“While college students are often idealistic and driven to get into public service when they graduate, they frequently don’t consider working for government agencies.”
—Laura Maggi @ https://tinyurl.com/y4w8tho7

As the Lewis University Career Services Career Advisor and Internship Coordinator, I was invited to visit the CIA in Washington, D.C. along with fellow Government and College Relations Council (GCRC) Steering Committee Members.

The Chicago-based GCRC professional organization recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of fostering career-related communication and cooperation between college career centers and government agencies/communities.

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GCRC’s mission is to Strengthen Relationships between Colleges and Government for employment purposes. This mutually beneficial partnership provides career center professionals with the information needed to prepare new graduates to apply for public service positions with the nation’s number one employer, government. The relationship connects government recruiters with top talent required to lead our nation into the future.

The CIA tour provided updated information on partnering with the agency, identified upcoming career opportunities, and provided insights on the hiring process. Additionally, GCRC Steering Members toured the White House, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) museum, and met with government personnel from the DEA, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Office of Performance and Personnel Management, Chicago Federal Executive Board, U.S. General Services Administration, and the National Security Agency.

The contacts from these agencies and the understanding of the complex federal application process will be extremely beneficial to Lewis University students pursuing degrees in Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Cyber Security, Chemistry, Languages, Aviation, and many more fields of study.

If a job like this is of interest to you please attend the upcoming Government Job Fair that is taking place on the campus of UIC on November 15th, from 1p.m.-4p.m. This event is FREE for Lewis University students because of our partnership with GCRC! Students of ALL MAJORS with an interest in government jobs are invited to attend! Lewis University bus transportation to UIC is being provided free of charge. Sign up right away because the spaces go quickly.

https://lewisu.joinhandshake.com/events/325129/share_preview

[Contributed by Mary Myers]

YOU have access to 400,000+ employers
Last year, 23,478 jobs and 5,384 internships were posted for Lewis students and alumni
Speak directly with students from other schools with your major or career interests through Peer-to-Peer Messaging
Schedule an appointment with your assigned career advisor
Have your resume reviewed by a professional
Get notified of events and positions that you are interested in

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### Featured Intern

**Sarah Renaud**, Senior Human Resources Major, completed her summer internship in the Career Services Office of Lewis University.

**Destiny S. Alexander**, Senior Public Relations/Advertising Major, served as a Creative Marketing Intern at Thank God It’s Natural (Chicago, IL) this summer.
GET NOTICED BY EMPLOYERS!

It’s hard to stand out to employers when there are lots of students looking at the same jobs. **Students with a complete Handshake profile get noticed 5 times more often** than those who have incomplete or private profiles. Employers search public profiles and direct-message students to encourage them to apply. Try these 3 simple tips to boost your visibility online via Handshake:

1. **Upload your photo.** Images always generate more traffic on a person’s profile, no matter what platform you’re using.
2. **Make your profile public.** With a private profile, no one can read all your great accomplishments!
3. **Complete “My Journey.”** This is essentially your summary. What are you passionate about? What types of positions are you looking for? What are your top skills and experiences?

Spending just 15 minutes on your profile can help you attract a lot more attention from top employers. Try it out and watch the results roll in!

[Contributed by Laura Paley]

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?

Did you know a large percentage of new college graduates are underemployed? That means they are taking jobs that don’t require a college degree. Too often, students identify a college major without knowing how, or if, it aligns with their career goals. In other words, many students have no idea what the career options are for their major. Nor have they strategized or developed a plan to prepare for that career, such as getting an internship or building a network (meeting people) in that career field or industry.

So let’s explore your major at: [https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/](https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/). If the View All Majors doesn’t open for you, try a different internet browser. Review the descriptions of all the different career areas you might consider in your major.

Don’t miss the following information:

- Areas (fields and worksites)
- Employers (what industry or workplace hires for this area?)
- Strategies (do I need an advanced degree?)
- General Information (what else do I need to know?)
- Professional Organizations (start building your network)
- Occupational Outlook (will there be jobs when I graduate?)
- Related Occupations (not sure, but maybe something close)
- Employment Opportunities (what do the jobs today look like?)

If you don’t believe that there are viable career choices with your major, contact Career Services or Academic Services for further career exploration ideas!

[Contributed by Mary Myers]
Sometimes it can feel a little overwhelming to know what direction to take in your career when there are so many possibilities. The world is quick to tell you what it thinks should matter to you, but you are the person who has to live with your decisions. Accordingly, it is worth taking a little time to do some deep thinking and introspection as you strive to discern your next step. What matters to YOU?

Here are a few questions upon which you may want to reflect:

- What would I describe as a “successful” career?
- Do I want to use my career to make a difference? If so, to whom? For what?
- Can I use my special talents in my career choice?
- What is the role of income/money in my career choice?
- Are there other people I need to consider as I choose a career path?
- Is it important for me to be in a particular career in order to live out my purpose, or is my purpose more a way of life or a set of principles that can be applied to any career I select?
- Is there a problem or issue about which I feel strongly? Is there a career path that corresponds with this?
- Does my faith play a role in my career path? If so, how?
- Do I see people who love their careers so much that they just glow with joy? What makes me glow with joy?
- Do certain skills come naturally to me? Can I weave those into my career?
- Do I want to be able to live out my values in my career?
- Do I feel “called” to a particular career? What would happen if I “declined the call” so to speak?

[Contributed by Chris Breier]

College is an extremely busy, and often overwhelming time, especially if you don’t have anyone to go to for advice. Many students, like myself, don’t have parents or older siblings who attended college before them to offer advice. So, here’s my advice to you as someone who made it through (and did a fairly decent job).

Get started early on doing things that will benefit your future (e.g., joining the right clubs, gaining experience in your field, etc.). Everyone tells you that college will fly by before you know it, and they’re right. If you are unsure what you should be doing right now, our office has a 4-Stage Career Plan developed to help you out. Stop by to pick one up or make an appointment to discuss it with your career advisor.

Ask questions. It may be intimidating or embarrassing to ask questions about navigating college, but there’s no reason to be ashamed. Your professors along with every department on campus are here with the purpose of helping YOU. The sooner you ask your questions, the sooner you’ll have answers.

Relax, have fun, and surround yourself with great people. With all this new stress, don’t forget to take some time for yourself. Make friends who support you and challenge you to grow as an individual. College is the time to gain an education, but it is also a time of great personal growth. Don’t sweat it if you change your major, need an extra semester, or struggle in a class. Life isn’t all smooth sailing. Take a step back, find the right people to help you, make a plan, and you’ll be on your way.

[Contributed by Natalie Palm, Graduate Assistant]
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