The Center for Spartan Engineering

Here's what's going on this week:
Finals Week!!

"The Wizard of Woz"
A Conversation with Steven Wozniak
Co-Founder of Apple Computer
Friday, May 6th, 2:30 - 3:30pm
1345 EB

Don't miss this special presentation, right in the Engineering Building!!

The Center for Spartan Engineering Survey
What has your experience with The Center been like?
We want to know!!!
By taking this super quick survey (we promise!), you will help show us how MSU's Center for Spartan Engineering stacks up against a nation-wide survey being conducted by Careerealism.com. Your input is crucial to help us better serve you.

Spartan Engineering Return Survey
What are you doing this summer? Working?? Taking classes?? Studying abroad?? We want to know!!
Go to the link to fill out the survey(it takes less than 2 minutes!)
This information will be used to create better opportunities for our engineering students in the future, so your input counts..
**You can pick up a FREE T-Shirt in The Center for completing the survey

2011 Graduates Destination Survey
2011 Graduates! We want to know what your plans after graduation are and where you're going.
GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!!
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!

Summer Survival Guide

Yes, it matters!
Yes, employers look for it!
Yes, more and more employers are requiring it!

Tip #1 - Get a Job...Any Job!
Valuable experiences come in many forms and employers recognize them all:
- Co-op/Internship
- Summer Research
- Study Abroad
- Part-time Jobs

Did you know? Most Engineering Employers are requiring "experience" and need to see that on your resume. It REALLY does matter.

Tip #2 - Volunteering is a Valuable Experience
- Service Learning
- Volunteer: at home, in your neighborhood, at a local school, etc.

Did you know? Yes, employers look for students/grads that have volunteered. This is an EXPERIENCE and volunteering shows your commitment to community, industry, and others. Not to mention time management, prioritization, communication, teamwork and more.

Tip #3 - Thinking about a Move? Want to work in the City? Visit Before You Decide!
- Visit a local employer, or not so local...but VISIT
- Set up informational interviews: ask questions about culture and types of jobs
- Tour
- Network
- Look into Cost of Living
- What is the Transportation Like?

Did you know? Most "city" jobs require professional dress?

Tip #4 - Network with your Neighbor
Visit; tell them you are home, what you have been up to? Ask if they have contacts for you. Ask if they have summer opportunities at their worksite. You neighbor has a network too...ask for referrals (a referral is simply being referred to another point of contact). Did you know? Most jobs are found through networking than any other job search method?

**Tip #5 - Know if YOU are What Employers are Looking For**

Have you worked? Do you have skills and experiences to share? Initiative, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Teamwork Skills, Effective Communicators, Leadership, Project Management, Conflict Management etc.; and don't forget to PROVE IT!

Use examples to show that you have these skills.

And yes, YOU have these skills. All engineering students have worked in teams, designed projects, set up goals, documented, communicated and resolved issues.

**Tip #6 - Explore Your Major**

- Visit a local employer
- Job shadowing
- Study abroad
- Join a student organization

Did you know? Once you have identified your strengths and weakness you can take advantage of opportunities that will help you in your industry: public speaking, teamwork, critical thinking, conflict management, project management, leadership, etc. Then find an activity that can help you gain this experience.

**Tip #7 - Update your Resume**

Make a point to make updates each semester. Add new skills and experiences. Have it proofread!

**Tip #8 - Not Sure How To Network?**

**Define it:** Exchange of Information between People! That is it...exchange information: Name, Major, What interests you about your Major, Skills, Examples, Why you like the company, etc.

**Use it:** When employers are on campus for sessions, meetings, fairs, when you walk into an interview, when you make a call.

**Engage in it:** Go to employer sessions, join organizations, ask questions, and get involved in your major. Set up informal meetings to ask questions and get answers.

**Follow up with it:** DO IT! Send the email. Stay in touch. Thank them for their help/for visiting campus.

**Did you know?** Summer break is a great time to work! Networking need to happen before hand. Then, keep it up with the other employees once on your job site.

**Tip #9 - Know What Your College can Do for YOU**

The College of Engineering has many resources available to students: Student Organizations, Mentors, Career Services, Academic Advisors, Faculty, Employers, and more!

**Tip #10 - Make Sure Your Grades are a Good Representation of You**

Need help? Visit the Guided Learning Center in 1108EB. Meet with your professor during office hours, talk with students, form study groups.

**Tip #11 - Know the Resources Available to You**

Need help? Not sure who to talk to? Not sure where to go?
Visit The Center, 1340EB

- Networking
- Looking for Jobs: [www.myspartancareer.com](http://www.myspartancareer.com)
- Resume Help
- Mock Interviews
- Career Search Timelines/Resources
- Professional Development Seminars
- Employer Visits: on-campus/off campus
- Skills Assessment
Tip #12 - This is a Lot of Stuff. Know How to organize and Prepare for events, interviews and a job?
Prepare by: scheduling a mock interview, having your resume critiqued, attending professional development seminars and workshops all offered by The Center.