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Career Tip: How to Make the Most of Your Benefits Package

Beginning your first job can be overwhelming. In addition to learning the ropes, you must deal with a thick packet of benefit choices involving your health, wealth and even retirement decades down the road.

No pressure, right?

So before you start to panic -- or, even worse, give up and just make your decisions blindly -- here are some suggestions on how to make the right choices when it comes to employee benefits.

Click here to read the full article.

Additional Resources:

- Managing Health Costs: The Boss says, ‘Try This.’
- Employers Back Development of Web-based Health Records
- What Might GM Retiree Fund Mean for Workers Elsewhere?
- Employee Benefits in the Private Industry
- Definitions of Health Insurance Terms
What's Available on the Career Services tab on myBucknell:

- CareerNet – Networking database of Bucknell alumni and parents.
- Access to The Vault On-Line Career Library – referred to by Fortune as “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.”
- PDF pamphlets – research a variety of career topics
- Career assessments – learn how to pair your skills, interest, and experience with career choice
- CareerSearch – same tool to research employers
- Bucknell Alumni Clubs – network informally!

Job Leads from the Bucknell Community:
The following job leads are NEW since the last issue of NOTES. They have been presented to alumni by members of the Bucknell community - alumni, parents and friends of Bucknell. To view the entire description and other current listings, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE.

NOTE: Contact Alumni Career Services if you have questions (acs@bucknell.edu).

Partnership for Public Service – Speakers Bureau Program Associate, Education & Outreach
United McGill Corporation – Purchasing Engineer
Defense Talent Network, Inc. - Recruiter
American University – Assistant Professor, Developmental Biology
American University – Assistant Professor, Cell Biology
Edmonds Community College – Electronic Media Producer
Spotsylvania County Schools – Speech Language Pathology; School Psychologist; Occupational Therapist; Literacy Coach/Reading Specialist
CIM – Analyst, Investment & Development

Job Leads from Outside Bucknell:
Job leads are regularly presented to alumni by members outside of the Bucknell community. To view all of the current listings, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE.

NOTE: Contact us if you have any questions (acs@bucknell.edu).
Information of Interest (NEW!)

The American Symphony Orchestra League announces the Essentials of Orchestra Management Seminar held in New York City. The seminar is intended for individuals with less than three years experience, graduate students, and career changers. Topics include artistic programming, operations, marketing, development, negotiations, and much more. It is intensive and highly interactive. Seminar Director is Peter Pastreich, former director of the San Francisco Symphony. For detailed agenda, faculty list, and scholarship information and TO APPLY visit www.symphony.org/essentials/index.shtml. Deadline to apply is November 12, 2007.

Additionally, they are also taking applicants for the Orchestra Management Fellowship, a year-long paid fellowship designed to launch senior leadership careers within the field of orchestra management. It is intended for individuals who aspire to leadership positions with the American orchestras. The fellowship offers extended placements with three different orchestras working directly with the Executive Director and Senior Staff; seminars on leadership, finance, marketing, development, and negotiation; and job placement and career building sessions. Stipend of $32,500 plus travel and partial benefits is available. For more information or TO APPLY visit www.symphony.org/ola/fellowship.shtml. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2008.

For more information regarding either the seminar or fellowship contact Allison Ball, Director, Leadership Training and Recruitment, American Symphony Orchestra League, 33 West 60th Street, New York, NY 10023, (646)822-4027, aball@symphony.org.

CalWest Educators Placement is dedicated to helping new teachers find appropriate positions as associates, assistants, or interns. They recruit across the United States to find the qualified candidates for independent, private and charter schools throughout California and other western states. For the 2007-2008 National Recruitment and Special Events Schedule visit www.CalWestEducators.com

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvaniva's Human Resource Management Trainee Program for the 2008-2009 program year will be open for application and scheduling for the first portion of employment testing October 26, 2007. For more information regarding this unique and award-winning program, please visit www.scsc.state.pa.us. The program overview, training, benefits, and job placement is currently available at www.state.pa.us/hrmt. The test announcement, eligibility requirements, application, and application procedures are available after October 26th.

Alumni Career Services Can Help You:
- Think through a career change and making career decisions
- Network effectively
- Search for a job
- Effectively use the Internet in job and career exploration
- Transition into a new career
- Assist you in improving and targeting your resumes and cover letters
- Identify your interests, values, goals, and preferences
• Plan for graduate or professional school

Programs/Events:

WEBINAR: Re-entering the Workforce? You are not alone!
October 24th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST
Since 2001, nearly 2 million Americans, between the ages of 25 – 54, have left the workforce. Now that you are re-entering the rat race, you need to know the rules to successfully navigate the maze. You will learn how: • The job search and work environment has changed • Your skills and abilities translate to meet employer expectations • To successfully discuss your hiatus to employers

**Contact Cathy McGinnis at cmm033@bucknell.edu to reserve your spot.

Lock Haven University Fall Teacher Job Fair - October 30th
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST; 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Open Fair; 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Interviews
Open to all new and experienced teacher candidates, including May 2008 graduates. School Districts will be available to speak with candidates on a first-come, first-serve basis from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. During that time, school districts will have the option to schedule individual interviews for the remainder of the day with selected candidates. Therefore, it is recommended that candidates arrive early as some districts may fill up their afternoon schedule quickly. More information, including continuously updated list of districts (as registrations are received), is available online at: www.lhup.edu/fall_job_fair. Please feel free to link to the website. Questions? Contact Joan Welker, Lock Haven University of PA, jwelker@lhup.edu, 570-484-2181

