

## **Reminders for Juniors**

**Note:** This is a list of suggestions, things to consider, and general reminders--it is not exhaustive, and it is not a list of requirements. We encourage you to think about everything on this list, and then have a conversation with your advisor about what's ahead (and what's behind!).

- 1. Review and update your <u>Individualized Educational and Co-Curricular Plan</u> with your <u>SSS Advisor</u> and <u>Faculty Advisor</u>.
- 2. Take courses and attend workshops to enhance your qualifications—computer skills, public speaking, writing, modern languages, critical thinking, social justice, and diversity/equality are all areas for personal growth.
- 3. Check out the <u>Big Six</u> experiences that predict whether college will be "worth it" or not. Discuss these experiences in your next SSS advising meeting.
  - Have you had a professor who made you excited about learning?
  - Do you have professors who care about you as a person?
  - Do you have a mentor who encourages you to pursue your goals and dreams?
  - Have you worked on a <u>long-term project</u>?
  - Have you had a job or internship where you applied what you are learning?
  - Are you extremely involved in <u>extracurricular activities</u>?
- 4. Thinking about graduate school?
  - Consider becoming a McNair Scholar.
  - Check out the <u>SSS/McNair Grad School Conference</u> in Wisconsin Dells offered every Fall semester. SSS can fund a limited number of students to attend each year. Check with your Advisor for more information.
  - Use other available resources:
    - Graduate School Comparison Worksheet.
    - Graduate School Application Timeline
    - Graduate School Exploration
    - Grad School Resources from Minnesota State University
- 5. Explore <u>career trends</u> related to your interests, skills, values, and goals with your advisors in SSS, your major, and Career Services.
  - How do I decide which Major/Minor I want to pursue?
  - What can I do with a major in . . .

- Career Locker
- A National Career Exploration Database
- 6. Develop your resume. Review it with our writing specialist and Career Services.
- 7. Consider the following to make yourself more marketable:
  - Undergraduate Research
  - Internships
  - Study Abroad Opportunities
  - Volunteer Work
  - Part-time and Summer Jobs
- 8. Join Student Associations that relate to your career interests.
- 9. Learn about job shadowing through these online interviews.
  - Set up a job shadowing experience to observe a professional from the community to learn firsthand what their position is like.
  - Conduct an <u>informational interview</u> with a professional in your field to get a solid understanding of the expectations and skills needed in your career.
- 10. Cultivate <u>professional references</u> from faculty/staff and supervisors.
- 11. Attend SSS Career Success workshops and Career Services events.
- 12. Develop your interview skills.
- 13. Attend <u>job fairs</u> to develop leads, contacts, and skills for your job search--don't miss UWL's Fall and Spring Career Fairs!

