

# Career Buzz

## Senior Year is Almost Here!

Senior year can be an exciting time of choices and transitions. Career Services is here to help you develop plans for employment, internships, grad school, and volunteer opportunities — AND to help with things like resumes, cover letters and interviewing tips. Remember: it's not too late to get experience: do an internship or volunteer. Let us help you make the most of your senior year!

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### Teaching Abroad...

**Jenna Maus** will be teaching English in Malaysia with the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She completed political science and peace studies majors. She chose to apply for the program after hearing about it from a friend who was completing the Fulbright Award. She chose Malaysia because she wanted to expand her cross-cultural understanding, particularly her knowledge of Islam, after spending time in the United Arab Emirates during her first year at CSB/SJU. The process started with an application to the committee in the U.S. and then once it was recommended, it was sent to the agency in Malaysia for final review. She says she's most excited to experience the large cultural difference from the United States. She explained, "I have come to realize that I learn the most when I am outside my comfort zone."



plained that the application process for chemistry grad programs is not a centralized application, with each school having its own in order to focus on specific information. When asked what she's most excited about Annie said, "It is my dream to become a college professor and so I'm deeply excited to start teaching smaller, undergraduate classes this fall."



### Full Time Employment...

**Claire Kochevar** will be working in Overland Park, Kansas, as a Commodity Merchant Trainee at Cargill. She first connected with them at the MN Private Colleges Job and Internship Fair during her junior year and secured an internship that eventually turned into a full time job. She really enjoyed the work environment and working in the agriculture business even though she hadn't had any prior experience. When asked what she's excited about for her new job she said, "I am excited to continue talking and learning from farmers who know more about farming than I ever will and I'm also excited to be starting my life after graduation in a new city."



### Graduate School...

**Annie Luke** will be furthering her education next year at the University of Minnesota pursuing a PhD in Chemistry. After much deliberation, Annie chose the U of M program because they focus on both academia and research and she is attracted to the strong combination of both aspects. Before applying, she completed two summers of undergraduate research in the field, took the GRE, the CHEM GRE, and spent time applying to each school individually. She ex-

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# Tina Fey

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Tina Fey's got a good looking LinkedIn profile! Do you??

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Contact Info

## ACTIVITY

Use this section to check out what other people are doing on LinkedIn!

Julie Inouye is now following what Pete Cashmore is saying on LinkedIn.

Pete Cashmore  
CEO, Mashable Inc



### What It's Really Like to Own an iPhone 5

The dust has settled on the iPhone 5 launch, and the initial hype has died down. For me, it's now just my regular workday phone, with less of the "shiny object" sheen it had on launch...

SEE MORE

Apply for jobs & internships on LinkedIn.  
**Tip:** Search by company, industry, or location.

## BACKGROUND

### SUMMARY

I've been coined a "quiet pr storm" because change is the constant in technology.

I've been lucky to work with some of the smartest people in the Silicon Valley. I live and will travel for good food.

Use this section to show employers your skills and professional experience. **Tip:** Use your resume to help with your job experience descriptions

### EXPERIENCE

Want some extra help with your profile?  
Contact Career Services to set up an appointment with a Career Counselor



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# Time to map out your senior year!

## Start

**Resume:** Update your resume by using samples on our website and get the first critique at the CRC; then make an appointment with a career counselor to review it too.

**Experience:** Get involved on campus so that you have experiences to put on your resume and discuss in interviews

**E-Link:** Use E-Link to search for jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities. The E-link portal can be found on the Career Services' website.

**Early Interviews:** Some companies choose to come to campus to interview early in the fall. Check out E-link for info to apply.

**Job/Career Fairs:** Keep an eye out for information about Career EXPO in the November and the many other fairs (in person and virtual) offered throughout the year. These are great events to connect with employers and find job and volunteer opportunities.

**GoInGlobal:** For help on national AND international internships & jobs: Go to [www.csbsju.edu/career](http://www.csbsju.edu/career)—click on "Students." See link in right-side box for GoInGlobal.

**CANE:** Use the CANE database to identify alums that have the same major or field you're interested in. It's a great way to connect, expand your network and get information. Alums are super excited to help out Bennies and Johnnies!

**Connecting with others:** Be sure to get out of your comfort zone and connect with alums and professionals in the fields you're interested in...Just having a casual conversation with contacts can give you direction and open up new opportunities.

