



STARTING YOUR CAREER JOURNEY



MERUELO FAMILY CENTER
FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Objectives for Today

- Introduce you to the Center for Career Development
- Provide insight on what discerning a career means
- Share ways for you to explore careers
- Discuss next steps in pursuing your career

The Meruelo Family Center for Career Development is
here to help students
DISCERN, DISCOVER AND PURSUE,
meaningful careers to be a force for good in the world.

- ✓ Our team is your partner in your career decision making and career planning
- ✓ Engagement Counselors to help you discern and discover
- ✓ Industry Counselors to help you discover and pursue

ABOUT THE CCD

5th floor of the Duncan Student Center

- Staff Offices
- Interview Rooms
- Study Space

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ABOUT THE CCD

- One-on one career advising appointments: industry or career discernment focused
- Small group, hands-on Career Development Series - Sign up for November's or next February session - Discernment, Resume, Online Presence, Networking, Interviewing, summer plans
- 15 minute virtual drop-ins with Career Counselors M-Th 2-4 pm: resume review, cover letter review, quick questions
- Evening drop-ins with trained peer advisors M-Th 7-10 pm
- Initiatives for first gen students, international student and student-athletes, consulting, pre-law
- Interview preparation, Mock interviews, Internship and job search support
- Numerous employer, alumni, industry events



HOW DO I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF?

- Look internally first
- Then look externally
- Then reflect and take action!

DISCERN - What Brings me JOY?

Values = the **why**; what gives you meaning

Interests = the **what** [issues, tasks, people]

Personality = the **how**; your style

Skills = your **strengths**

HOW DO I LEARN ABOUT MYSELF?

- [VIPS](#)
- [Inventories](#)
- [Pathway U](#)
- [Discern Your Career Path Workshop or Appointment](#)

DISCERN - What am I good at? What do I want to do?

ATTRIBUTE	% of RESPONDENTS
Critical Thinking	98.5%
Communication	98.5%
Teamwork	97.7%
Professionalism/Work Ethic	86.9%
Diversity & Inclusion	85.4%
Technology	81.5%
Self Awareness	70%
Leadership	58.5%

Source: *Job Outlook 2021 Spring Update*, NACE

- Transferable skills matter!
- Key skills that can be used in any occupation--valued by employers!
- Easily transferred from one type of work to another without much training
- Often more important than job specific skills

**How do I
assess about
and build my
skills?**

- [Complete the Career Ready Competencies Tool](#)
- [Get involved in clubs](#)

DISCOVER- Learn about Career Options

The best way to learn about career options is to talk to people that have experienced the field or are currently working in the field.

- Upperclassmen
- Faculty
- Alumni
- Friends/Family

How do I learn about career options?

- First Destination Data
- Talk to juniors & seniors (Student Networking Directory)
- Build relationships with faculty

DISCOVER- Learn about Career Options

- **Read/View:** Websites, Videos
- **Talk:** Informational Interviewing
- **Experience**

How do I learn about career options?

- Career Path Pages
- Attend employer events
- Job Shadows
- Mentorship
- Service
- Activities
- Jobs/internships

DISCOVER- Learn about Career Options

- Informational Interviewing
 - What is it like a day in the life of your job?
 - Why did you choose this career
 - What background do I need to be successful in this field?
 - Is it what you expected?
 - What do you wish you would have known before entering this career field?
 - What advice do you have for me as I consider this career?

Where do I find alumni to talk to?

- [Irish Compass](#)
- [Linkedin](#)
- [MyNotre Dame](#)

DISCOVER- Learn about Career Options

- Chemical Engineering Alumni



Angela Celo '17

Engineer in Life Sciences (Pharma, Biotech, Medical Devices)



2017



Los Angeles, CA



Engineering



Lizett Pink Spitzer '18

Cybersecurity Consultant



2018



Chicago, IL, USA



Engineering



Evan Isaacs '19

Manufacturing Engineer for PPG Industries



2019



Gainesville, TX



Engineering



Emily Schneider '17

Operations Manager with United States Steel



2017



Pittsburgh, PA



Engineering



Aaron Roe '20

Process Development Engineer



2020



Boston, MA, USA



Engineering



Dalton Flynn '18

Manufacturing Engineer Intern at Procter & Gamble



2018



Oxnard, CA



Engineering

DISCOVER- Learn about Career Options

- Engineering Specific

Attend National Conferences



Get involved in clubs



Notre Dame Rocketry Team

Aviation & Aerospace · Notre Dame, Indiana · 17 followers

See all 9 employees on LinkedIn

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Engage

Interact with
alumni/employers by
attending events

PURSUE - Take steps to experience a career

- Develop your on-line presence
 - Handshake
 - LinkedIn
 - IrishCompass
 - Digital portfolios
 - Clean up any social media
 - Follow employers on social media
 - Follow employers/people and engage on LinkedIn
- Create your professional documents
 - Resume
 - Cover Letters
- Perfect interviewing skills
 - Big Interview
 - Mock Interviews
- Seek out opportunities and participate in
 - Internships
 - Competitions
 - Professional associations
- Check out [CCD Summer Funding](#) if you are participating in an unpaid or low paid internship

PURSUE - Take steps to experience a career

- Some interesting current internships on Handshake for Sophomore CBE majors
 - Chemical Engineer Intern - Black and Veatch
 - R&D Intern - Mitsubishi Chemical Performance Polymers
 - Chemical Biomed & Materials Engineer Intern - Honeywell
 - Operations Intern - Wacker Chemical
 - Manufacturing Chemical Engineer Intern - Thermo Fisher Scientific
 - Fire Protection Engineer - Tesla

CBE [Handshake](#)
search link with
these filters (236):

- Internships
- “Chemical” in keyword search
- Sophomores

PURSUE - Spring Semester Virtual and In-person Career Fairs and Events



- **Spring Semester Virtual Fair - January 19 - 3-7, via Handshake**
- **Engineering Expo - January 24th: 5-7, 7th Floor Dahnke**
- **Technology & Analytics Networking Event - January 24th: 7-8:30, 8th floor Dahnke**
- **All Colleges In-Person Career Fair - January 25th: 5-8, 7th floor Dahnke**



[EMPLOYER MATRIX](#) - A listing, updated daily, of employers and which events they are attending

[Handshake Fair page](#)

[CAREERFAIR.ND.EDU](#) - Information about all the Career Fairs and events

[PRE-FAIR RESUME REVIEWS](#) - 15-minute resume and fair question meetings

PURSUE - NEXT STEPS

Where do I go from here?

- Engage in both the virtual and in-person career fair events
- Choose some discernment activities to confirm your next steps
- Engage in some exploration activities to talk to others and learn more about potential career paths
- Participate in projects, internships, job shadows, summer jobs, research, etc. to gain skills and start down a potential career path

Next Steps
Inventory



Questions?

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