Resources for Seniors

The end is quickly approaching! Senior year can be one of the best years of your college experience. You have found your niche, you get to take classes you are passionate about, you have many great friends that surround you, and perhaps a job or internship that you love going to everyday. However, Senior year is the most stressful because of upcoming graduation, finding a job, choosing a place to live, and relationships that may be changing or ending. Juggling all that life demands and keeping your grades up can create strain on your last year, but don’t let it! Be prepared by following these tips...

Checklist for Academic Success:

- Continue going to classes and keep studying. It’s time to buckle down and race to the finish. Now’s not the time to give yourself a break.
- If you’re planning on going to graduate school, it’s time to:
  - Narrow down your choices of schools you’re interested in attending
  - Take graduate school entrance exams, such as the GRE, MCAT, GMAT, etc.
  - Write a compelling graduate school application
- Don’t forget to make an appointment with your advisor to start the process of a degree checkout. Most degrees require you to finish the degree checkout the semester before you intend to graduate. But check with your advisor for specifics.
- Stay connected with professors and students in your career field. Talk with them about your career goals.
- Check with Financial Aid about loan repayment options.
- Begin planning your finances for life after graduation.

Career Considerations:

- Time to polish up that resume and finish your career portfolio! Tailor resume and cover letter to each full-time position for which you apply
- Secure professional references.
- Develop target list of potential employers and express interest.
- Establish a realistic post-graduate budget and financial projection.
- Renew membership in professional organizations related to your major or career choice.
- Continue to follow the Graduate/professional school timeline, if applicable and create a back-up plan.
- Continue to volunteer in the community or with a public service organization.
- Complete all requirements for graduation including the First Destination Survey through LSUS Career Pilot.
- Attend career fairs and other events.
- Use personal network to identify opportunities.
- Interview with target employers.
- Inform LSUS Career Services if you accepted a position

Campus & Community Involvement:

- Prepare to leave your organizations in better shape than when you found them. Become a mentor for the younger students as they begin to take over.
- Continue to develop your relationships with professors, instructors, and staff members.
- Get involved in the community through volunteer opportunities that LSUS offers.
- Update your address on MyLSUS and with Alumni Services so that LSUS can contact you post-graduation.
- Remain an active member of the LSUS community. Register with Alumni Services and give back to your university.