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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

As the 2019 school year comes to an end, I hope all of you have had a wonderful year! Seniors are looking forward to starting their careers or graduate school while many students are just glad that the year is finally over and look forward to advancing to the next level in the fall. The weather is warming up and Spring is definitely in the air with summer

lurking right around the corner. That means summer internships!

If you happened to miss the train on that one, don't fret, there are still companies out there looking for summer interns whether you are a senior or just finishing up your freshman campaign.

Doing a quick search in our career center at www.hbcuconnect.com/jobs you will find several companies still advertising internship positions with us, including Amazon, Cardinal Health, CBRE, The American Council on Education, The National Conference of State Legislatures, MacArthur Foundation, and more! Remember, it is never too early to start looking for the opportunities as soon as school starts in the fall – which is prime time for employers to start promoting their opportunities!

We have quite a few helpful articles in this issue to help you along the way. We would like you to be aware that most of the companies that you see an ad for in this issue do have internship programs so check them out as well.

We hope you enjoy this spring issue and wish you a wonderful summer as we near 2020! HBCUCONNECT.COM – Get Connected!

Sincerely,

Will Moss

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One of the most important things you can do

while in college is to participate in internship programs during the summer months. Although it is not necessary in order to land a job or be successful, it will enhance your resume in the eyes of recruiters and that internship experience might be the difference maker when recruiters are comparing your resume to other candidates.

The main goal of an internship program is to learn about what a career in your field will be like at an entry-level position. For the most part, internships are paid positions in which you can earn money to help supplement paying for college or to get some extra money in your pocket to pay for other needs or desires. For some, they are not paid, but they go quite a long way in building your resume and getting some valuable work experience in the process. It is not out of this world to see the same company that you interned with hire you because of your history with them. This way, they know who you are, what they are getting, and feel comfortable with you compared to someone that they would have otherwise just saw on paper via a resume.

The first thing you will want to do is to start your research EARLY! Companies start looking for candidates for their summer internship



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programs as early as the fall of the previous year. The earlier you look, the more opportunities you will have available to apply for.

If you are going to apply for an internship, make sure that it is in your field of study or the area of employment you want. It does not do much good if you intern at a place doing something totally different than what you plan on doing for your career.

One other aspect that you will need to brush up on is preparing your resume. Even if you do not have any work experience at all, creating an easy to read and effective resume will go a long way to landing that coveted internship. There are some really good tips and pointers found online on how to do this and we also have an article printed in this very magazine on how to do so (*Effective Resume Writing Tips*). When you lack work experience, list all of your accomplishments, skills, honors, school clubs (and positions held in the clubs), and volunteer work.

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Good study habits will carry with you from adolescence to adulthood so creating them now will help you exponentially in the future.

One of the best things that you can do to better your study habits is to get organized! There are a lot of classes and extracurricular activities to think of that it is sometimes difficult to schedule how much you will study for this and when you can study for that. It just makes sense to organize yourself so that you make the best time out of it all. A planner can help if you write things down in a schedule. Once you have a set schedule, stick to it! Try to eliminate any deviations from it and if necessary, plan for time to make up that study or homework session. Also, try to study or do homework at the same time each time. Being consistent is key here.

Don't try to cram! Trying to smash everything into a session because you did nothing the entire week does not equate well nor is it good for your sleep pattern. Spread out your study sessions so that you accomplish a little bit each day instead of everything in one night. This will also help with memory retention and will use useful when test time comes around.

Never procrastinate. You never know what tomorrow will bring, so why not do it today? Tomorrow might bring in some type of emergency and then again you will have to move things til tomorrow – and so on until it's too late. Today your paper is due or that pop quiz happens and you are well unprepared.

FOR MORE TIPS FOR BETTER STUDY HABITS, GO TO
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FEATURED STUDENT

Gianna Montanez



School: Morgan State University, 2020

Major: Pre-Dentistry

Claim To Fame: I will be the first of my family to graduate college and the first to a career as a health professional.

Most Memorable Moment: Cheerleading for Morgan State University, giving my time to the young women of the Baltimore City High School system, and immersing myself in all things dental to feed my aspirations.

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TERRENCE SHEARER- HUGHES

FEATURED STUDENT

School: Southern University and A&M College, 2022

Major: Criminal Justice

Most Memorable Moment: Still getting my feet wet in the college scene but I have to say experiencing my first Southern homecoming and going to my very first Pretty Wednesday on the yard.

