# Resume Workshop

# The Agenda

- 1. What is a cover letter?
- 2. Resume: The basic breakdown
- 3. Explanation of the 4 tier groups.
- \*Break into each Tier and work on your resume.

# What is a Cover Letter?

### A cover letter is.....

- It's a professional letter to a potential employer addressing why you are the best fit candidate. (Use the job description as your guideline)
- Always aim to send a cover letter (even it's not required)
- Elaborate your skill sets through examples.
- Do your research and address the cover letter to the hiring manager
- Keep it at one page MAX!

## Creating a structure resume

#### Overview

- Education, work experience, accomplishments and skills
- Keep your resume at one page MAX!
- Use action verbs (Led, managed, executed, etc.)
  - a. If it's a current position use present tense
  - b. If it's a previous position use past tense
- Every bullet point should be at most a sentence or two.
- Include the job description qualifications in your resume
- Objectives should only be a line or two long.

### What should your resume Include?

#### **Objective**

- States the purpose and reason for applying.
  - a. What is your goal? (ie To obtain a internship/job in xyz company)
  - b. Why are you applying? (ie ...to further my skills in communication, teamwork, etc)

#### **Education**

- Should include your expected graduation year
- GPA if it is a 3.0 or higher
- For transfer students, if you had AA degrees then include what Junior College you came from

#### Work Experience

- Job position, Where you work, Job description, dates
- Projects

#### **Skills**

- Computer skills (AutoCad, Microsoft office, C++, Java, etc)
- Language (bilingual, sign language.)

#### Extra curricular

• Shows that you didn't just focus on school (i.e. clubs, sports, jobs, volunteering etc.)

#### Do's and Don'ts

- Be consistent throughout your resume
- Bullet points are okay but use them correctly
- Reread and edit, also have other people edit too
- Have a professional email address.
- Make it you own, uniqueness makes it stand out!
- DO NOT share any private information or link your IG & FB accounts
- DO NOT lie
- DO NOT include anything inappropriate
- DO NOT go over 1 page

Be Professional!



### Breaking into Tiers.

#### Tier 1

- This group is freshman or members who have not done a resume before.
- Generic resume which will help students to form their first resume and understand the basics of building their resume.
- Focus is either first job or an internship.

#### Tier 2 and Tier 3

• This group includes sophomores and juniors focusing on getting their resume improved with a focus on getting an internship.

#### Tier 4

- Seniors
  - Graduating Seniors will be focusing on improving their resumes for applying for jobs after graduation
  - Seniors who are not graduating soon but want to obtain an internship