Make Most of Internships

(Dani Napier) Once you get your internship, you start working, you start networking, and meeting other people on your team. You want to make sure that you've met with every person on your team, the stakeholders, the people that are supplying whatever you need and users. You start building that network and understanding your value and the things that they're trying to accomplish, the bigger picture of the work you're doing in your internship, and people start taking an interest in you. They start thinking, oh, you know, I need to have her on my team. I like the way she executes, I like the way she sees the total value of what we're doing here. So that is one thing that's really critical if you want to land that full time job, make sure that people understand who you are and what you're doing for them. You don't want to go too far. You know, you don't want to try and meet with the CEO, or, you know, the Executive Vice President. You want to keep it within your scope, that's really important. It's a great way by networking, introducing yourself, understanding the value. It's a great way to be recognized as the person they want full time.

What I've seen students do, make some mistakes in is trying to do so many extracurricular activities during their internship that they miss the point that they need to execute flawlessly. It really is about understanding the work and completing it.