

Don't spray and pray
Avoid being one of those applicants who blindly apply to hundreds of positions online, often with the same resume and cover letter, relying on quantity, rather than quality, to **land a job**—what some career counselors refer to as spraying and praying. You're better off spending time researching the

and a 2011 college grad. *Scraping by and Get Your Financial Life Together*, advises Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop* “Be open to any job that is legal and will pay you,” advises clients over a decade later. know-how and the firm he worked for still sends him **over** other financial planners who lack deep tax ed experience, though, actually **gave him an edge** no interest in, to help pay the bills. The unwanted a part-time job preparing taxes, something he had example. After Porter graduated in 2008, he took Denver financial planner Trent Porter is a perfect ing forward.” teach you something valuable for your career mov-

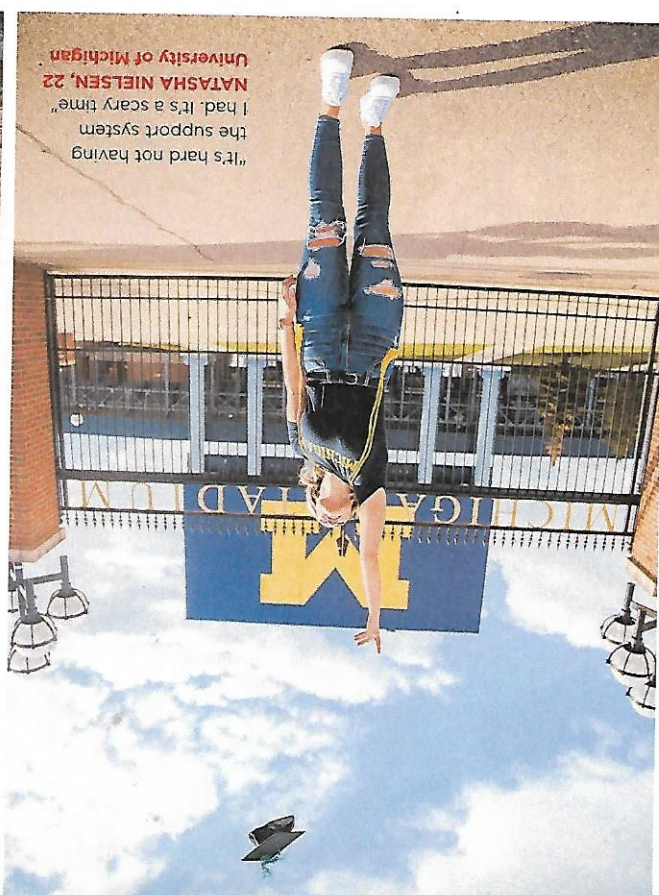
You may not land your dream job ... and
With millions of Americans unemployed or **loughed**, the competition for roles, if a company is even hiring, will be fierce. So sadly, no, the first job you take after graduation may not be the exact role you want or in your preferred industry, but that doesn't mean you're wasting your time. “Get out of the mindset that it has to be a perfect job. You can start anywhere and ultimately get where you want to be,” says workplace expert Lindsey Pollak, who learned her job-hunting skills while looking for work in New York City right after 9/11. “Any job can teach you something valuable for your career mov-

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Go on interviews that won't be for jobs
There is no better way to learn about a job you want than to talk to someone currently doing it. If you're passionate about a profession or industry, reach out to those within it and ask for a couple minutes of their time, says McGoodwin, who emailed over 70 people requesting such informational interviews as she calls them when she was initially hunting for re-

ward your resume on.
someone and impress them, they will probably for- find a connection. If you have a conversation with center, alumni network, church, parents' friends to or personally,” she says. “**Tap** your college career “Reach out to everyone you know professionally *Multigenerational Workplace*. *reer and The Remix: How to Lead and Succeed in the* says Pollack, author of *Getting from College to Ca-* works for the company to pass your resume along, son hiring. Or better still, get someone who already Also, email your resume and cover letter to the per- email go unanswered for more than 24 hours.” 100-plus business calls a day and never letting an the phones, but your accomplishment is handling *Moves*. “At a past job, you may have had to answer McGoodwin, author of the upcoming book *Power* accomplishments, not your responsibilities,” says them. “Employers want to know about your ac- ument, providing examples of how well you've done- If the job listing calls out specific soft or hard skills you possess, emphasize the fact high up on the doc- listing for the positions you really want. and cover letter to mimic the language in the job company that's hiring and tailoring your resume

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“It's hard not having the support system I had. It's a scary time”
NATASHA NIELSEN, 22
University of Michigan



“The Great Recession] altered our lives. It's scary to all of that as a kid, and to know it's going to happen again”
ANNIE LEE-DALY, 21
College of Art Montserrat