Sophomore Year Experience Newsletter

Reflections of My Sophomore Year of College

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Retrospect: A Look Back at Your Sophomore Year

Without a doubt, this past year was not what any of us were expecting. Yet, here you are, about to successfully complete your sophomore year of college. As you reflect back on this year, ask yourself the following questions:

- What did I learn?
- At this point, what do I think I am called to do in life and work?
- Are there potential challenges to pursuing my calling for life and work?
- What are some ways I could address these challenges?
- What are the important next steps?

In this newsletter, you will find information about where to find these answers and mentors who are ready to help you. You will also have a chance to share your wisdom with the next sophomore class as well as with your future self.

Find the RED BUTTONS and start to explore!

ACTIVITIES: Moving Forward

As you look forward to the next two years, take some time this summer to think about what comes next. Building your resume, completing internships and job placements, and just reaching your goals. These topics as well as the questions on page 1 are just a few of the questions listed in the Passport to Purposeful Life Work. Request your copy today and discover how you can achieve your goals by engaging with all the resources available to you at Etown College.

Click here to request a copy of the Passport to Purposeful Life Work

ACTIVITIES: Sharing your Wisdom

Advice for Next Sophomore Class

As you reflect on your first two years of college, what advice would you give the next sophomore class?

Advice for Next SYE class

Advice for Your Senior Self

Write a note for your senior self. What do you hope you will have accomplished by graduation, what advice to you give yourself about life after college. We will share these notes with you around graduation time.

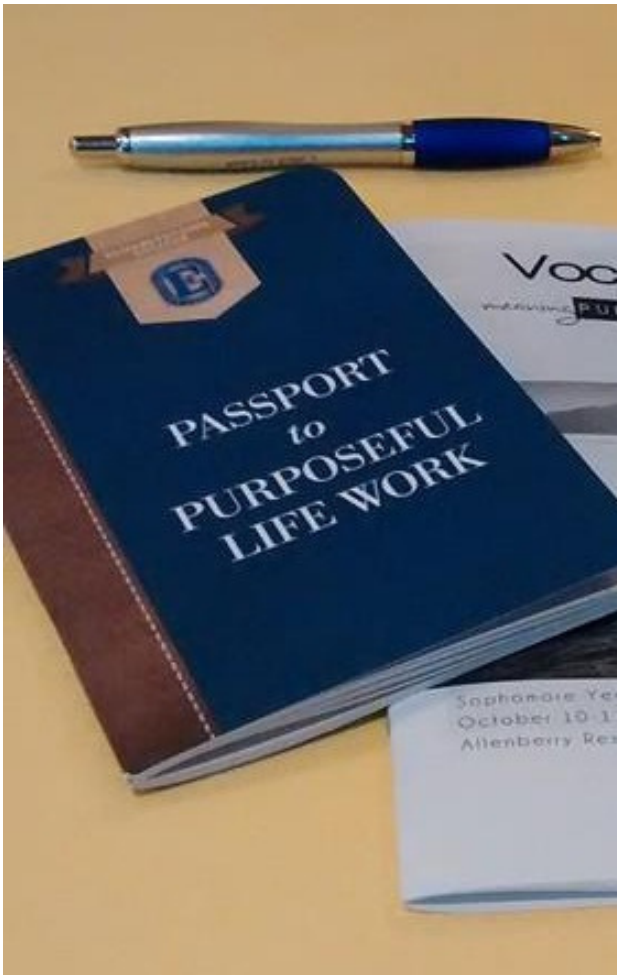
Advice for Senior Self

Passport to Purposeful life Work

At Elizabethtown College, we strive to help students connect passion to purpose and calling to career. In addition to Purposeful Life Work mentoring partnerships, we have an engaging and unique Passport to Purposeful Life Work for students to utilize on their journey to purposeful life work. The passport guides students on an interactive and reflective journey to name and claim their best self, clarify their definition of success, determine their priorities and what really matters to them, enact a plan for life and work that is purposeful and realistic, and embrace their pathway to purposeful life work.

Pick yours up today in the Center for Student Involvement (in Brossman Commons) or email STACEY ZIMMERMAN at zimmermans@etown.edu to request one to be mailed to you.

