# Career Search Expertise: Resumes and LinkedIn Tips

For You/Your Daughter or Son



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#### **About Me**

- Associate Director, Talent Management at Cognizant
- Over 20 years of dedication to human resources with experience in startups, non-profits and consulting.
- Adjunct professor at Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, and Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.
- Hold certifications as a Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) and Certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SHRM-SCP). Has a Master of Science in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from Loyola University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University.
- > Passionate about helping others in the career search process. Working with college students and graduates on the process.
- > StrengthsFinder Top 5 Strengths: Individualization, Achiever, Discipline, Maximizer and Learner.
- Jodi lives in Highland Park, Illinois and is married with three teenage children.
- > If I weren't in Human Resources, I'd be baking!

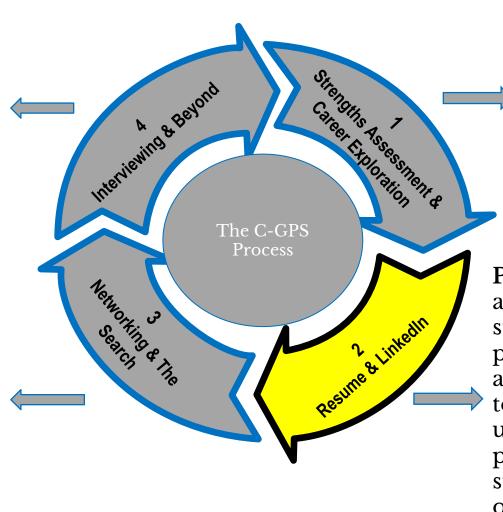




#### Career GPS

Engage: We prepare you to succeed throughout the interview process and in future workplace interactions as well.

Connect: We work with you to establish relationships and connections that will help in your job search and throughout your career.



**Identify:** 

Together, we identify a career path that will enable you to grow and thrive professionally.

Position: We assemble your strengths, passions and accomplishments to tell your unique story and position you to stand out among other candidates.



- ➤Where do I start?
- >Resume components
- ➤ Resume Tips
- ➤ LinkedIn...how to use it
- >Networking
- ➤ Your best internship/job search tool
- > Resources available



#### What To Consider?

Do you know what type of internship/job you are looking for?

Do you have the right tools to get started?

At what point do you need a resume?



Now it is time to get moving!

#### Jane Doe

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#### EDUCATION

Undergraduate Student at University of Illinois Champaign, Urbana

GPA 3.95/4.00

Major: Human Development & Family Studies

Minor: Sociology

#### STRENGTHS

Strengthfinder® TOP 5 Strengths: Context | Empathy | Developer | Adaptability | Restorative Spanish Fluency

Microsoft Office

Social Media: Twitter | Facebook | Pinterest | Tumblr | Instagram

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Estreet Sales Coordinator- Summer Associate, Chicago, IL

Summer 2016

Worked daily with producers and on-air talent to ...

- Create news run downs of each show
- Work with news team to find interesting news sources/topics for daily broadcast
- Answer station and contest calling

EAST BANK CLUB- KIDSTOWN-Youth Representative, Bannockburn, IL

Fall 2014-Summer 2015

Provided supervision and hands-on care to multiple children in dedicated facility within prominent athletic club

- Interfaced with parents to understand specific needs of their children in my care
- · Worked on-on-one with children to provide a safe and fun experience within the facility
- Received CPR and other educational training required by the state to serve in care provider capacity
- Work with children to achieve more fit lifestyles

DISCOVERY DAY CAMP- Summer Arts & Crafts Counselor, Northbrook, IL

Summer 2014

- Taught five to six art classes a day
- Taught children ranging age 4 to age 12
- Proving a fun, creative, artistic learning experience for all children
- Designed and implemented new projects to teach children XXX

#### ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEERING

HER CAMPUS- Social Media Contributor, Champaign, IL

Spring 2017 - Present

Responsible for identifying trends, researching stories and providing content for University of Illinois to the #1 new-media brand for the empowered college woman, written entirely by the world's top college journalists

- · In charge of posting photos, articles, and giving updates via social media
- . Running brand accounts such as Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Tumblr, and Instagram

SIGMA DELTA TAU SORORITY-Social Apparel Chair, Champaign, IL

Responsible for designing and working with companies to print sorority apparel

Fall 2016 - Present

#### SAMPLE RESUME

## Components of a Resume

- > Personal Information
- > Education
- > Competencies/Strengths
- > Professional Experience
- Activities, Volunteering &Leadership





- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- LinkedIn URL
- No physical address



- Name of college/university
- School: business, LSA, etc.
- $\rightarrow$  GPA
- Major
- > Minor
- > Any honors

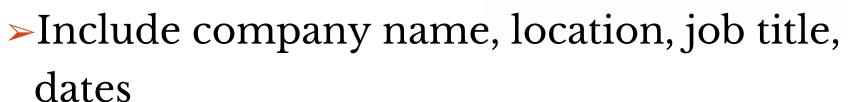


#### (Also known as Strengths or Summary)

- Choose competencies that come with the industry or are mentioned in the job posting
- Keep the list short and concise
- Present it neatly and properly
- Include things like: computer programs: Microsoft Office, programming, etc., foreign languages
- Anything that makes you stand out

#### >Every job counts!

- >Babysitting
- >Food service
- ➤ Unpaid work matters!
- >Start with the most recent



- ➤ Use action verbs
- >Pay attention to tense
- ►Include 3-5 bullets per position
- ➤ Consistency is important-format, font, etc.





