In junior year, your career development journey will progress further as you clarify and refine your career goals, while heightening the confidence and competence that comes from real world experience. This is also the time to challenge and enhance your self-marketing skills. Junior year is a key time to secure an internship or begin preparing applications for graduate school. The Center for Career Development will partner with you as you advance on each step toward success.

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

1. Connect on Campus
   Participating in on-campus events hosted by the Center for Career Development is crucial to identifying and securing professional opportunities including internships and post-graduate roles or acceptance to graduate school.

   Take advantage of on-campus recruiting events covering a variety of industries and interesting career paths. Connect with employers and graduate schools through fairs, lunch & learns, information sessions, dinner events, interviews and career panels. Stay up-to-date through Handshake and the Weekly Digest and register for all relevant events.

2. Secure an Internship
   Securing an internship, research experience or cultural/academic immersive experience is vital to ensure you optimize your post-Davidson success.

   Leverage Handshake and the Center for Career Development to identify, apply to and interview for internships, research positions, fellowships and cultural immersion opportunities abroad. These are highly competitive positions, so work with us to ensure your success in gaining this crucial experience and asset to showcase on your résumé or CV.

Amplify your success by taking some of these additional steps

- **Interview**
  Your first impression is lasting. Ensure you are best prepared for self-advocacy and to articulate your professional brand by taking advantage of the interview preparation offerings through the Center for Career Development.

- **Focus**
  Already, you are familiar with DCAN to search for and connect with advisors. Now you should refine and focus your activities to connect with advisors for targeted career coaching in the professional fields in which you are interested in pursuing post-Davidson.

- **Clarify**
  Leverage the available resources to conduct another experience through the Job Shadowing Externship Program or participate in a career trek. Gain valuable insights and experience in the professional world and build your connections for internships and graduate opportunities, including graduate school.

- **Brand**
  Strategically showcase your knowledge, abilities and accomplishments to further cultivating your online brand. Follow organizations and thought leaders in your fields of interest to keep up on trends and participate in social media conversations through Davidson blogs and platforms.