



How To Network at the Career Xchange

- 1. Prepare & Practice:** Prepare and practice your self-introduction before the event. Include your name, area of interest, and former internships or other relevant experiences. Define your goals for the event, such as learning more about a certain career or available opportunities at a specific company.
- 2. Attitude Check:** Decide to be positive before you even walk through the door. When you talk with someone, be courteous and show a sincere interest in what they say and they will be more open to answering your questions.
- 3. Commonalities:** Before you approach someone, prepare an interesting tidbit to say that you may have in common. For example, you can discuss professors and classes with an alumnus, events from your hometown with an employer from your area, or other relevant experiences with people.
- 4. Risk It:** In the event that someone is not interested in you, make sure that you continue to introduce yourself to others in order to learn about new careers and meet new people. You never know who may help you later.

Environmental Justice Project

The Environmental Justice Project works to ensure that no group of people, regardless of race or income level, has to deal with worse environmental issues than any other group. They work with the poor and those racially discriminated against to keep out pollution and clean up the streets of different neighborhoods. The Project's Assistant Intern helps raise awareness about these issues, contacts local organizations for help, coordinates community outreach and service programs, and works with the website. If you are interested in law, social work, environmental studies, or simply helping out the world around you, this internship could be the right one for you.

Questions? Login to Neointern.net from www.hiram.edu/career under the "Internship" link.

Career Xchange

Thursday, December 3, 2009
3:00—5:00 P.M.

Location: TBA

Part of *Education That Works*

The Career Center is hosting alumni to share their career experiences and information about their employers with students.

Senior Networking Reception with alumni to follow immediately after from 5:00—6:00 P.M.

Cookie Week

December 7-11, 2009
9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

Career Center,
Hinsdale 101

Come decorate your own sugar cookie with different icing and sprinkles! Celebrate the holidays early with a yummy cookie and stick around to look at some of the Career Center's resources while you're here.

The Career Center is located on the side of Hinsdale with the ramp.

Looking for an Internship Alternative?

Volunteer.

- Learn the valuable skills of patience and hard work
- Improve your resume
- Go abroad— global volunteering helps you to impact the world, learn another language, and experience its culture.
- Most are affordable and offer programs in the kind of work that you're interested in, such as social work by volunteering with orphanages or biologists by creating catalogues of animal species for parks.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities, check out HiramNet's Career page under Internships and

Confused About Majors?

Choosing a major usually isn't easy. One way to identify possible majors is to take a personality test. PersonalityType.com is one great example of a personality test that can help you determine your career interests. There are four basic categories with two options each:

1. Extrovert or Introvert
2. Sensory or Intuitive
3. Thinker or Feeler
4. Judger or Perceiver

Once you finish selecting from these, the website will give you a four-letter code. Go back to the Home page and select your personality type to look at possible industries. Then select a career and click on "Get Info" to find out more. Using this information, you can determine what major(s) might be interesting to you!

To access PersonalityType.com or other personality tests, go to www.hiram.edu/career and click on the "Learn About Yourself" link.