

## **Reminders for Seniors**

**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. Meet with and discuss your career choices with your <u>SSS advisor</u>.
- 2. Use <u>Career Services</u> and SSS resources to learn more about the careers that relate to your interests and degree.
  - Have your <u>resume</u> reviewed by Career Services and our <u>Writing Tutors</u>.
  - Practice interview skills; schedule a mock interview with the SSS team and/or Career Services.
  - Sign up to interview with companies that come to campus recruiting events sponsored by Career Services. You will gain valuable interviewing skills.
  - Develop templates for all your job search documents. Have them critiqued by Writing Tutors and Career Services staff.
    - Cover letter
    - References
    - Follow-up letter
    - Thank-you letter
- 3. Counting down to commencement?
  - Do a <u>credit check</u> with the Assistant to the Dean for your major.
  - Complete an <u>Application for Graduation</u> immediately after you register for your final semester.
- 4. Start thinking about student loan repayment:
  - Visit the Financial Aid Office webpage for information about Direct Loan Exit Counseling
  - Check out It Make\$ Cents <u>life after college page</u>.
- 5. Preparing for your job search?
  - Things You Must Put on Your Resume
  - Turn Your Cover Letter into Talking Points for an Interview
  - How to Write a Cover Letter
  - Letter and Email Writing Tips
  - Job Interview Etiquette Tips
- 6. Thinking about graduate school? Send in <u>graduate school applications</u> by December of your senior year.
- 7. Maintain the best GPA you can, especially if you plan to attend graduate school.

- 8. Know how to <u>request your official transcript</u>.
- 9. Need letters of recommendation?
  - Formally ask faculty, staff, and supervisors to serve as your professional reference.
  - Send them a copy of your resume, personal statement, and why you are interested in the position(s) you are applying for.
  - Keep in contact with them about positions you are interested in/applying for.
  - This link talks more about the process of <u>asking for letters of recommendation</u>.

