Hiring Outlook for 2011 Graduates

Graduation day is fast approaching and the average Duquesne senior is feeling the pressure of securing that after-graduation full-time, professional position. Despite media reports on high unemployment rates and job seekers still struggling to find work, the hiring outlook for the 2011 class is improving.

According to a recent study conducted by NACE, National Association of Colleges & Employers, employers are forecasting a 13.5 percent increase in the number of 2011 graduates they’ll hire. In fact, “they plan to hire 19.3 percent more graduates in 2010-11 than they did in 2009-2010.” This is promising news for graduates heading out into the job market.

The following are highlights from the NACE’s 2011 Job Outlook Spring Update:

- With the exception of just four industries, increases in hiring are seen across the board. Results suggest that oil/gas extraction, chemical (pharmaceutical) manufacturers, computer/electronics manufacturers, and employers in the finance, insurance, and real estate group are among the best bets for Class of 2011 graduates.

- College hiring is increasing in all regions. The increase projected in the Northeast is the largest and compared to last year at this time, the Midwest and Western regions show the most improvements.

Opportunities may be increasing, but employers still have a large pool of applicants to choose from; they will be looking for candidates with excellent verbal skills, the ability to make decisions and problem solving capabilities. The best way to communicate these and other skills is through a strong resume.

As an alum of Duquesne, Career Services is available to you for life. We can assist you with not only constructing a strong resume, but in all aspects of job hunting. Stop in and let us help you plan a successful job search!

Class of 2011 - What are your plans?

On May 4, Graduating Seniors will be receiving an email from Career Services inviting them to share their post-graduation plans. Career Services is pleased to report that of those who have already completed the survey 55 percent have found full-time employment while over 30 percent have chosen to pursue an advanced degree.

The information collected from this survey helps us obtain a current picture of the job market and is used to support current and future classes. So Seniors - on May 4, keep a lookout for that email and let us know about your plans!

Congratulations Class of 2011 - We wish you great success!