

BLAKE SIMON & ASSOCIATES PRESENTS



THE TRANSITION

ACADEMIC PLAN

NETWORKING &
RELATIONSHIPS



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BUILD EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Networking is the action or process of interacting with others to exchange information and develop a professional or social relationship.

A **relationship** is a way in which two or more people or things are connected. Networking is the first step to building an EFFECTIVE relationship.



STAY READY

Keep a **résumé** which is a document indicating your experience, skills, and accomplishments.



Obtain a **mentor** in your field which is a person who provides a less experienced person with guidance and advice over a period of time.



Have at least **3 professional references:** a person who can vouch for your qualifications for a job, scholarship etc. Could include professors, counselors, administrators, coaches, etc. Obtain Name, Number, & Email.

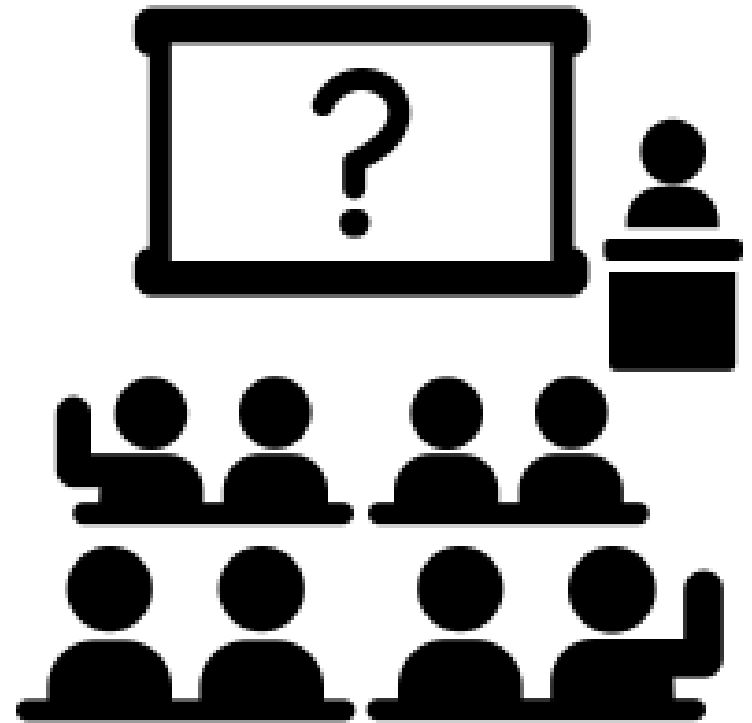
RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROFESSORS

BE INTENTIONAL

Do your part in class. Attend to every class, sit towards the front of the class, and participate in class.

Show interest in lectures/subject ask about their research (if any). If you are genuinely interested in that subject, ask if you could assist in the lab.

Take advantage of office hours. Few students take advantage of office hours... early in the semester.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

SEEK OUT & TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES

Internship is an opportunity for a student to gain a professional learning experience related to their field of study or career interest. Can be a paid or unpaid opportunity.

Cooperative education (Co-op) combines practical work experience with classroom-based education.

A **Volunteer** serves. Volunteering can be very valuable in regards to gaining experience, knowledge, and help you to form connections.



SECTION EXERCISES

*The ACADEMIC Plan exercise (from The Transition Guide & Journal
3rd. ed.)*

Exercise 6: 10 People to Know on Campus pg. 91