

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN FACULTY NEWS

Career Development Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a great summer! My name is Alice Jones and I am the Director of Career Development. I wanted to introduce myself, and share with you some of our services and upcoming programs for this fall.

I am available to assist you and your students with career-related concerns, do classroom presentations on resume/cover letter writing, internship/job search strategies, an overview of our services, LinkedIn, interviewing, grad school, career exploration and skills/personality assessments. If there is a presentation you are interested in that was not listed, please feel free to email me with the request. If you do not want presentations, I also provide you with resources and information to pass along to your students. Another service I can provide is to critique resumes for class assignments. Career-related/professional development events will also be offered throughout the semester.



Handshake

Handshake isn't new, but we want to renew our focus on its use for students and employers. Handshake is the place for all things career! With Handshake, students will find part-time and full-time jobs, internships, career development resources, campus events, virtual career fairs, and valuable career resources. Your first step is to create a profile that gets you noticed by employers

We have partnered with the [Washington Internship Institute](#). Representatives will be on Campus September 14th and are interested in speaking with students during classes and an open info session. If you are interested in having them come to your class or want to learn more, please contact me.



 PARKER DEWEY

Micro-Internships through [Parker Dewey](#), is also something new. They provide students with opportunities to explore career paths and work on interesting assignments, practicing what they have learned in the classroom.

VWU has also partnered with [Virtual Internships](#). Students can gain invaluable work experience and professional skills while working remotely.



Upcoming Fairs & Events

- ⇒ **Graduate School Fair Prep Workshop** | Tuesday, September 13th
- ⇒ **Washington Internship Institute Day** | September 14th
- ⇒ **Virtual Internship Information Session** | September 15th
- ⇒ **Rep your Grad School** | Friday September 16th
(Wear your college swag & promote your graduate school in preparation for the fair on 9/21)
- ⇒ **Graduate & Professional School Fair** | Wednesday, September 21st
- ⇒ **Majors Fair** | Wednesday, September 28th
- ⇒ **Education Fair** | October 6th
- ⇒ **JCP Professional Dress Event** | October 23rd, 3:00—6:00 PM
- ⇒ **Resume Review Session** | October 25th
- ⇒ **Fall Career Fair** | Wednesday, November 2nd
- ⇒ **Virtual Fair Prep Workshop** | November 7th
- ⇒ **Virtual Career Fair** | Friday, November 18th
- ⇒ **Working Wednesdays** | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
(Employer led sessions focused on various career topics)
- ⇒ **Career Café** | 1st Friday of the month
(Open conversations on various career topics)

** Details and Registration information available in Handshake, and on the



I see my role as a partnership, where I am available to listen, guide, counsel and inspire students along their respective journeys, while also helping to facilitate their entry into the world outside of VWU. I am available to support your efforts by making classroom presentations, providing information and resources that support students in identifying skills and connecting to employers and opportunities related to the achievement of their career goals.

If you'd like to schedule a class visit or collaborate on a program or event, you can make your request using this link: [PROGRAM REQUEST FORM](#) or by emailing me. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. I look forward to an exciting year of partnership and collaboration as we work together to support VWU students and alumni.



Career Tools & Resources

The CDP offers a variety of career-related resources. These include resources for exploring careers and academic majors. Some of the tools and resources available to you and your students include:



What Can I do with this Major? Found on [Career Tools & Resources Webpage](#)

Schedule Career Coaching Appointments: <https://calendly.com/ajones-115>

Request Programs/Presentations: <https://bit.ly/CDProgramRequest>



Create an account and use Access code: marlins

Focus on your future with:

- Career Readiness
- Self-Assessments
- Career Exploration
- Action Planning

Explore & Get Noticed:

- Check out virtual events and career fairs with employers you're interested in
- Chat with employers; share your skills
- Get answers to questions from employers and peers



Find your next opportunity by:

- Searching career keywords
- Browsing industries
- Explaining why type of work you would enjoy

Learn more about Career Development and the tools & resources available to you by going to: <https://www.vwu.edu/academics/the-lighthouse/career-development/>