Click here to find out more about Purposeful Life Work



Academic Advising

Need some help figuring out your next steps?
The office of Academic Advising is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and welcomes all who share this passion. We assist students in the development of meaningful educational plans compatible with their life goals. Our services supplement and support the faculty advising system, the primary advising tool on campus. A holistic approach is used by addressing students' intellectual, emotional, and physical needs. We wish to inspire in students the value of hard work, fair play, develop confidence, consideration for others, and a sense of leadership and global citizenship.

Office of Academic Advising | Center for Student Success
Baugher Student Center 216 | 717-361-1415

Career Services Opportunities

Our office assists students with all aspects of their career development, including clarifying their career decisions, crafting plans of action that include activities and professional associations, connecting students with employing organizations, and developing the professional skills needed to reach their goals. By facilitating networking connections, employment, and internship opportunities, Career Services empowers students to pursue the recommended 2-3 career-related activities during their time at the College. In addition to Handshake, Elizabethtown College's job/internship posting system, Career Services promotes five to seven virtual or in-person career fairs each year that target employer connections for all majors and years of study. Through individual and in-class career coaching, students learn to effectively tell their stories to potential employers in application materials, social media profiles, and interviews. Career Services lives out the alumni association slogan "Blue Jays. Always." by providing lifetime service through ongoing support for your career development.

Career Services, BSC 201 | Jane Nini |
careerservices@etown.edu | 717-361-1206

Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships

By the numbers (past 25 years):
19 Fulbright Scholars
19 Gilman Scholars
12 Finnegan Fellows
3 Goldwater Scholars
1 Davies Jackson Scholar (Cambridge University)
1 Rhodes Scholar (Oxford University)

Will you be Elizabethtown College's next Rhodes Scholar, will you be awarded a Fulbright or a Goldwater, will you study abroad as a Gilman Scholar or join the list of 3 Blue Jays awarded a Critical Language Scholarship? Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships are highly competitive awards sponsored by the U. S. Department of State and International Universities to fund American students to study, work, and serve abroad. The concept is called "Citizen Diplomacy" where American undergraduate and post graduate students, from all academic disciplines, study and serve abroad establishing relationships to bolster international relations and American diplomacy, consistent with our motto: "Educate for Service." If you are interested in applying for a Prestigious Scholarship or Fellowship or applying for a Summer Enrichment Grant through the Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships, please contact Professor Jean-Paul Benowitz to schedule an appointment.

Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships Honors Center in Myer Hall
Professor Jean-Paul Benowitz | benowitzj@etown.edu|717-361-1110

RECOMMENDED COURSES

CP 130-Professional Skills Development and Defining Career Goals

1.00 credit. This course is designed to assist juniors or seniors with professional skill development such as resumes, cover letters, networking, interviewing and searching for a job or internship. This course will give students the opportunity to reflect on where they are headed post-graduation, and how to proactively connect to the next steps in their desired plan.
Graded Pass/No Pass.

Read what other Blue Jays have said about CP 130:

Despite being a senior, I had no resume, no idea of how to write a cover letter, and no clue how to prepare for an interview. Through this class, I have learned all of this, and more. I've been able to gain confidence in myself and become more comfortable with the tools and techniques used to find employment. -Abigail Martzall '21

Here is my recommendation for the class:
1-Come in with a positive attitude and mindset and try to get something out of each class.
2-Does not matter what major or minors you have.
3- The homework assignments are not busy work. They are meant to strengthen your skills in job searching, networking, and resume writing. So do them to the best of your ability and set aside a chunk of time for them.
- Jackson Rhodes '21

This class provided extra instructions for job searching that I wouldn't have known otherwise, as well as allowing me to form more connections with industry professionals for a the job search.
-Alexander Koontz '21

"There are so many valuable, applicable, and transferable skills that you learn in this course including interviewing skills, networking skills, and resume-writing skills. These are skills that every major needs to develop since they are so applicable to real life. Honestly, I didn't realize how little I knew about these topics until I took this course. I now feel more confident as I prepare to step out into the real world." -Jayln Maulfair '22

HON 205 - HNR Leadership Theory and Personal Narrative

(2 credits) offered every Spring Semester

When applying for internships, grants, graduate schools, employment, competitive post graduate scholarships and fellowships; you will need to write a personal narrative statement. You also need to explain types of leadership skills you possess, and leadership skills you wish to develop. In this course you will write a personal leadership narrative you can use in applications. Open to all students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7.

Click here for a complete list of Fall 2021 courses