"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.



<u>Informational Interviews</u>

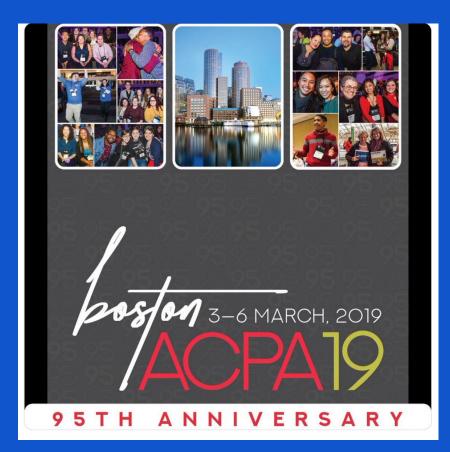
- Lynn Marcus
 Career Placement Coordinator, North Shore Community College (Lynn, MA)
- Joseph Flanagan
 Hammond Building Operations Manager, Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg, MA)
- Ashlee Talbot
 Program Coordinator & Asst Hall Director, Olin College of Engineering (Needham, MA)
- Andrew Linscott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



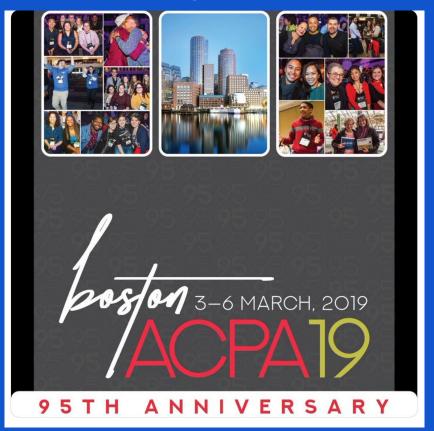
Higher Education Conference

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

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.
- <u>Guide</u> tours for admissions office and <u>assist</u> 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.
- <u>Instruct</u> students on class registration within <u>advising</u> 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

Change

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?