Alumni Career Notes

career information for bucknell alumni

It is beginning to sound like an overused term, but practicing it (and doing it well) is more important than ever - at all stages of your career: Networking. One source of networking contacts is... your alma mater! Alumni are people with whom you have an instant and meaningful connection (Who else would know what ‘Ray Bucknell means?) and networking is all about making a connection with someone. Note, a connection with another person is the beginning of a relationship and networking is about building relationships; not conducting transactions. To help facilitate relationships among our alumni, Bucknell has two databases available on myBucknell. When you log into myBucknell, (see Note below) go to the Career Services tab and look for the Career Networking channel. There you can click Connect with Bucknell Alumni to access the directory, a database with the most current information the university has for our alumni. You will also find CareerNet, a subset of the directory which contains names of people who have volunteered to speak with students and alumni regarding career issues. Please remember that this is confidential information and should not be shared with anyone else or used for purposes other than career information.

We hope you find this update useful. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to other interested alumni. Requests to be part of the regular distribution list or personal assistance with any career questions or issues can be made at acs@bucknell.edu, (570) 577-1238, or through IM at bualumnicareer (Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-2pm and Wednesdays from 4-6pm).

Note: To use 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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Career Tip:
Networking in a New City
by WetFeet

If only moving were simple. Once you've filled out change-of-address forms, waited for the cable guy to show up, and unpacked the last cardboard box, you've got your personal and professional success to worry about. Even if you've been relocated by your company, you're likely to find yourself bereft of friends or with a greatly reduced supply and a professional network that pales next to the one you left. So what do you do? Read More

Additional Resources:
http://www.advancingwomen.com/Networks/index.html - a list of article links dealing with different aspects of networking. The site is geared toward working women but not all of the articles. The articles have pertinent information for all audiences.
http://www.careerjournal.com/jobhunting/networking/20040511-gunn.html - overview of networking techniques and why they are effective
http://www.careerjournal.com/jobhunting/networking/19981223-richardson.html - managing the finer points of networking relationship management
http://jobsearch.about.com/od/networking/ - list of articles and resources regarding different aspects of networking
www.bucknell.edu/About_Bucknell/Offices_Resources/Career_Development_Center/Students/Making_Career_Decisions/Informational_InterviewingNetworking.html - the Career Development Center’s tutorial for informational interviewing as part of your networking strategy

Job Leads from the Bucknell Community:
The following are job leads that have been presented to alumni by members of the Bucknell community – alumni, parents and friends of Bucknell. The selections in bold print are new to Alumni Career Notes since the last issue. To view the entire description, please log onto myBucknell and click on the Career Services tab.

- Boston Private Bank and Trust Company - Sales & Marketing Associate “I would love to have the job go to a fellow Bucknellian!”
- Art Center College of Design - Chair of Liberal Arts & Sciences "Maybe someone in the Bucknell alumni pool will be interested in this position."
- College Connections – Executive Associate, Special Events & Communications – really wants to hire a Bucknellian!
- Family Literacy Foundation - Program Manager “I absolutely love what I do so I can vouch that this would be a meaningful and rewarding job!”
- FirstSource Staffing (FSS) - Retention Specialist/Account Executive
- Third Avenue Management LLC - Sales/Marketing Assistant, Special Situations/Distressed Research Analyst
Job Leads from Outside Bucknell:
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- AIG Global Real Estate - Procedure Analyst
- **Ambercrombie & Fitch** - copywriter
- About Patrick Engineering Inc. - Civil Highway Engineers
- **Commack UFSD** – physics teacher
- Elk Corp. of Texas - Staff Engineer
- Epic Systems Corporation - Problem Solver/Technical Services
- Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. – Transportation Engineer
- Karchner, McClellan & Riddell, LLP – accountant, CPA
- **Kulicke and Soffa** – software engineer
- **McGrew Marketing** - Experienced PR/Media Relations Specialist/Writer
- **Northrop Grumman** – systems engineer
- PageBites – Software Engineer
- Regester Associates, Inc. - Project Manager
- United States Geological Survey thru Environ. Career Organ. - Various scientific/environmental positions
- Vericon Construction Company - Assistant Project Manager

Alumni Career Resources Can Help You:
- Think through a career change and making career decisions
- Network effectively
- Effectively use the internet in job and career exploration
- Search for a job
- 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

Resources Available on Career Services tab of myBucknell:
- CareerNet – Networking database of Bucknell alumni and parents
- Access to The Vault – 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, interests and expertise with career choice
• Career Search – same tool available to students to research employers is also available to alumni
• Bucknell Alumni Clubs – network informally!

Upcoming Programs/Events:

• **Mastering the Job Search**  Career Teleconference – 7 pm, May 31, 2006
  
  **Saturday June 3rd at REUNION**
  
  1 - 2:30 p.m. **COFFEE & CAREERS.** Arches Lounge, Third Floor, Elaine Langone Center.  
  Enjoy a snack while you:
  
  • Get information about how Alumni Career Services can help you
  • Talk one-on-one with Cathy McGinnis, program director of alumni career services, about your specific career needs
  • Pick up helpful materials on the job search, resume writing, interviewing, and other career-related topics
  • Get answers about transitioning to a new career

  3 - 4:30 p.m. **NETWORK WITH FELLOW BUCKNELLIANS** to make the most of your connections. Business card and resumé swap. Arches Lounge, Elaine Langone Center, third floor.