

Five Ways to Prepare for Career Fairs

Update your resume. Your resume is what you leave behind for employers to remember you by. Let the experts at Career Services help you present the best version of your resume. You have put in the work; make sure the employers know it! You want to stand out from the rest, and your resume can help you do that.

Have an elevator speech. Being prepared when going up to a table will help to boost your confidence. One way to be prepared is by having a basic outline of what you are going to say already prepared. Think about your experience and skills that will apply to your field. With that in mind, create a 1-2 minute outline of what you can say about yourself.

Dress for success. Look the part when you are at a career fair. Think of it as an interview. You can still show off your own personal flare, but make sure that you are still within the lines of professional attire. Find your “power outfit,” something that you feel confident in because that confidence will show.

Be ready to ask questions. This event is not just for employers to get to know you, it is also for you to get to know them. Think of some questions beforehand. What things are important to you: training, social environment, ability to advance, etc.? This will show the employer that you are interested and that you have put thought into what you want.

Schedule a mock interview. Be ready for anything that the employer throws your way. Peer Career Assistants in Career Services can work with you to better your techniques. Practicing for an interview will make you feel more comfortable when you are talking with employers. This would also be a great time to practice asking the questions that you will ask the employers or your elevator speech.

For more information, visit: <https://inside.nku.edu/careerservices/students.html>

“The day is what you make it! So why not make it a great one?”

-Steve Schulte

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Student speaking to potential future employer

Fall Career Events

Career Connections

9/26 | 2-5 pm | SU 107
(Ballroom)

Meet the Firms*

9/26 | 2-5 pm | SU 104

STEM - Nonprofit - Healthcare Career Fair

10/3 | 2-5 pm | SU 107
(Ballroom)

The Big College Event

10/24 | 4-8 pm | Duke Energy
Convention Center

Major/Minor Fair

10/25 | 10 am-1 pm | SU 107
(Ballroom)

* RSVP required

Walk-in Hours

UC 225

Mon. & Wed., 2:30-4 pm

Thurs., 3-4:45 pm

Extended walk-in hours prior to career fairs:

Fri., Sept. 21, 1-4 pm

Mon., Sept. 24, 1-4 pm

Tues., Sept. 25, 1-4 pm

Fri., Sept. 28, 1-4pm

Mon., Oct. 1, 1-4 pm

Tues., Oct. 2, 1-4 pm

*There are no walk-in hours on
Wed., September 26 and Wed.,
October 3*

Career Services

UC 225

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Thurs. until 5 pm

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Victor's Vision Leadership Retreat, 2018

Leadership Roles: Why YOU Should be a Leader!

by Emily Newell, Student Marketing Assistant

Ever since freshman orientation, I was told that I needed to get involved on campus. So I did. Freshman year I was involved in more organizations and events than I could count. However, I learned that there was a difference between joining an organization and being involved. After narrowing it down to the organizations that I actually wanted to be in, I had to make a choice: what did I want to do in these organizations? I chose to take on leadership roles, and that was one of the best choices that I have made while in college.

Why it is amazing

Being a leader in an organization has a lot of amazing benefits. One benefit is that you will develop leadership skills. When you are leading an organization, you learn about everything that goes into that organization to make sure things run smoothly, but I think the real leadership skills are formed when things *don't* run smoothly. Leading truly gives you a chance to learn and grow.

Leading is also a great way to give back to your organization. In one of my organizations, we have retreats. I fell in love with the FreshStart retreat as a freshman because it got me involved and it helped me find friends. So as a junior, I co-chaired the retreat so I could create the experience that I was given as a freshman. This was my chance to give back and leave my mark on the organization.

My suggestions for getting started

First, consider what you would like to do more of in your organization. Leading takes time, so make sure you are doing something that you care about. Next, talk to the person who is currently in that role. Get suggestions from them about the position and learn from their experiences. If there isn't a position that speaks to your interests then think about what you would like to improve upon in the organization. Talk to the current leadership to see if there is a way that you could create your own project or position. Once you figure out what you want to do then go for it!

Being a leader isn't always easy, and it isn't always easy to get into that leadership position that you want. Therefore, you have to have the willpower and the drive to keep trying. When I first tried to become a part of an E-Board for my organization, I wasn't picked, but instead of giving up, that motivated me. I was the most active member of my organization that semester, and when the next E-Board elections came around, my efforts didn't go unnoticed and I was elected. That was the start of my leadership journey, a journey that shaped my entire college experience for the better. I think anyone can be a leader if they want to be. What will you choose to do?