

YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR

CHARGE

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A lot of commitments and responsibilities kick in during sophomore year, and it's a great time to think about how your post-graduate life will connect with the investments you're making now. Here are some things to consider as you navigate through sophomore year:

HONE A MAJOR

It's ideal to declare by the end of the year, but if you're still waffling, don't panic! Keep taking classes that pique your interest, and reflect on directions they might take you in. If you've already declared a major, consider switching over to an academic advisor in your field who can more closely coach you through the next few years as you work to establish future plans.

GET TO WORK

Campus offers a host of employment opportunities to get your feet wet in the working world. Use Handshake to explore and apply for on-campus jobs. Aside from gaining employment experience to add to your resume, you may get a taste for certain kinds of work that you find frustrating or fulfilling.

NETWORK

About 75% of undergraduates secure future plans based on who they know. Establishing a network of connections early in your college years is invaluable. LinkedIn, Handshake, and CareerShift are great places to begin networking, and Career Services can help coach you through this process. Also, look for alumni in your field of interest and take advantage of the chance to talk with them about their experience.

INTERN

This is a great summer for an internship. If you're still waffling about future plans, internships offer a trial run with plenty of time to pursue something different if you don't enjoy your experience. If you've settled on a direction, an internship in your field gives you a leg-up when it comes time for job applications. Utilize Handshake, CareerShift, LinkedIn, and help from our office to find internship opportunities.

GRAD SCHOOL

If you're considering graduate school, this is a good year for preliminary conversations with professors in your field of interest or with the Career Services staff. Look for Career Services events targeting graduate school prep, and utilize free test prep resources in our office.

Looking For More?

Draft a Resume

You'll definitely need one in the future, and you may even use it this year. It's not too early to get started!

Handshake

Handshake now contains only employers specifically targeting Hillsdale students, so it's a great place to set up a profile and look for job and internship opportunities.

LinkedIn

Set up a LinkedIn profile to expand your professional network. Did you know that Hillsdale has an exclusive Alumni Mentoring group on LinkedIn? Come to one of our 30-minute lectures on networking etiquette to be invited!

CareerShift

Using your Hillsdale College credentials, browse this comprehensive database of all the jobs that are out there.

Visit Career Services with any needs or questions. Log onto Handshake to schedule an appointment!



Be sure to look for our Monday Morning Career Column email to learn about upcoming events and other opportunities!