Alumni Career Notes

career information for bucknell alumni

It’s a dilemma faced by many, especially those just starting out in the world of work after graduation – I want to switch jobs but don’t know if I’m sabotaging my chance of getting the next job if I leave this one. At this point, we all know that the old model of work - graduating and spending the next 40 years working for the same firm until you retire - is unrealistic. But the question then becomes, how much is too much when it comes to switching jobs? We have collected some resources for you to help you figure it out.

If you are coming back for Homecoming this weekend, plan to take a few minutes to talk with Cathy about your career questions or job search. See the Programs/Events section for details.

We hope you find this information useful. Feel free to pass it 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). As always, should you need personal assistance with any career questions or issues, please feel free to contact us.

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.

Alumni Career Services Staff

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Career Tip:

Avoiding a Job-Hopper Label Despite a Lot of Jumping Around
by Perri Capell
Question: I earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing management at mid-career. The degree took nearly nine years because I worked full time and had family responsibilities. I changed jobs frequently to accommodate my class schedule, and then my first two positions after graduation ended within one year due to acquisitions and downsizings. How can I overcome being seen as a job hopper? Answer: Congratulations for accomplishing a difficult goal. Many college students who have to work full time and take care of a family give up before achieving their degrees. Employers will view your persistence as an asset as you seek a new professional job. "She juggled a lot and made it work," says Deborah Wile Dib, an executive career coach and resume writer based in Medford, N.Y. "Who wouldn't want to talk with someone who can multitask like that?"

Additional Resources:

http://www.ehow.com/how_18317_address-job-hopping.html - How to handle multiple job changes in an interview
http://www.businessweek.com/careers/content/jan2001/ca20010117_705.htm - Discusses growing cautious acceptance of executive job switching
http://resume.monster.com/articles/weaknesses/ - How to handle job hopping on your resume
http://www.collegerecruiter.com/career-counselors/archives/2006/08/jobhopping_how_it_affects_your.php - The effects of job hopping on long-term career plans. Note: The author mentions two years as being the "default" length of time to stay at a job. Other professionals often use a year as a good rule of thumb.

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!

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. To view entire description, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE. NOTE: If you need help with any of these leads, contact acs@bucknell.edu.

1 800 Diapers - Director of Accounting/Finance
College Connections - Executive Assoc. special events & communications – would really like to hire a Bucknellian!
Earth Tech - entry-level engineer
F-O-R-T-U-N-E Personnel Consultants of Raleigh – Biochemist
First American Title Insurance Company - International Underwriter/Examiner (Bilingual)
Giorgio Armani Corp - Public Relations Assistant
Grant Thornton Global Public Sector - Data Warehouse Developer, Sr. Contracts Administrator, Oracle DBA, SQA Test Manager
Mulhern & Kulp Structural Engineering, Inc. - Staff Engineer – Structural Engineering
Silverman Linden Johnson LLP - Staff Accountant
Talent Magnet by Remedy (alum recruiter for Engineering Firm) - Mapping Project Manager, Regional Marketing Manager, Design Engineer
The Bank of New York - Private Bank Loan Administrator
Viecore - Experienced Software Developer (lead from professor - recruiter on campus)

Job Leads from Outside Bucknell:
The following are job leads that have been presented to alumni by members outside the Bucknell community since the last issue of Notes. To view entire description, please log onto Beyond the BRIDGE. NOTE: If you need help with any of these leads, contact acs@bucknell.edu.

Allegis Group - Corporate Recruiter
American Symphony Orchestra League - American Conducting Fellows Program
Carole Hochman Design Group - Jr. Programmer / Programmer
Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) - various avaialble
Congressional Budget Office - Assistant Analyst – Macroeconomic Analysis Division
Health Systems Research, Inc. - Policy Associate, Research Analyst
HEPCO, Inc. (Recruiting for Northrop Grumman Corp.) –
Jackson Hole Film Institute - Internship - Film Festival Planning
LucidRisk, LLC – Application Specialist, Mid-Level C++ Developer
Management Recruiters - Mid Hudson Valley – Land Development Project Manager -High End Resort Construction
Mountbatten Internship Programme - Mountbatten Internship Programme
Philips Medical Systems - Electrical Engineer (Transducer Design)
Simumcad Design Automation - EDA Applications Engineer, PDK Development Engineer
State of New York Office of General Services, Design & Construction -
Junior Engineer
Sylvan Learning Center - Center Director - Lewisburg/Bloomsburg
Walbridge RB – Project Coordinator, Project Engineer
United McGill Corporation - Purchasing Engineer
Knowledge Source - Teachers
PLL Corp. - Electrical Engineer
Simumcad Design Automation - EDA applications engineer, PDK Development
Engineer
Spotsylvania County Schools - Teachers - various positions

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:

HOMCOMING!!!
Career Conversations with Cathy McGinnis
October 6-7 (Individual appointments available)
Take advantage of Bucknell’s Alumni Career Services Program Director to
discuss your current career issues while you're back on campus for the
Homecoming festivities. Call (570) 577-1238 to schedule an appointment.

Coffee and Careers
Saturday, October 7th, 4-5pm
Faculty/Staff Lounge, ELC, Rm. 240, 2nd Floor
Enjoy a snack while you:
- Get information about how Alumni Career Services can help you
- Talk one-on-one with Cathy McGinnis about your specific career needs
- Pick up helpful materials on the job search process, resume writing,
  interviewing and other career related topics
- Get answers about transitioning into a new career

Drop-in Hours
Sunday, October 8th, 10am-noon
Faculty/Staff Lounge, ELC, Rm. 240, 2nd Floor
Join Cathy McGinnis to talk about your unique career needs. If you are searching for your first job, looking to make a change, or just have a question about your resume or cover letter, stop by to talk!

**Graduate School Day 2006**
**Wednesday, October 18th, 3:00 - 5:30 PM - Terrace Room, LC.**
Our annual graduate school event, held on campus each fall, attracts over 100 admissions representatives from various graduate and professional school programs across the country! Registration materials will be mailed in early summer. If interested, contact Sharon Lawer at lawer@bucknell.edu.

**Re-Entering the Workforce Webinar**
**Wednesday, October 25th, 7- 8 pm**
You are not alone! Since 2001, nearly two million Americans, between the ages of 25 and 54, have left the workforce. Now that you are returning to 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 with employers

Contact acs (acs@bucknell.edu) to RSVP.