



FIRST-YEAR SELF-AWARENESS AND EXPLORATION

Understand yourself, your passions, strengths, motivations, personal values and get acquainted with the resources available at Monmouth. Learn to apply your passions, strengths, motivations, and personal values to your activities in college.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

What activities did you like in high school?

What classes interest you most?

What are your skills, values and interests?

What doesn't interest you?

How can you get involved with the Monmouth College community?

THINGS TO DO

- SETTLE** into [campus](#) and [academic](#) life
- FIND** appropriate campus resources ([Writing Center](#), [Wackerle Center for Career, Leadership and Fellowships](#), [Counseling Services](#), [Office of Global Engagement](#), [Academic Support Services](#))
- DEVELOP** relationships with classmates, upperclassmen, faculty, staff and Monmouth College alumni
- REGISTER** on [Handshake](#) to customize your account and see career-related opportunities
- SUBMIT** a resume and cover letter for review to wackerle@monmouthcollege.edu or stop in to make an appointment with a career coach
- ATTEND** career and leadership events (fairs, & career and leadership development workshops)
- EXPLORE** personality assessments such as [Focus 2 and MBTI](#) (located under "Major and Career Resources") to better understand your skills, values and interests and how they align with your professional pursuits



SOPHOMORE YEAR COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Create positive change by learning to work with others through community service activities (YMCA, United Way, Warren Achievement Center and more), and campus involvement (Fraternity and Sorority Life, Athletics – Varsity and Intramural, Clubs and Organizations).

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

What leadership roles can you pursue within your student organizations?

What classes have you done well in and enjoyed the most?

What service opportunities have you been or are you interested in being a part of?

What transferrable skills are you developing in your work-study, volunteer, classroom or co-curricular experiences?

THINGS TO DO

- RESEARCH** career options that align with skills, values, and interests based on first year experiences – visit the Wackerle Center – we can help!
- UPDATE** resumes and cover letters with new experiences and relevant coursework and submit them for review to wackerle@monmouthcollege.edu or schedule an appointment with a career coach
- REVIEW AND UPDATE** profile in Handshake and LinkedIn
- DECLARE** a major/concentration after discussing options with your academic advisor
- CONCEPTUALIZE** a career plan with a Wackerle Career advisor
- IDENTIFY** individuals in your network via LinkedIn, and by connections made through volunteer/service opportunities, part-time jobs and other involvements on campus
- SCHEDULE** informational interviews to learn more about industries, organizations, and positions
- APPLY** to internships, volunteer opportunities, and/or study abroad experiences that interest you



JUNIOR YEAR ORGANIZATION AND EXPERIENCE

Position yourself for a meaningful summer experience, pursue leadership opportunities as you learn to work with others to develop into an effective leader.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How can you apply the impact you made within the classroom, student organizations, and service opportunities to your internship applications?

What summer opportunities (internships, research, part-time jobs, service opportunities, study abroad) seem like the right fit for you?

Have you built your network in industries or organizations you've targeted?

Are you familiar with hiring timelines and how to prepare for interviews?

THINGS TO DO

- REVIEW** your Handshake and LinkedIn
- UPDATE** your career action plan with your career advisor in the Wackerle
- ATTEND** career fairs, grad fairs, career workshops, informational sessions etc. to build your network
- FOLLOW UP** with contacts made through career fairs, grad fairs, informational sessions
- FAMILIARIZE** yourself with industry publications and websites to further prepare for the job search
- TAILOR** your resume specifically for the jobs and internships for which you are applying (and have it reviewed in the Wackerle Center)
- APPLY** to internships, research, volunteer opportunities, and/or study abroad experiences that interest you
- EVALUATE** internship offers carefully before accepting. Discuss with family, career advisors and trusted mentors



SENIOR YEAR TRANSITION

Apply the culmination of your Monmouth College experience to live a meaningful life and pursue a successful career!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Where do you see yourself in the next 1-2 years after college?

Are you still interested in pursuing an advanced degree?

Have you received and carefully considered full-time offers?

THINGS TO DO

- UPDATE** your career action plan with your full-time plans in mind. The Wackerle Center for Career, Leadership and Fellowships will help you reflect upon the culmination of your experiences, projects and coursework
- REVIEW** Handshake and LinkedIn profiles
- TAILOR** your resume and cover letter to the industry you are pursuing
- FOLLOW UP** with contacts made through career fairs, grad fairs, information sessions
- DISCUSS** graduate school application timelines with a career coach, academic advisor or trusted mentor
- BE MINDFUL** of hiring timelines for different industries and focus on your personal career path
- SCHEDULE** a mock interview with the Wackerle Center for Career, Leadership and Fellowships
- RESEARCH** cost of living and relocation resources before committing to an offer
- SUPPORT** underclassmen by providing mentorship and insight through student activities and career and leadership development programming
- COMPLETE** the Scots Success survey sent to you by Wackerle in the spring/summer
- REMEMBER** the Wackerle serves alumni so check back in even after you graduate