Before You Graduate

Education is important but opportunities to learn and to experience new things go far beyond the classroom. There are so many opportunities to maximize your investment in your education. Here are just a few . . .

- Visit the Career Success Center early and often, both on-line and in person. You will find a wide variety of on-line tools for job hunters but also for planning your career path.

- Find information about everything from academic support to leadership opportunities in our Quick Reference Guide.

- Join a club. Strengthen relationships with classmates, build your resume, and gain valuable personal and/or professional experience. Enrich your education. You are investing in yourself; Make that investment count.

- Go to Ancell Day on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 2 - 4 pm, at the South Plaza outside the Campus Center (the rain date will be Wednesday, September 21, from 2 - 4 pm) — Get involved, get informed, and get some snacks!

- Learn about internships and co-ops from the Career Success Center. Many companies use internships as their main recruiting source.

- Attend business and career events as often as you can. Each business-related experience will better prepare you to succeed after graduation. These experiences allow you to expand your business vocabulary and enrich your knowledge about the world of business.

- Create a LinkedIn Account - It is recommended that students open a LinkedIn Account and begin building a professional profile as soon as possible. LinkedIn offers a free webinar to get started and other webinars to build networking skills. The Career Success Center also offers LinkedIn seminars and a photo booth for your professional headshot. LinkedIn provides a professional identity and not a social forum. It is always important to conduct yourself in a professional manner on this site.

- Build Intercultural/Global skills:
  - Participate in global/intercultural learning opportunities within the university, through the courses you take, the clubs you join, and the events in which you participate.
  - Investigate options for travel abroad either through shortened educational trips or full semester student exchanges, such as student exchanges through ISEP (WCSU is a member). Visit Western’s Study Abroad page for more information.
  - Attend cultural events like plays or concerts. You will be a better networker and a better person.

- Fill out an application for graduation. This is due the semester before you actually graduate. You will find the form and further information on the registrar’s website. Deadlines can be found on the form. If you are an Ancell School business or justice and law student, you will not graduate if your GPA is below a 2.3.