



**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS**

**CAREER READINESS**

**CONFERENCE**

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# **REGISTRATION**

**Opens at 9:45am, Taylor 307**

Students are welcome to drop in as they are for any session.

## **SESSION #1**

**10:20am - 11:10am**

### **Taylor 302**

#### **Balancing Acts: Managing Work, Life, and Passion Projects**

Work/life balance is something young professionals often struggle with, especially those navigating multiple time commitments, or responsibilities. Alumni will share their experience and lessons learned.

### **Taylor 306**

#### **\*Interviewing and Talking to Recruiters**

Telling your story and highlighting your most important accomplishments and skills can be intimidating at first but is an essential part of getting internships and jobs. Get tips and guidelines for speaking with potential employers.

### **Taylor 400**

#### **Careers in Doing Good**

Alumni will share their experiences from careers in service, nonprofit, social justice, civic engagement, and advocacy to students who are interested in serving in such fields.

### **Taylor 402**

#### **You Did What with Your Major? Careers in Arts, Communication, and Entertainment:**

Hear about alumni's unexpected journeys and get advice for starting your own. This panel will feature alumni whose careers align with the Arts, Communication, and Entertainment career community.

# **SESSION #2**

**11:30am - 12:20pm**

## **Taylor 302**

### **\*Job Search Strategies for Finding an Internship or Job**

Learn job search strategies when the job titles aren't clearly associated with your major.

## **Taylor 306**

### **Balancing Acts: Managing Work, Life, and Passion Projects**

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## **Taylor 400**

### **Insights from Employers**

Alumni with hiring experience share insights about the job search and hiring process, like what they look for in resumes, interview tips, and expectations of new employees.

## **Taylor 402**

### **You Did What with Your Major? Careers in Public Service, Law, and Government**

Hear about alumni's unexpected journeys and get advice for starting your own. This panel will feature alumni whose careers align with the Public Service, Law, and Government career community.

## **Taylor 404**

### **You Did What with Your Major?**

Hear about alumni's unexpected journeys and get advice for starting your own. This panel features alumni from a variety of careers.

# **LUNCH**

**12:30pm - 1:45pm, Madison Union Ballroom  
(Warren Hall 5th floor), Registration required**

### **Bridging College and Career**

A feature panel of students will share work-based experience they have gained as a student and available opportunities.

# **SESSION #3**

**1:55pm - 2:45pm**

## **Taylor 302**

### **Communication in the Workplace**

Alumni discuss strategies for developing the written and verbal communication skills required in any career and share insights to what internal communication is like in the workplace.

## **Taylor 306**

### **Navigating Continued Education after Graduation**

Panelists discuss assessing whether additional education is needed to achieve career goals and key factors to consider if you do pursue graduate school.

## **Taylor 400**

### **You Did What with Your Major?:**

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## **Taylor 402**

### **\*Networking Online and In Person**

Learn best practices for making connections online or in person. This session will also highlight how to maximize the use of LinkedIn for networking and learning.

## **Taylor 404**

### **You Did What with Your Major in History?**

Alumni who majored in History will share about their career paths and tips for students who are interested in working in similar fields.

# ***ALUMNI, FACULTY & STAFF RECEPTION***

**3:00pm - 4:30pm, Hall of Presidents (D-Hall 3rd floor)**