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Post Bootcamp Checklist - Month 1

After Career Workshops conclude students are often in need of additional support as they initiate and navigate the career search process. This is a very challenging time for bootcamp grads. The list below will keep grads motivated and on track with achieving their goals. ***This list needs to be checked off in the 1st month following Career Readiness week.***

❏ **Break into pairs to support each other in job search**

❏ Resume
  - ❏ Work with your Career Services Manager to check off on your resume before you start applying to jobs

❏ Fine Tune your LinkedIn
  - ❏ Refined Elevator Pitch/ Summary
  - ❏ Choose a great headshot
  - ❏ Perfect your summary
  - ❏ Display your projects
  - ❏ Describe your previous roles
  - ❏ Highlight skills, abilities, education, certifications, etc.
  - ❏ Endorsements/recommendations

❏ Cover Letter
  - ❏ Work with your Career Services Manager to check off on your cover letter before you start applying to jobs

❏ Create your road map
  - ❏ Target Company Profile: summary of the type of company you are looking for
  - ❏ Target Company List: use your profile to create a list of companies you would apply to
  - ❏ Identify Roles to Focus on: read job posts and find what type of job interests you

❏ Create a Job tracker
  - ❏ Spreadsheet
    - ❏ Company name
    - ❏ Category/theme
    - ❏ Internal contact
    - ❏ Link to job post
    - ❏ Status
    - ❏ Notes

❏ [Trello](#) or [Jobtracker.io](#)

  - ❏ Interview Resources: include any resource you'd like to refer to throughout your job search
  - ❏ Connections
  - ❏ Interested Positions
  - ❏ Applied
  - ❏ Current Opportunities
  - ❏ Offers
  - ❏ Cold Opportunities

❏ [Huntr.co](#)

  - ❏ Wishlist
  - ❏ Applied
  - ❏ Interviews
  - ❏ Offers

❏ Fine Tune your Github

  - ❏ Clean up your repos: organize so your projects are easy to tell apart from exercises
  - ❏ Clean up your code: remove print statements and unnecessary comments from projects
  - ❏ Create ReadMes: include your data model choices, design choices, test coverage
  - ❏ Create videos: Didn't deploy? Create a videos to demonstrate key features, tech used

❏ Build & Use Your Network

  - ❏ Ask a direct question: Have a question? Just ask! Direct questions get answered quickest
  - ❏ Don't ask strangers for a call/ coffee: Build a relationship or conversation 1st
  - ❏ Ask for intros

❏ Create an Interview Packet

  - ❏ Personal Reminders: for before an interview (STAR method)
  - ❏ The Role: take notes on the tech used
  - ❏ The Company: notes on the product, values latest news. How do these relate to you?
  - ❏ Projects to Highlight: be ready to discuss any projects on your resume/ LinkedIn
  - ❏ Behavioral interview questions to answer: be ready to tell a good story
  - ❏ Technical interview questions to answer: Cracking the Coding Interview
  - ❏ Questions to ask employers: 2-3 good questions about: culture, position, manager, team, processes, about the company

❏ Create a study schedule
❏ Work with your Career Services Manager to create a routine

Example

7am	**7 – 8** Commute to Gym
8am	**8 – 9** Workout at Active Sports Club Active Sports Clubs
9am	**9** - Commute to Impact Hub
	9:30 - Check email and social media, update Buffer.
10am	**10 – 11** Apply to Jobs, Reach out to Connections, Follow up, Update Job Tracker
11am	**11 – 12p** Interview Prep - Review your story, Practice answering behavioral and technical interview questions
12pm	**12p – 1p** Lunch
1pm	**1p** - Warm Up on Command Line
2pm	**1:30p – 3p** Keyboard Coding Challenge Practice -- HackerRank, InterviewCake, Hackbright Questions, etc.
3pm	**3p – 4p** Whiteboarding
4pm	**4p – 5p** Tech Research Time -- Check out youtube videos, recommended resources, read articles about tech/job search. Update Buffer.
5pm	**5p – 6p** Commute Home

❏ Career Search Progress Check-in

- ❏ How many jobs have you applied to?
- ❏ How many responses did you get?
- ❏ How many rejections did you get?
- ❏ Which industry are you targeting?
- ❏ What type of roles are you applying to? (Frontend, backend, fullstack)?
- ❏ Students will find a partner and pair up
- ❏ Students will report bi weekly on their job searches

❏ Projects/ Portfolio

- ❏ Build a new project or finish past projects
- ❏ Create a portfolio website
- ❏ Approved and reviewed by instructors