Immersing ourselves in the Madness of basketball last week, was a welcome diversion, We’re proud of our involvement in Bucknell’s noteworthy efforts, and do not regret letting other things go to participate in it, but now it is time for all of us to shift gears and refocus on our jobs. For many of us, this is true with our careers too - for one reason or another, we have put them on hold for a while, most often to stay home to raise young children. Parents who decide to go back to work after staying home face special challenges. In addition to the new job and program listings, we have links to some articles and resources that may be of help in dealing with the challenge of going back to work. Many of them speak to women who decide to go back to work, but the issues are the same for men who decide to re-enter the work force after staying home.

Regarding information that is posted on myBucknell, the university’s portal, all alums were given a username and password in January 2005. If you don’t remember or can’t find your username and password, don’t worry - none of our memories are what they once were! Just contact the Alumni Office (570) 577- ALUM (2586) or mybucknell@bucknell.edu for help.

We hope you find this update useful. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to other interested alums. They can let us know if they would like to be on the distribution list. As always, should you need personal assistance with any career questions or issues, please contact us at acs@bucknell.edu, 570-577-1238, or through IM at bualuminicareer (Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon - 2 pm, and Wednesdays from 4-6 pm).

Alumni Career Services Staff

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Career Tip:

Getting Into Position
Returning to work after staying at home with the kids isn't easy.

By Connie Boland
The woman on the other side of the desk peers over her glasses. "Why do you think you're the right person for this position?" she inquires. You're prepared for this question, yet the words seem stuck in your throat. Taking a deep breath, you're about to begin your prepared speech.

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**Additional Resources:**

**Getting back to work: Returning to the labor force after an absence**  
[www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/employ/bktowork/bktowork.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/employ/bktowork/bktowork.htm) - from *Occupational Outlook Quarterly* • Winter 2004-05, Bureau of Labor and Statistics – in depth look at every aspect of re-entering the workforce after any kind of an absence

Quintessential Careers - [www.quintcareers.com/women_career_resources.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/women_career_resources.html)  
A list of career websites geared toward women who work

Income Flex - [www.incomeflex.com/45588.php](http://www.incomeflex.com/45588.php) -  
Making career change choices that allow women to maximize time at home with families

Advancing Women - [www.advancingwomen.com/](http://www.advancingwomen.com/)  
Career Advice articles on changing careers, including: the psychology of approaching career change, balancing work and family, moving into the 21st century job market, etc. Many articles on the job search process – creating a resume, applying online, interview techniques, etc. Specific job search information powered by [www.careerbuilder.com/](http://www.careerbuilder.com/)

USA Today - [www.usatoday.com/money/workplace/2004-09-23-sequencing_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/workplace/2004-09-23-sequencing_x.htm)  
Article describes rosier outlook for moms who wish to go back to work after staying home to raise children

University of Minnesota Duluth: Transferable Skills Survey -  
Focuses on transferring college skills to the workplace, but the principles for transferring/translating life and other work skills into your present job search are the same

BlueSuitMom - [www.bluesuitmom.com/](http://www.bluesuitmom.com/)  
Website for the magazine, BlueSuitMom  
Search Career to find advice on changing careers and career gaps, and other working mother-related issues

About.com - [careerplanning.about.com/library/weekly/aa111699.htm](http://careerplanning.about.com/library/weekly/aa111699.htm)  
Part 1 (with links to part 2 and 3) the career crossroads one approaches when a family comes along. Links to other related articles and publications dealing with the more general topic of working women
**Resources Available on Career Services tab on 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, interest, and experience with career choice
- **Career Search** – same tool available to students to research employers is also available to alumni
- **Bucknell Alumni Clubs** – network informally!

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**Job Leads from 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 entire description, please log onto myBucknell and click on the Career Services tab.