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AND HOW TO SOLVE THEM

Whether you have bad roommate or sense that YOU may be the bad roommate, either instance requires identification of the issue at hand as to why that is the case. Once identified, then you can find ways to improve or eradicate the issue based on a few suggestions mentioned in this article.

Let's start with being messy. Someone is going to have a total disregard to cleaning regularly, like letting the dishes pile up in the sink or never thinking about using a scrub brush on the toilet in a shared bathroom. To rectify this, you should sit down with your roommate and discuss a chore schedule and stick to it. You can't "make" someone abide by a chore chart, but you can start dialogue in a non-accusatorial way such as saying something like "Hey, let's clean this weekend. I'll do the bathroom and you do the kitchen." If they can't do it at that time, then say you'll do your half and then ask them when they can do their half and then follow up with them on it.

Another issue is roommate theft or taking something without asking. Some people don't mind sharing while others tend to keep things to themselves. Boundaries are important and if this issue arises, then take the non-confronted approach. Something like "I noticed half of my leftover sandwich was missing. Would you mind asking before you take something? Thanks!" should get to the point without blowing up into something more.

Do you have more problems that need rectified? Find out more:
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GRE Prep for Graduate School

If you plan on going to graduate school, more than likely, you will looking to take the GRE test at some point. What is the GRE? The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) is a graduate school entrance exam that influences graduate admissions decisions. Achieving an impressive score requires significant preparation. To get started, take a full length, practice test now, to find out where you stand right. From here you can see what type of preparations that you need and what areas of the test needs additional attention.

Schedule your real GRE test a few months before the application deadline for entrance into graduate school. This will allow you time to retake the test if your first go at it is not to your liking. Be prepared to cover the cost though. Prices for the real test will range from \$150-\$250 depending on where you live in the world, but generally to take the practice test, it is \$150.

Usually a calculator is provided when you take the test and can be useful if used correctly. In some cases, it can become a liability so practice with and without a calculator and try to determine when you should use one and when you should rely on your own noggin.

For more information about the GRE and how to study for it, go to:
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TONY MCMULLEN

School: Stillman College, 2022

Major: Elementary Education

Claim To Fame: 1. Graduate With Honors 2. Graduate Top Of Class
3. Continue to be a great influence at Stillman College

Most Memorable Moment: Being Selected To Join The Honda AllStar Quiz Team and Being Selected To Be The Face Of The Black Male Initiative

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Nalls

School: University of Arkansas
at Pine Bluff

Major: Nursing

Most Memorable Moment: My most memorable college memory would have to be a long talk that I had with one of my former athletic advisers. This woman helped me understand myself a lot better by giving me confirmation about the comfort that I have with myself. Through the years it has been difficult for me to find comfort in the fact that I tend to do things and go places on my own. She helped me come to realize that self love, reflection and individualism are qualities that are difficult for people my age to acquire and that these qualities would allow me to make decisions without needing the validation of others.



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- 1. DO not put everything on your Résumé.** Only put your relevant experience on your Résumé as it pertains to the job you are trying to land. That waiter job won't help you land that computer programmer position you are trying to land.
- 2. USE a professional, clean font.** Do not use fancy fonts. Nice, clean, and easily readable fonts work well with employers reading a ton of other Résumés.
- 3. CALL attention to your achievements.** Instead of describing your job duties, list your top achievements and include any measurable success for a particular goal.
- 4. DO list your skills.** Do include any computer skills, computer software, or other learned skill or proficiency on your Résumé.
- 5. PUT your best stuff toward the top.** The top part of your Résumé is basically your first impression to the employer. This is what hiring managers see first and serve as the "hook" when trying to get your Résumé noticed.

For additional tips and tricks on resume writing, go to:

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Free college would not only lessen the stress of paying off student loans, but it would also free up money to pay for other necessary things like bills, etc. This would also mean that the banks would not get as much money from interest on those loans. If they make less money, would that mean fewer jobs in that sector or lower salary expectations for their employees?

Other things to consider: Will not paying for college keep the younger generation from being money savvy? Would private colleges take a fall? Would free college allow you to explore what you'd like to major in more freely? Will schools become over populated? Will students take it for granted?

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