More and more, as people enter the workforce today, they are concerned about whether they’re entering a career that is the right fit for them. Fabulous idea, but how exactly does that work? We have collected some articles that may help you figure out how to find a job or a career path that is the best fit for you. Don’t forget that on myBucknell you have access to assessment tools that can help you along your career path. Contact us and we can show you how to use them.

NOTE: There will be no issue of Alumni Career Notes on October 31st. The regular bi-weekly schedule will resume on November 14th.

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.

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Career Tip:
Before Taking a Job, Consider the Fit
by Jim Citrin

Phil Kent, chairman and chief executive officer of Turner Broadcasting System -- the cable programming giant that owns such fabled networks...
as CNN, TNT, and Cartoon Network -- was in New York last week for the cable industry's annual gathering. As we were catching up, Phil told me, "I need to thank you for the great advice you gave me a few years ago. I quote you often." "I'm flattered," I replied, "but can you jog my memory with wisdom I might have shared?"

He reminded me that when he was deciding whether to join Time Warner to lead its multibillion dollar Turner division or accept a potentially more lucrative offer as CEO of a global public company in the videogame business, I'd boiled the choice down to one deciding factor -- the people. "The who is more important than the what!" Phil said proudly Read More.

Additional Resources:
http://www.shrm.org/hrmagazine/articles/0306/0306daniel.asp - how to ask yourself and your company questions to decide whether a job is a good fit
http://www.salary.com/benefits/layouthtmls/bnfl_display_nocat_Ser268_Par387.html - things to do to make sure your job provides more than just a paycheck
http://www.businessweek.com/2000/00_41/b3702220.htm - how a career counselor can and cannot help you find the right job/career fit

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 Montclair, NJ
Earth Tech - entry-level engineer, Bloomfield, NJ
Encore - Associate Product Manager, Los Angeles, CA
Giorgio Armani Corp - Public Relations Assistant, New York, NY
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Stormwater Engineer
Mulhern & Kulp Structural Engineering, Inc. - Staff Engineer – Structural Engineering, Ambler (Philly suburb), PA
New York County District Attorney's Office - Trial Preparation Assistant, New York, NY
Quintiq - Software Developer, Wayne, PA
Silverman Linden Johnson LLP - Staff Accountant, New York, NY
Talent Magnet by Remedy (alum recruiter for Engineering Firm) - Mapping Project Manager, Regional Marketing Manager, Design Engineer, San Diego, CA
Viecor - Experienced Software Developer (lead from professor - recruiter on campus), Mahwah, NJ

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. NOTE: If you need help with any of these leads, contact acs@bucknell.edu.

Allegis Group - Corporate Recruiter, Hanover, MD
Carole Hochman Design Group - Jr. Programmer / Programmer
Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) - various available
Congressional Budget Office - Assistant Analyst – Macroeconomic Analysis Division, Washington, D.C.
HBE Corporation - Office Project Engineer, St. Louis, MO
Health Systems Research, Inc. - Policy Associate, Research Analyst, Washington, DC.
HEPCO, Inc. (Recruiting for Northrop Grumman Corp.) - Engineering Associate, Baltimore, MD
Information Systems Services - QA Web Tester, Moon Township, PA
Jackson Hole Film Institute - Internship - Film Festival Planning, Jackson Hole, WY
LucidRisk, LLC - Application Specialist, Mid-Level C++ Developer, Stamford, CT
Management Recruiters - Mid Hudson Valley – Land Development Project Manager -High End Resort Construction, Hopewell Junction, NY
McCormick Taylor, Inc. - Environmental Planner/Field Monitor, Baltimore, MD
Mountbatten Internship Programme - Mountbatten Internship Programme London, UK
Philips Medical Systems - Electrical Engineer (Transducer Design), Reedsville, PA
RDLA - HVAC, Plumbing and electrical engineers and designers, Philadelphia, PA
The CIB Group - Sales Consultants, Lancaster, PA
The New Columbia Joist Co. - Structural Engineer, New Columbia, PA
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:

Graduate School Day 2006
Wednesday, October 18th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Terrace Room, LC.
Our annual graduate school event, held on campus each fall, attracts nearly 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.

Behavioral Interviewing Strategies Webinar
November 29th, 7-8 pm
Past performance is a great predictor of what you will do in the future. Employers want examples of your abilities, not just pat answers. Learn to market yourself confidently:

- identify concrete examples to use in any type of interview
- become familiar with behavioral questions and what interviewers seek
- develop thoughtful questions to ask during your interview

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