ConnectEd - Alumni Talk with Vijaya Gajanan

• Good resume matters a lot for any given job or internships

Qualities of a good resumes:

- Make sure there is no white spaces in resume
- It should be a one-page resume
- Don't use websites like canva for building your resumes
- Don't have double section format
- Make sure to highlight all the keywords and technical skills.
- Make sure your linkedin has all details mentioned in your resume
- Good websites to help you build your resumes
 - o <u>Jake's Resume Overleaf, Online LaTeX Editor</u>
 - This is what a GOOD resume should look like | CareerCup
- Apply for all sorts of internships to build your knowledge and skills, even if it's not your area of interest.
- Projects matters a lot for internships
 - Make sure you have done lots of unique projects
 - Projects plus Internships matter a lot for applying Jobs.

• While doing any internships:

- focus more on learning
- Keep track of your accomplishments
- Try implementing the knowledge from the internship in doing some project
- Attend all possible **Networking events**, they are very important to connect with tech people.

• Are certifications important?

- They don't alone help in finding jobs.
- If we have done a certification based course ,then we can post the certifications along with a project that we have done with the learning from the course
- Eg:if we do a microsoft azure course, then it's worth posting linked in handles if we have done some cloud based project relating to the course.
- Eg: AWS and Microsoft courses are very important to do within our graduations since they have some student based discounts

Whether to take masters or job after graduation?

- Generally taking a masters won't help much improving our job opportunities, so if we are more towards implementing our practical knowledge better to go for job instead of masters
- Consider taking Masters if you are really interested in deep diving into any cs-related domain that interests you.
- Masters are generally more towards the research point of view.

- Important things recommended by the alumni for any year student:
 - Must solve questions for DSA FROM websites like Leetcode*
 - o Top Interview 150 Study Plan LeetCode
 - o Codeforces.com
 - CGPA and academics matters.
 - If you are in third year, then consider starting your prep for high-level exams like TOEFL,GRE,GMAT
 - These exams help a lot in long-run if we are confused whether to take masters or job
 - Since they have a 5-year validity, its better to give these exams as early as possible