportunities, events, and programs of interest. Read the Weekly Digest email containing job and fellowship postings in Handshake, upcoming recruiting visits, deadlines, and program and event details. Review targeted emails that complement your indicated career interests in Handshake. Follow the CCD on social media to receive up-to-the-minute information.

Enhance your success by following these additional steps

- **Boost Your Skills**
  - Interviewing, networking, preparing your elevator pitch, applying for fellowships, scholarships, or graduate/professional school, and resume/cover letter development all require skills for success. Meet with your CCD advisor to develop strong skills and materials in all facets of your professional development.

- **Leverage The Network**
  - Optimize the Davidson network of dedicated and successful alumni, parents, and champions. This is your best resource to get ahead and meet your career goals. Leverage DCAN and LinkedIn to optimize your search.

- **Meet Employers & Grad Schools**
  - Participate in on-campus events to engage with alumni and other employers interested in hiring Davidson graduates. Connect with representatives from graduate schools and fellowship and scholarship programs. Network for success and begin applying in the fall semester for post-Davidson opportunities.

- **Reach Out To Your Contacts**
  - Keep your allies and advocates informed of your progress as you finalize applications to jobs, fellowships and scholarships, and graduate schools. Keep fostering these relationships and continuing to build others.

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