

CENTER FOR CREATIVITY & CAREERS

»»»» *BEYOND THE BUBBLE*



Four Years to Make It Happen

The path to an engaging and rewarding career begins with the plan. Tap into a wealth of knowledge and resources to help you achieve and surpass your goals. You want a career rather than a job and the steps in this plan will significantly improve your ability to explore and identify strengths and values, engage with content and individuals that will help provide context to your exploration, and employ the knowledge gained to help identify a fulfilling career.

FIRST YEAR

The main priority of a first year student? Manage the transition from high school to college.

Coursework is more rigorous. You will be adjusting to new living arrangements, various interpersonal relationships and dynamics, and a new-found sense of independence. Learning how to balance academic requirements with campus activities and a social life is an extremely important skill that will be essential for you to be successful throughout your time at Coe. Here are a few activities that will help lay the foundation for a successful future.

- Get involved on and off campus. Explore and learn more about different fields or topics to determine if it is a potential major or career choice.
- Join a student organization to engage with others who have a similar interest and gain valuable experience for inclusion on your resume for summer jobs and internships.
- Join the Alumni Mentoring Program (highly recommended) to connect with a Coe Alum to discuss transitioning into the college setting, possible majors and, career exploration.
- Service oriented? Visit Coe's Office of Engagement to see how you can become involved with community service activities and volunteer opportunities.
- Assess your personal values, interests, skills and abilities by completing the Strong Skills Interest Inventory and discuss your results with staff in the Learning Commons or in the Center for Creativity and Careers.
- Explore your academic major options. With the assistance of academic advisors choose courses that will help you explore different majors.
- Make a list of previous jobs, volunteer experiences, and courses you've taken. Note what aspects you enjoyed in each experience and see if there are patterns that reveal your strengths and potential majors or career paths.
- Join LinkedIn and begin to build community by following companies and groups related to your interests.
- Meet with a representative from the Center for Creativity and Careers to learn how to develop and implement a personalized 4-year career plan.
- Bookmark the Center for Creativity and Careers website and follow/like us on Facebook and Twitter to receive the latest information on new opportunities and events.
- Plan to apply for summer jobs that will provide you with an opportunity to learn about a career field that interests you or develop transferable skills for later.