- **Alpine Investors, LP** - Analyst
- City of Wilsonville - Deputy City Engineer (Capital Projects), Senior Engineering Technician – **lead from a former Board of Trustees member**
- College Connections – Executive Associate, Special Events & Communications – **really wants to hire a Bucknellian!**
- DMJM Harris /AECOM – Civil Engineer, Transit Electrical Systems Engineer, Highway Project Manager
- Dominion Due Diligence Group - Environmental Project Manager
- Goldman, Sachs & Co. - Analyst - Structuring and Analytics team
- **Family Literacy Foundation** - Program Assistant
- J.P. Morgan Chase - Investment Banking Ins. / FIG Associate
- SAIC - Safety Engineer – Electrical
- Save the Children - Associate Manager of Workplace Campaigns & Partner, Associate Manager, Information Management
- Surmang Foundation & Soong Ching-ling Foundation – Facilities Manager
- **susquehanna house** – teacher/counselor

**Not a job lead, but a job resource:**
- **AttorneyAve.com** – a job search website for those in the legal profession

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**Job Leads from Outside Bucknell:**
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Ashland Inc. - Project Supervisor for Automation Software
City of Lock Haven - Staff Engineer
General Dynamics - Business/Financial Analyst
Go2TeachEnglish – Teachers in Tiawan
Good & Cormier – Paralegal
Hamon Custodis – various engineering positions
Lake Washington Technical College – various positions
MountainTop Technologies, Inc. – Network Design Engineer (#052)
O'Connor, O'Connor, Lordi, Ltd. (for NVR, Inc.) - Sales Manager
Padden, Guerrini & Associates, CPA’s - Manager and staff account positions
Robert A. Lack, AIA, Architecture & Design, Inc. – Architect/Architect Intern
Silab Inc - Area Sales & Technical Manager

Alumni Career Resources 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:

“Who Moved My Cheese" - learn how to effectively deal with the changes in your life
Presented by Steve Prentiss, Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Brokerage Information Services Group
Tuesday, April 18th - 6 - 9 pm
2 Journal Square Plaza
Jersey City, NJ
Email Cathy McGinnis at cmm033@bucknell.edu for details

Washington DC Career Fair 2006 (Government, Nonprofit, International & Public Affairs) Thursday, March 23rd, 2006 - 5:00 - 7:00
GAO Building, 441G Street NW, Washington DC
http://www.experience.com/emp/cf_details?fhnd=1767
As opposed to a more formal job-oriented fair, our goal is to bring a group of Bucknell students into Washington, D.C. for the early evening, in order to have informal discussions and network with Bucknell alumni, parents, and friends. This event provides you with the opportunity to discuss your career path and what led you to what you presently do, to describe your organization and its mission, to discuss any current or future openings -- volunteer, internship or fulltime -- if applicable, and finally, to offer any tips or words of encouragement to these interested students.

Unlocking your potential: the key to successful career change. Wednesday, March 29th from 7-8pm
Join Alumni Career Services director Cathy McGinnis for a teleconference designed to help you make a smooth career transition.
Email her today at cmm033@bucknell.edu to reserve your spot.

_The following are non-Bucknell events, but wanted to share them:_

**Annual Teacher Career Fair - Tuesday, March 28th - Bloomsburg University**
A consortium event involving students from Bucknell, Susquehanna, Lycoming, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, Mansfield and East Stroudsburg. Most representatives from school districts will be from the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the US. Email Program Director, Cathy McGinnis (cmm033@bucknell.edu) for more information.

**Spring Career Day – Tuesday, March 28th - Penn State**
*Location:* Bryce Jordan Center (Free LOOP shuttle travels from downtown and campus to the Bryce Center – parking will not be available at the BJC, please plan to use public transportation.)

*Details:* Spring Career Day 2005 is a networking and recruiting event **for all Penn State students and alumni of all standings, in all majors at all campuses.** It is sponsored by Career Services and represents the final opportunity of the academic year to meet with employers personally to discuss opportunities – full-time as well as internship, co-op and summer positions. A list of employers attending can be found on our website: [www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/Spring](http://www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/Spring)

**25th Annual Job Fair for Educators - Monday, April 3, 2006 9am – 3pm**
For students and alumni and sponsored by Career & Community Services at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Last year, over 100 educational employers attended this regional event! There is no pre-registration for candidates; there is a $5 admission fee for non-KU students and alumni. All candidates should dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes. Jobseekers may view employer profiles and job opportunities beginning in March at [www.kutztown.edu/admin/careers](http://www.kutztown.edu/admin/careers).

Where: Holiday Inn Conference Center, Routes 100 and 22/I-78 west of Allentown, PA [www.hilehighvalley.com](http://www.hilehighvalley.com)