Can be labeled Volunteering, Activities, Leadership,

Include organizations you are involved in

- ➤ Name of organization
- >Location
- >Role/title
- ➤ Responsibilities-1-2 action verb phrases
- Consider joining a professional association in your desired industry



LEADERSHIP

### Resume Tips-Appearance

- ➤ Keep It To One Page
- ➤ Avoid Spelling Or Grammar Errors
- > Send Your Resume As A PDF
- ➤ Label Your Resume File Correctly
- ➤ Make Sure It's Easy To Read
- Keep It Organized And Visually Appealing



### **Resume Tips-Content**

- Quantify As Much As Possible
- Don't Include References
- > Don't List Everything You've Ever Done
- Think About The Person Reading Your Resume
- Think About The Specific Job You're Applying To



## Components of a LinkedIn Profile

- > Headline
- > Summary Experience
- > Jobs
- > Volunteer
- > Certifications
- > Organizations
- > Skills & Endorsements
- > Education
- > Honors & Awards
- > Recommendations
- > Groups
- > Following



# How to Create a Killer LinkedIn Profile That Will Get You Noticed

- > Start with a professional photo
- > Make your headline stand out
- > Fill out the "summary" field with 5-6 biggest achievements
- > Fill out as much of the profile as possible
- > Ask for recommendations
  - Endorsements don't carry much value
- Use status updates to share industryrelevant content

WHY YOU SHOULD ROCK



## LinkedIn Tips

- >Turn off "Notify your network"
- >Use a background
- ➤Shorten your LinkedIn URL
- >What is the difference between "Recommendations vs. Endorsements"?
- >Groups
- >Following-who are you following?
- >Your other social media profiles
- >http://www.wordle.net

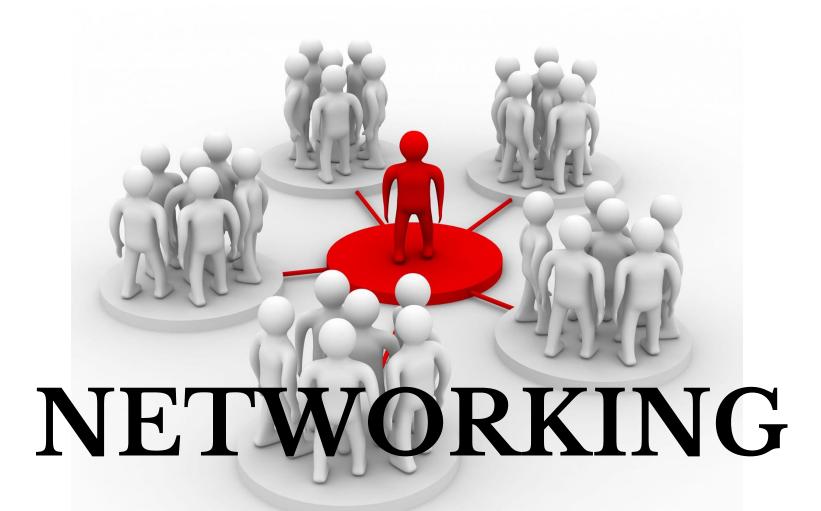
# How do use LinkedIn in your job search?

- Complete and update your profile
- > Set up job alerts
- > Apply to jobs
- ➤ Easy apply-what is it?
- ➤ Use your connections-build your network!
  - Connect with people you know
  - See if you are connected to anyone at the company
- Look for a recruiter's name and connect
- Customize connections on LinkedIn





# What is the best way to find an internship or a job?



#### Where to network?

## Internship



School Career Center



LinkedIn

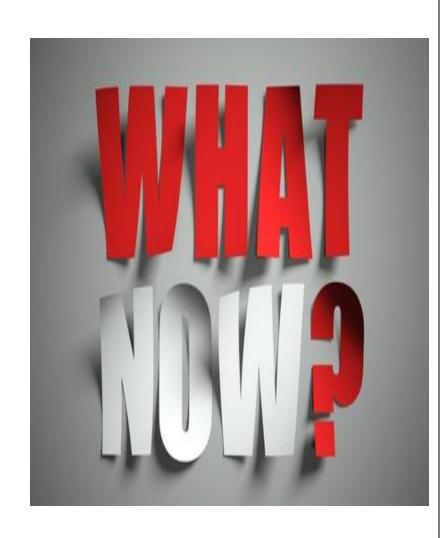


Industry Organizations



## What Should your Son/Daughter Do now?

- ➤ Get their resume and LinkedIn profile ready
- ➤ Go to the school career center and learn about the resources available to them
- ➤ Find out about internship fairs and when employers are visiting campus
- ➤ Attend events/speakers
- ➤ Join a club in their major or career
- > Follow up with employers



### Best Places to look for Jobs & Internships











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Industry Associations in the field

**Company Websites** 

School Job Board





#### Follow Me!



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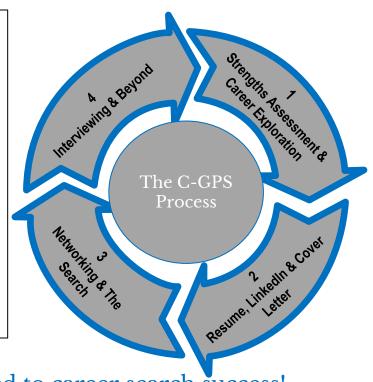
# Looking for your first or a new job? We specialize in *customized* support for internships, college grads and re-entering the workforce Need help...

- Writing the perfect resume?
- Learning how to maximize your LinkedIn account?
- Choosing what to apply for and how to do it effectively?
  - Preparing for the interview?

# Career GPS will help you navigate the job search process

Our **one-on-one customized** approach guides you through the critical phases of:

- Self realization,
- Job search preparation,
- Networking,
- Interviewing strategies
- Techniques to find a career match based on your strengths.



We are recognized experts committed to career search success!

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