

Before the Career Fair:

- 1. Create your 30-second elevator pitch. Practice it, but don't try to memorize it.
- 2. Develop your resume and have it critiqued at the RBS Office of Career Management.
- 3. Make extra copies of your resume on quality resume paper.
- 4. Research companies through their website, social media and Vault.com.
- 5. Review the list of attending companies and identify your "must-talk-to-employers."
- 6. Develop a few questions to ask:
 - -What kinds of skills, experience, and personal qualities do you look for in the students you hire?
 - -What are typical career paths within your organization?
 - -What type of training program do you offer to new employees?
 - -What is your organization's culture like?

Day of the Career Fair:

- 1. Dress for success. Wear business attire.
- 2. Bring your padfolio, resumes, and a pen.
- 3. Introduce yourself to target employers:
 - -Smile, have a firm handshake, and maintain eye contact.
 - -Use your 30-second elevator pitch.
- 4. Ask informed questions based on your employer research.
- 5. Request employers' business cards/contact information and offer your resume.
- 6. Thank them for their time.
- 7. Jot down notes immediately after talking to each employer.

After the Career Fair:

1. Send a thank you email to the employers you spoke to within <u>**24 hours**</u> and briefly include what you discussed.

