**INTERVIEW MISTAKES**

All of these can be avoided!

* Arrive late
* Arrive unprepared – no resume, not sure what the company does
* Bring a friend, family member, or pet
* Chew gum
* Carry a beverage – no coffee, no water
* Allow your cell to ring or vibrate
* Dress down
* Wing the interview
* Have a weak or sweaty handshake
* Carry the scent of heavy perfume/cologne, tobacco, alcohol
* Interact unprofessionally or unkindly to any staff members
* Yawn
* Use “um,” “like,” or “you know” over and over
* Give a long answer hoping to “hit it right”
* Appear uninterested
* Unable to articulate your strengths
* Unable to connect your strengths to the job
* Say you don’t have a weakness – identify one thing you’d like to improve
* Avoid eye contact – can appear untruthful or uninterested
* Make too much eye contact – can make someone uncomfortable
* Do not follow the interviewer’s lead
* Be dishonest
* Make excuses
* Answer a question without thinking – a pause is ok
* Provide an answer, when you don’t know the answer
* Take all the credit for the success of a group
* Speak negatively about past employers, colleagues, classmates, faculty
* Ask about salary
* Do not have a question to ask