

Career Opportunities Student Success Stories

The counselors of Career Opportunities guided me from being an undecided student to obtaining an internship in just two years. Countless counseling appointments and even more resume critiques served as the foundation of my development. The counselors' broad knowledge of many subjects was invaluable. With their help, I am currently an accounting intern with Saft America, Inc. I recommend that my friends and all students seek career counseling. The staff is trained to advise students in career development and I believe students should take advantage of their advice.



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Avius Nicole Poole
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I took the COOPS 2000 class with Mrs. Goode which was extremely helpful. Mrs. Goode went out of her way to constantly edit my resume and cover letter and make sure I understood the changes she was making. She also recommended me to the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce where I received an internship and got the opportunity to enhance skills that I am valuable in my job now. I now serve as an Event Coordinator for Charles Koch Institute. Ms. Poole has the following job search advice. Make it a habit. Job hunting has to become a part of you DNA for you to be successful so get a binder, a list of jobs you are applying to, create a chart, and track what jobs you have applied to and make sure you follow up. Employers are out there, you just have to be willing to do the work to find them.

Not only does Career Opportunities help job seekers, but they also assist those who are interested in applying for graduate school. Take advantage of the service! Mr. Michael Kitchens provided professional help for my graduate school admissions essays. He revised and offered valuable insight on improving my essays. He definitely deserves some credit for my acceptance into the Master of Science in Managerial Science program at Georgia State University. After graduating in December 2014, I am enjoying my break before returning to school in August 2015. Hopefully, I will earn a graduate assistant position during my master's program. Besides being a nanny, I spend leisure time volunteering with Hands On Atlanta and travelling with family/friends.



Miranda Richardson
Management Major

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Bobbi Hancock
Sociology Major

Landed a position as a Sociology Faculty Member at South GA State College after completing MA in Sociology. I worked exclusively with Kevin Taylor. He was instrumental in helping me to organize my resume by pointing out the areas of experience that I possessed that were most important for the types of jobs that I was looking for. He also helped me to design a dynamic cover letter and told me about CareerShift, which was instrumental to me during my job search. Kevin was very easy to work with and he encouraged me to look for jobs in places that I would have never thought to look. There is no doubt that Kevin's help gave me a much greater chance of securing a great career. Because of his help, I now have a job that before I could have only dreamed of!

I currently work for Auto-Owners Insurance as an auto claims representative. The Career Opportunities office helped me transition into the world of work by improving my résumé, helping me broaden my job search, and by helping me sharpen my interviewing skills.

What advice would you give to current students about career planning and job search?

Start now, even if you are a freshman, go to the Career Opportunities website and look at all the resources they offer to help you. If you have an idea of what type of career you want to have do some research on how you can obtain that career. If you aren't sure what type of career you would like do research on what types of careers you can have with your major.



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Career Opportunities helped me prepare for my job search by helping me with my resume. They also gave me great tips for interviewing and a handout on questions that an interviewer for an education position would ask. I would tell current students to utilize Career Opportunities! They are great and are willing to help you anyway they can. I was offered a position as an Elementary Teacher for Orange County Schools, FL

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