Prepare for the career fair for more effective and successful interactions with employers.

1. CHECK OUT THE EMPLOYERS WHO ARE REGISTERED
   - Review the list of companies attending the career fair online on Handshake.
   - Identify the companies that best align with your skills, goals, and values. (Do a bit of research on those that are unfamiliar to you.)
   - Review the jobs and internships posted on Handshake and the employers’ web sites. Apply if you are interested.
   - Create your list of targeted employers and “favorite” them.
   - Review the job fair map on the app to know where your targeted employers will be located.

2. GET YOUR RESUME IN SHAPE & DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!
   - Highlight your education, relevant and related experience, projects, accomplishments, volunteer involvement, and other work experience. (Pick up a Resume Quick Tip!)
   - Have your resume reviewed before the job fair. Here’s how:
     - Stop in to the Center for Career Development offices during Drop-in Express hours or make an appointment on Handshake with your career consultant.
     - Take your resume to ResuMANIA where it will be reviewed by an employer.

NOW YOU ARE READY!
   - Dress and act professionally. Good manners, your attire, and body language speak volumes!
   - Smile, be enthusiastic, and maintain eye contact.
   - Go early and follow your prepared route. Be flexible: if a company has a long line, save it for later and move to the next one on your list.
   - Request a business card or contact info and show your interest by asking about the next step.
   - Jot down a note about each interaction to help you follow-up with the recruiter.

IT IS NOT OVER YET...
   - Email a short thank-you note to each recruiter with whom you spoke.
   - Check Handshake and visit company web sites periodically for postings of new openings.
   - Follow recruiter recommendations for employment applications, which could include an online application or sending an updated resume.