

June, 2008

Hello from Radford University:

I hope this note find you well and enjoying the summer. We are busy during these beautiful days on the RU campus planning next year's career development activities and events. Our goal remains to continue to increase the career sophistication levels of Radford University students by utilizing our Four Year Portfolio Plan for Experiential Learning. We are focusing on helping students to:

- Develop clarity of purpose and understanding of self
- Integrate practical experiences that support what is learned in the classroom
- Build confidence in the job search process
- Provide contacts with employers and internship sites.

As an alumni of RU, I know you can remember the questions you had about what to major in while studying in college; what jobs and careers might be available to you with your major; if there were employers out there who might like to hire you; and how you were ever going to find that internship. I can assure you the questions remain the same for students in 2008.

As part of our planning we would like to invite you to participate with us next year in any one of several possible activities including coming back to campus to speak to students and faculty during the Fall Fair for Employment and Internships scheduled 1 to 4 p.m. on the afternoon of October 7th

Alumni are invited to a welcoming reception with employers who are coming to campus to recruit at the fair on the evening before October 6th. Also if you are interested, you could meet with some of your former faculty and current students in classes during the morning of October 7th before the actual fair begins.

RU is inviting at least 10 alumni to set up tables during the fair to talk with students about their current organizations. As this is the first time we are inviting a few alumni back to participate in this fair, there is no charge for these alumni to set up tables at the fair. However, I believe many of the alumni may decide to collect resumes and can take them back to their HR colleagues at their work site. In the career world this is called a "resume drop or resume collection" and has been used many times by companies who want to see candidates from a school but cannot come for a fair. I hope you will consider this invitation to collect resumes for your employer.

Laura Turk, Director of Alumni Affairs, and I have talked about which alumni to invite to this event and given your enthusiasm we believe you would be a great role model for the students at RU. I think you could talk to students about lessons learned as you made the transition from academic life to work life, etc. You can answer the questions, "What is life after RU like?" "What should I be doing now while I am a student?" "What work experiences do I need?"

We will be following up with you in the next few weeks and I would love to set up a time to talk to you either in person or by telephone about the Experiential Learning and Career Services programs at RU. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Jordan, Ph.D.
Director, Experiential Learning & Career Services
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