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Dates to Remember

2/15 - 3/6 - Final Exam Conflict

2/19 - 2/21 - THON 2016!

Career Fairs

2/2 - 2/3 - Supply Chain Career Fair

· 11 AM to 4 PM in BB Atrium

2/4 - Corporate Partners Career Fair

· 11 AM to 4 PM in BB Atrium

2/9 - 2/10 - Spring Career Days

· 11 AM to 4 PM in BJC

2/10 - PSMA Marketing Career Fair

· 5 PM to 8 PM in BB Atrium

THON Survival Guide

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In a few weeks, the Penn State community will stand 46 hours straight in order to bring awareness to the issue of pediatric cancer and raise money for the cause. Whether you are in an organization, committee, dancing, or just going to hang out with friends, enjoy the weekend! I know from personal experience how exciting and emotional the weekend can be, so I thought I'd write this article to give you all a few tips for the weekend.

Career Fairs

Looking for an internship for this summer? Career fairs can be intimidating with the amount of people there and

1. **Bring water** – Staying hydrated will help you be able to physically make it through the weekend.
2. **Bring a tennis ball** – Standing for hours will make your legs and feet hurt. You can stand on the tennis ball and roll your foot over it to help circulation and stretch the muscles.
3. **Water guns are always fun** – Kids will be running around all weekend with water guns squirting everyone, so if you have one, it'll put a huge smile on their face if you interact with them.
4. **Clothing** – Obviously you don't want to walk to the BJC in shorts but make sure you have them on under sweatpants. The BJC gets pretty hot with everyone close together so dressing accordingly will make sure you are comfortable throughout the weekend.
5. **Meal Plan** – The concession stands in the BJC accept meal points.
6. **Do your homework beforehand** - THON weekend is jam-packed with events so it may be hard to get your homework done throughout the weekend. Plan ahead and finish all of your assignments so you can be stress-free!

Enjoy the 46 hours! For many of you, this is your first time going to THON so make sure you take it all in and appreciate what is going on around you. It is amazing what the Penn State community can do when we come together!

Written by Gina Nappi

Professional Development Events

Are you interested in enhancing your professional development and getting your name out to recruiters? It is never too early to start so check out these networking events happening within Smeal!

- Nestle
 - February 9 - 6 PM to 7 PM
 - Where: 117 Thomas
 - Business Casual

the high pressure environment. However, they can be very useful in getting to know recruiters! It is never too early to start looking and start developing those relationships. Even if they are not looking for Freshmen, it is always a good idea to go and just get some practice talking to recruiters!

1. Research - Look up what recruiters are attending and which companies you are interested in so you can narrow down your options.

2. Prepare - Practice your 30 second pitch and fix up your resume so you can be your best in front of recruiters.

3. Strategize - Plan out which recruiters you are visiting, dress the part, and get their business card so you can follow up with them after the career fair.

THON Update

- Nestle will be discussing their opportunities for summer internships! They are targeting business, liberal arts, and communications majors.
- Polaris
 - February 9 - 6 PM to 7 PM
 - Where: 119 Thomas
 - Business Casual
 - Learn about Polaris and opportunities offered to Smeal students.
- Grant Thornton Panel Event
 - February 10 - 6 PM to 8 PM
 - Where: 110 Business Building
 - Business Casual
 - Learn more about Grant Thornton and this unique "Backpack to Briefcase Q&A" being held by NCG! RSVP [here](#)
- Falls Lake Insurance Company
 - February 11 - 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM
 - Where: 104 Business Building
 - Business Casual
 - Come and meet the CEO, Steve Hartman, to hear him discuss all opportunities in the Insurance industry.
- TE Connectivity
 - February 17 - 6 PM to 7 PM
 - Where: 103 Business Building
 - Business Casual
 - Learn more about TE Connectivity and their corporate finance and tax positions.



Smeal Student Mentors is proud to announce that we have two mentors dancing in THON this year. Sophie Wyke and Mike Hoover have put so much into this organization and we are thrilled to cheer them on during THON weekend! Read more about them in this month's "Mentor Spotlight" seen below!

Mentor Spotlight

Sophie Wyke and Mike Hoover



I am so honored and excited to represent Smeal Student Mentors this year at THON! Serving as the President for SSM and as a committee member on Finance, I have met amazing people who have inspired me to get more involved in THON this year and dance! Both mentors and my committees have given me so many great experiences that now I want to share with the kids and families. I will graduate in May with a Supply Chain degree and will begin my career with Dow Chemical in June. I'm excited to wrap up my Penn State career spending an entire weekend dancing for the fight against pediatric cancer. FTK!



Mike Hoover is a 5th year in the 2016 Integrated MAcc Program with a dual major in Finance. Growing up in Lancaster, PA he followed in his dad's footsteps attending Penn State and pursuing the accounting major. His sister is also currently at Penn State majoring in Education. Mike is this year's THON & Alumni Relations Chair for Smeal Student Mentors and will be dancing in THON 2016! FTK! Previously, Mike served on the Board as the Events Coordinator and has been involved with Mentors for the past 4 years. After graduation, he will be working for PwC in the PCS Tax department in Philadelphia.

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