10 CAREER STRATEGIES FOR

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

START STRONG...

1 KEEP GRADES UP

- Grades matter to employers & grad schools
- Grades communicate your knowledge base
- Good grades imply a strong work ethic

2 EXPLORE WHO YOU ARE

Career Services provides the following:

- One-on-one career counseling/coaching
- Career assessments (interests, values, personality, skills, etc.)

3 EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

Participate in the following

- Networking & Informational Interviews
- Job Shadowing
- Researching

4 GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS LIFE

- Develop leadership & teamwork skills
- Demonstrate problem solving skills
- Explore diverse options through MSU's Student Orgs website

5 GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

- Demonstrate an understanding of the greater world
- Explore opportunities to give back and serve in the Murray community

6 DEVELOP COMPUTER SKILLS

- Know how to design a database, write a business letter & produce a presentation
- Check grammar & spelling on social media
- Take a basic computer course

7 BUILD COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Verbal & written communication skills are two of the top 10 skills sought by recruiters
- Career Services, Racer Writing Center & Racer Oral Communication Center can help

8 COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP

- Prepare for future jobs & grad programs
- Explore careers & determine career fit
- Racer Tracks (myGate) & Career Fairs are great resources for finding internships

9 PREPARE FOR DIVERSE WORLD

- The American work force is diverse
- Learn about different people & cultures
- Consider participating in Study Abroad or National Student Exchange

10 USE CAREER SERVICES ALL 4 YRS

- Major/career exploration
- Internship, part-time & full-time job search
- Resume & cover letter writing
- Interview skill development
- Job search/grad school plan development

END STRONGER!

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