Penn State – University Park is hosting Graduate School Fairs, workshops, and panels.
They are as follows: Law School Day (October 16, 2007), Medical School Day (October 18, 2007), and Grad School Day (October 18, 2007). For details please visit: www.fairs.sa.psu.edu. Questions: please e-mail mao205@sa.psu.edu or call (814) 865-5131

2007 Engineering Consortium Career Fair, Columbia University
Friday, October 26, 2007; 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Roone Arldge Auditorium, Lerner Hall, 115th and Broadway, New York, NY.
Contact: (212) 854-5609, careereducation@columbia.edu

Columbia University’s Center for Career Education and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science are hosting the fourth annual Engineering Career Consortium Fair. This unique, exiting fair brings together students from top engineering schools and a growing list of pre-eminent national engineering employers in fields including biomedical, civil, mechanical, aeronautical, chemical, electrical, computer, environmental, and industrial engineering and computer science. 135 employers are already registered.
JustMeans and the Careers with Impact fairs are being hosted at NYU and MIT in November. JustMeans, the new social media platform for people who create change, is live! And there is a Careers with Impact fair coming to you this November! JustMeans is news, jobs, and networks for people who are concerned with social responsibility, social innovation, and sustainability. Check it out today at www.justmeans.com, create a profile and sign up for the Careers with Impact fair near you! JustMeans Careers with Impact fairs are a great opportunity for undergraduate, graduate, and post-grad students to meet leading organizations looking for new employees who are concerned with the social impact of enterprise. We encourage people of all educational and employment backgrounds to attend. Remember that all organizations need a wide variety of employees, so you don’t need to have a degree in environmental science to work for a great environmental organization! The fairs are open to the public and we encourage faculty and area professionals to attend as well. Organizations will represent both the public and private sector and will be actively recruiting. What is a career with impact? A career with impact is a career that creates both social and financial value. It works to create worth beyond the bottom line – across sectors and across industries. Visit JustMeans.com today to find out more about people and organizations generating impact every day. Join us for a Careers with Impact fair and become a part of the movement yourself.

NYU November 9: 12 – 4pm at the Wasserman Center for Career Development on the 2nd Floor of Palladium (133 East 13th Street)

MIT November 16: 1 – 4pm at MIT presented in partnership with the MIT Sloan Net Impact, in the Ting Foyer (Tang Center, Building E51 of the Sloan Complex)

To sign up, create a profile on JustMeans (www.justmeans.com) and then click on the Career Fairs menu in the top right. Upload your resume and we'll see you there!

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The Grant Institute’s Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop will be held at St. John’s University – Manhattan Campus, November 5 - 9, 2007 and at the Kellogg Conference Center, Gallaudet University , November 14 - 16, 2007. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly. Please forward, post, and distribute this e-mail to your colleagues and listservs.

All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. For more information call (888) 824 - 4424 or visit The Grant Institute at www.thegrantinstitute.com.

Registration: $597.00 tuition includes all materials and certificates.

Each student will receive:
*The Grant Institute Certificate in Professional Grant Writing
*The Grant Institute’s Guide to Successful Grant Writing
*The Grant Institute Grant Writer's Workbook with sample proposals, forms, and outlines

Registration Methods: 1) On-Line - Complete the online registration form at www.thegrantinstitute.com under Register Now. We’ll send your confirmation by e-mail. 2) By Phone - Call (888) 824 - 4424 to register by phone. Our friendly Program Coordinators will be happy to assist you and answer your questions. 3) By E-mail - Send an e-mail with your name,
organization, and basic contact information to info@thegrantinstitute.com and we will reserve your slot and send your Confirmation Packet.

Disclaimer: Alumni Career Services does not edit, monitor, or verify the accuracy of the information submitted by the employers, and does not review the background of the employers. ACS does not guarantee that all jobs listed are still available, and is not responsible for safety, security, wages, working conditions, or other aspects of off-campus employment. Therefore, we encourage interested parties to thoroughly research each job vacancy for which they are applying and to verify the integrity of each organization. If you encounter a negative situation at the place of employment, we encourage you to notify ACS. Links to other web sites are not under the control of ACS or Bucknell. We are not responsible for the contents of any linked site. Those who discover any misuse or abuse of this web site are encouraged to contact ACS immediately at 570-577-1514, or acs@bucknell.edu.

We Welcome Feedback!

- How are we doing? Take this quick survey and let us know!
- If you have a career topic you'd like us to address, we'd love to hear your ideas. Send them to us at acs@bucknell.edu.

Know someone who would like to receive this newsletter? Feel free to pass it on or have them subscribe. Requests to receive Alumni Career Notes or for personal career assistance can be made at acs@bucknell.edu, (570) 577-1238. We look forward to hearing from you!

Archived issues available at http://www.bucknell.edu/x2931.xml

Note: To access the resources located in myBucknell, the university’s portal, use the username and password that all alums were given in January 2005. If you don’t remember or can’t find yours, don’t worry – just contact the Alumni Office (570) 577-ALUM (2586) or mybucknell@bucknell.edu for help.

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