



Advice from Graduates
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| I want this. So I'll work as hard as I can for it. | (Michelle Pierson/ College Student playing soccer) |
| I love that it's challenging and then when you meet that challenge. I mean you feel great. You feel like "Oh okay, I'm doing the right thing." | (Michelle kick boxing) |
| My name is Michelle Pierson. I graduated from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and now I work in advertising and public relations. | (Michelle) |
| "Do you know when he'll be in?" | (Michelle on the phone at work) |
| Well actually, I wish someone would have told me you should start looking for a job before you graduate. I didn't look that hard before I graduated. I don't know why. I guess I was just having too much fun. | (Michelle) |
| The senior year was kind of crazy because I was still thinking I was a student, when really I should have been thinking, Oh, I'm about to not be a student anymore. It took 9 months. My biggest advice would probably just to talk to everybody. Tell everybody that you are looking for a job. | (Michelle) |
| "Yeah, could you just tell her that Michelle Pierson called?" | (Michelle on the phone at work) |
| It just came down to who you knew and networking. | (Michelle) |
| Networking is definitely key. | (Bill Brennan/Public Relations Acct. Exec) |

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| Who you know. The networking aspect of it gets you through the door, but then once you get in the door, you got to sell yourself. | (Bill) |
| In order to stand out from the rest, you pretty much have to use your contacts that you've met through the years. | (Monica Durrwachter, Government & Legislative Administrator) |
| I would agree with both of you. It's absolutely all about networking. You have to be qualified for your job. But it's more about who you know, than what you know. | (Beth Grindstaff, Lobbyist) |
| At first, as Beth knows, I would look in the help wanted ads and all the Internet search engines and career search sites. I wasn't finding much luck with that. And that's when I decided to stop being shy, and pick up the phone and call my contacts and people I had established relationships with and say, 'Hey, I'm looking for a job.' | (Monica) |
| I think what got me through the door was having several internships, so having the experience, plus the education. | (Bill) |
| You know you said you had 4 internships. A lot of people they might do 1. I did two. And I think that was crucial to my success. | (Monica) |
| "I'm good" Actually my advice for the future graduates would be start looking for a job beginning their second semester. | (Michelle on the phone) (Michelle) |
| Yeah I'm happy. It's been here about a year now. The fact that I'm still here and that I am still challenged every day, my boss is trusting me with more responsibilities, it's great. | (Michelle) |

I love that it's challenging and then when you meet that challenge. You feel great. Okay, I'm doing the right thing. I'm in the right field.

(Michelle)