Tips for Sophomores: Get Involved!

Majors: Still Undecided?

If you are still undecided, this is the semester to seek assistance. Most departments require sophomores to apply for majors at the beginning of spring semester; some departments may have earlier deadlines. Here are some ways to help you with the process...

- Use our online “What can I do with a major in...” information to see what majors best suit your interests and skills
- Attend a career panel, where alums come to talk about their current position, past experiences, and how their major helped prepare them for their future
- Conduct informational interviews and arrange job shadows to learn about majors/jobs
- Use CANE, our online list of alum profiles to see what jobs alums have had through different majors

Study Abroad

Talk to your academic advisor and parents about studying abroad for either a semester or short-term program during junior or senior year. Ask yourself this:

- Will I get required classes fulfilled on the trip?
- Will I complete your necessary classes here at school to graduate on time, or will I need to consider summer courses or an extended stay here at CSB/SJU?
- Why am I interested in studying abroad? How will it be helpful to me?

It would be beneficial to attend a “Study Abroad 101” information session and check out the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) website to see which program would best suit your interests and needs.

- There is a Study Abroad Fair on Oct. 20, 2-5 p.m. In Guild Hall, SJU. Plan to attend and learn more about the various programs.
- A resume and interview are required as part of the Study Abroad application process. Career Services offers resume workshops, resume critiques and practice interviews to help you prepare.

It’s not too soon to think about Graduate School and Summer Experiences!

- Talk to your adviser about grad schools and their requirements
- Develop a 4-year plan so you are ready to apply your senior year
- Most grad schools like to see applicants who have conducted research or relevant experience/ Talk with your professors about possible summer research opportunities here at CSB/SJU or at other institutions.

Watch for early deadlines to apply for a summer internship, research position, or volunteer position to gain experience!