### **Career Girl**

<http://careergirlnetwork.com>

- This awesome website was started by a Bennie!
- It provides tips for getting into a career and networking
- There are articles about leadership and how to dress for success
- Provides information about resumes and how to build a reputation

### **The Daily Muse**

[www.thedailymuse.com](http://www.thedailymuse.com)

- This website gives career advice about job searching, finding a career path, and talking about management skills
- It has articles giving interesting advice and information, some current articles include:
- 5 Words You Should Never Use to Describe Yourself in an Interview
- 24 LinkedIn Rules you Might be Breaking
- 10 Companies that Take the Entire Team on Vacation

## **5 Great Websites for Upcoming Graduates**

### **Experience.com**

[www.experience.com](http://www.experience.com)

- A website that deals with entry-level jobs and internships for college students and recent college graduates
- It caters to students with resume and cover letter tips
- Provides upbeat articles to those who are just starting out in the job market

### **WAGE GAP**

<http://www.wageproject.org/>

- This website works to educate people about the wage gap that exists
- Figure out how much you are worth before you go into job interviews by using the wage analytics
- Find out how you can make a difference in reducing the wage gap by improving your negotiation skills

### **CSB/SJU Career Services' Website**

[www.csbsju/career](http://www.csbsju/career)

- Be sure to check out our website for awesome resources and come in to chat with us to get resume critiques and other help
- Find internships and jobs on—E-Link
- Read alum profiles about what they've done with their majors after school
- Find samples of resumes and cover letters
- Check out GoinGlobal for information about internship, job, and volunteer opportunities for 40+ US/ Canadian cities and 43+ countries

# Looking into Graduate School?

By Mary Harlander-Locke

*The process to decide on a graduate school program involves many of the same procedures you employed while researching and applying for an undergraduate degree. Applications, personally essays, transcripts, recommendations, and graduate exams are typical aspects of a graduate school application process.*

## General Process for Grad School:

- Research graduate school programs
- Develop timeline to complete admissions requirements by application deadline
- Conduct job shadows in the professional area
- Complete graduate exam
- Create a personal essay and have it critiqued
- Get recommendation letters from the necessary people
- Complete all necessary requirements for application
- Apply for financial aid and fellowships

Most graduate schools require some sort of admission exam. It is recommended that you prepare for these exams. Study guides, practice tests, and prep-classes are useful in helping to cover all necessary material for the exam. Study guides and practice tests can be purchased online or at major bookstores. For those that are interested in a structured class, Kaplan and Princeton Review are two examples of prep-class programs, offering a wide variety of courses.

Information about upcoming registration and test dates for some of the exams:

## Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

### Testing Dates

Jun. 8, 2015

Oct. 3, 2015

Dec. 5, 2015

### Register by:

May 13, 2015

Check website

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[www.lsac.com](http://www.lsac.com)

Regular registration fee: \$165

## Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

The MCAT will launch an updated version of the exam April 2015. Please visit the MCAT website for more information on registration information:

[www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat)

Regular registration fee: \$275

## Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

- The **GRE General Test** (computerized) measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and analytical writing skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study.  
Regular registration fee: \$195
- The **GRE Subject Tests** gauge undergraduate achievement in seven specific fields of study. Check Admission requirements to determine which GRE exams are required.  
Regular registration fee: \$150
- For general information and registration, go to the ETS homepage: [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)

## Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

- This exam is a computerized test and is considered an effective predictor of success in business. For more information: [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)  
Regular registration fee: \$250

## For more information on Graduate Admission Exams visit:

- [www.csbsju.edu/career/](http://www.csbsju.edu/career/) - click on "Students" then "Graduate School" for info on test centers and exam dates.

# Gaining Experience your Senior Year

## Volunteer opportunities on or near campus:

- VISTO
- AKS Service Sorority
- Campus Ministries
- Habitat for Humanity
- SJU Arboretum
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Kennedy Elementary School
- Community Kitchen
- Up Til Dawn

## Mark Your Calendar...

### Volunteer Fair—is now a part of

### Career EXPO

Nov. 4, 2—5 p.m.

Gorecki 204

A great opportunity to talk with organizational representatives about volunteer programs

## Volunteer opportunities off-campus:

- Catholic Charities
- American Red Cross
- Boys and Girls Club
- Kids Against Hunger
- Anna Marie's Alliance
- St. Cloud Hospital
- Central MN Sexual Assault Center
- YMCA

## Thinking About Volunteering After Graduation?

- **Volunteering** provides a great opportunity to gain experience in a variety of fields such as human services, development, and teaching while providing service at the same time!
- **Some examples of volunteer organizations are:** Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Amate House, Habitat for Humanity, Green Corps, Common Hope, and Jesuit Volunteer Corps.
- Positions generally last 1-2 years and are great experiences for future employment or graduate school.
- Although you may not always be earning money while volunteering, many organization offer stipends and living allowances and you can often defer your student loans (talk to your loan company).

### **To start your research:**

Visit our website at: [www.csbsju.edu/career/](http://www.csbsju.edu/career/)  
Click on "Students," then "Volunteering"  
for additional information

### **Volunteering: What to Think About**

<http://www.csbsju.edu/Documents/Career/Handouts/volunteeringaftergraduation.pdf>

