SENIOR YEAR

## **SENIOR YEAR**CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Now is the time to finalize applications to graduate school or intensify your search for full-time work or service opportunities after graduation. It's never too soon to start this process. Hit the ground running during your fourth year by meeting with a career counselor over the summer or the beginning of fall semester.





## Prepare to launch

- Meet with your academic advisor(s) to finalize academic plans and make sure you are on track for graduation. Begin your comprehensive job search and/or finalize graduate school plans as early as the fall. Discuss your career and/or graduate school choices with a career counselor, professors, and other professionals to get advice about the job search or graduate school application process. Participate in an internship during the school year, if you haven't done so already—doing more than one internship during college is encouraged. Set up a practice interview with a CDC career counselor. Continue to attend CDC programs and workshops.
- ☐ Target specific jobs and career interests through research and networking.
- Connect with employers through on-campus recruitment activities, job fairs, and online platforms like Handshake.
- Connect with potential references (professors and supervisors) to request and collect letters of recommendation.
- Complete professional exams (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT etc.) and submit application materials for graduate school during fall semester.
- Perfect your <u>resume</u> and cover letter(s) by having them reviewed by the CDC staff.
- Polish your LinkedIn and Handshake profiles and expand your connections.
- Take the <u>Piper Prepared Career Ready</u>
  <u>Assessment</u> and complete the <u>Career</u>
  Ready Reflection Sheet.



## **READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?**

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