

# “Achieving a Student’s Academic and Career Success: A Guide to Working within Higher Education”

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# Activity Questions Part A Intro

Think about what you wanted to do when you graduated from High School.

Were you scared or optimistic about the future?



# Activity Questions Part A

Did you go straight to college? Or did you start working?

How many times did you change your major/job?

# Activity Questions Part A (Continued)

What are your thoughts of where you were?

How did you get to where you are today?

# Background

- PT Mentor to students for the past 10 years.
- Been a college student the best of the last 15 years.
- Audio Visual Technician for the past 3 years. Film/Video UG degree.
- GM of two campus radio stations for a combined 3 years.
- Had 4 different internships and side jobs along my time in college.
- I always have lived at home with my parents and have always had their support. They never earned a college degree; so they wanted me to have one. “I don’t want you to have to bust your butt all your life”

# Introduction

- My many career aspirations changes...  
Cinematographer, editor, gaffer/grip (lighting) teaching etc.
- Many college experiences led me toward a choice of career change.
- My experience in higher education has been rewarding.
- Always had a passion for education and helping others.
- I would like to become a Career/Academic Success Coach.



# Informational Interviews



- Lynn Marcus  
Career Placement Coordinator, North Shore Community College (Lynn, MA)
- Joseph Flanagan  
Hammond Building Operations Manager, Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)
- Ashlee Talbot  
Program Coordinator & Asst Hall Director, Olin College of Engineering (Needham, MA)
- Andrew Linscott  
Academic and Career Coach, Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)
- Dale McLennan  
Dean, internship and Career Center, Endicott College (Beverly, MA)



**Olin College**  
of Engineering

# Higher Education Conference

## Workshops

- 1) Improving Advising: Engaging Student Organization Advisors in Critical Social Theory-Brian Lackman, Duke
- 2) Stuck in the Middle Again? MidLife & Mid-Career-Jason McKnight, MIT
- 3) Self Determination and College Students with Disabilities-Donald B. Mills, TCU



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## Workshops

4) Transformative Student Leadership by Design: Designing Intentional Student Leadership Roles and Employability Skills- Tiyah Western, Cornell

5) ACES: Meeting our Students Where they Are-Amy Cavanaugh U. of North Carolina-Wilmington



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# Additional Conversations at ACPA19



- Ashlee Talbot M Ed.  
Program Coordinator & Assistant Hall Director, Olin College of Engineering.
- Hank Parkinson Ed. D.  
Associate Dean of FSU Office of Student Development
- Shane Franzen  
Associate Director of Student Development, Commuter & Volunteer Affairs
- Beth Cupples Swartz  
Expanding Horizons Success Program Academic Advisor

# Resume/LinkedIn

## BEFORE

**Bunker Hill Community College**—*Boston, MA*

**06/2009-Present**

Advisory Committee Member/Student Mentor

- Train new employees and serve on committee in the process of hiring new student mentors.
- Guide tours for admissions office and assist academic advisors with advising and registration.
- Assist staff in the student activities office with all student clubs, events and activities on campus.

## AFTER

**Bunker Hill Community College**—*Charlestown, MA*

**06/2009-Present**

Advisory Committee Member/Student Mentor

- Train new employees and serve on committee in the process of hiring new student mentors.
- Instruct students on class registration within advising and conduct tours for admissions office.
- Collaborate with other staff and students in student activities office, initiating clubs and events.

# Resume/LinkedIn

## BEFORE

**Bunker Hill Community College**—*Charlestown, MA*

**09/2014-12/2014**

Interim WBCC Radio Advisor

- Advised three board member's efficiency in leadership and in conducting weekly meetings events.
- Trained twelve students on proper use of equipment and all legal radio broadcasting procedures.
- General Manager of WBCC as a student with twenty-five student DJs from Fall 2008-Spring 2010.

## AFTER

**Fitchburg State University**—*Fitchburg, MA*

**01/2012-12/2012**

WXPL 91.3 FM Radio Station General Manager

- Directed staff in high overall efficiency in areas such as promotions, events, PSAs, equipment etc.
- Instructed over thirty student DJs in weekly meetings putting to order weekly updates and news
- Recruited a WXPL Advisory Board from constructing an application, and conducting interviews for a trio of professors on campus to help efforts toward strengthening the station's future progress.

# Business Cards

May 9th 2015

February 20th 2019



# A Guide to Achieving a Desired Career

1. Do Your research: careers in the field for qualifications, responsibilities, pay, location, transportation etc.
2. Network with people in your desired field as much as possible (Informational Interviews)
3. Love Thyself but know my limits: Learning Disability/Anxiety
4. Seek assistance for Resume/Cover Letters
5. Business Cards and LinkedIn, Social Media
6. Take chances on employment opportunities!
7. Make sure your career will be something you will have fun with and will enjoy for a long long time.

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# Activity Questions Part B

How similar is my pathway to yours?

What would you do differently during your pathway?

What if you were in my shoes?

# Activity Questions Part B (Continued)

Would you go back and change your Undergraduate Major?

Are you happy with your past decisions?

Where do I go from here?

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?