Guest speaker:  
  
Valerie Robinson ,UNF Career Services liason  
  
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Ms. Robinson's visit was a introduction and reiteration of the Star Program.  
  
STAR Program  
  
Skills to Achieve Results  
  
The STA R Program is a professional development program designed  
specifically for Coggin College of Business students. The program’s  
focus is on helping students advance their careers through the  
development of employability and networking skills.  
  
To become STAR Certified, students must complete all 5 STARS; this can  
be done over the course of multiple semesters. Student interested in  
participating in the STAR Program should first create an account in  
Career Wings, UNF's online job opportunity and career events system.  
Once an account is created, students can register for STAR Workshops  
and InterviewPRO and take advantage of all the career related  
opportunities in the system.  
  
Students who have completed the STAR Program will receive (1) a  
certificate of completion (2) a STAR pin, which you should wear to  
recruiting events and (3) a Coggin gift. They will also be invited to  
attend our STAR ceremony & networking event, which is held every  
semester for new STAR certified students.  
  
Students who complete the STAR Program are eligible to apply for two  
unique programs:  
Coggin Mentor Program  
Student Ambassador Program  
  
Program Events  
  
STAR 1  
Job Search Workshop  
Attend the Job Search Basic Training workshop where you will learn how  
to create or fine-tune a business resume, draft effective cover  
letters and plan your job search.  
  
STAR 2  
Interviewing Workshop  
Attend the Interviewing for Success Workshop which provides an  
overview of the interviewing process including preparation strategies,  
commonly asked questions and follow-up.  
  
STAR 3  
Resume Critique  
Have your resume and cover letter (optional) reviewed by the Career  
Management Center and receive personalized feedback on how you can  
improve your resume.  
  
STAR 4  
Upload Resume  
Upload your critiqued resume into Career Wings. Credit will not be  
given until STAR 3 is completed.  
  
STAR 5  
InterviewPRO (Mock Interview)  
Participate in InterviewPRO, a practice interview, with a  
representative from the Jacksonville business community who will  
provide you with feedback on your performance.  
  
  
Also...brief resume tips:  
  
1. Cater your resume to the position that you are applying for. Look  
at the job description and what they are looking for in a candidate.  
  
2. Prepare yourself for your job search and potential interview.  
RESEARCH RESEARCH RESEARCH! Know what you want out of a position and  
what that position can offer you and vice versus. Build yourself a  
portfolio and establish a career reason versus a convenient reason.  
  
3. We will be aiming to have all willing members STAR CERTIFIED BY  
SPRING BREAK! When UNF holds job fairs and you have this STAR  
CERTIFIED QUALITY YOU STAND OUT! Take advantage this great opportunity  
that we are providing for you!  
  
4. IMPORTANT DATES: February 28th, Ms. Robinson will be back for the  
second workshop for a full resume critique! Don't miss out on your  
chance to earn your stars! We will have a sign up sheet so that we can  
track your stars and attendance credits. BRING YOUR RESUME!  
  
5. On March 7th Ms. Robinson will hold an "interview skills workshop"  
which will also be another opportunity to earn your stars!  
  
<http://www.unf.edu/careerservices>  
  
Other important notes :  
  
Careers in Political Science  
  
Political Science Majors and Minors have a wide variety of career  
options. Our graduates have done everything from attending law schools  
to serving in the Peace Corps to being the chief spokesperson for  
Governor Charlie Crist.  
  
Some possible Career Options:  
Attending Law Schools such as University of Florida, Georgetown  
University, Washington and Lee, Stetson, etc. Martin Edwards is our  
Pre‐Law Advisor. He can be reached at (904) 620‐1069.  
  
Attending Graduate Schools in Public Administration including our own  
MPA program. Professor George Candler is the MPA Director. He can be  
contacted at gcandler@unf.edu.  
  
Careers in the Federal Government including the FBI, Border Patrol,  
and Professional Administrators in many Government Departments.  
  
Careers in State and Local Government including city administrators,  
urban planners, and city council members.  
  
Administrators of Non‐Profits such as the Museum of Science and  
History, Episcopal Children Services, and the United Way.  
  
International Careers such as Diplomatic Officers in U.S. Embassies,  
Peace Corps, and Military Overseas Assignments.  
  
Journalism Careers. Since over half of the stories Journalists  
encounter have to do with politics or policy, political science majors  
can transition to career opportunities at Newspapers and TV stations.  
  
Campaigns and Polling Research. Political Campaigns are in need of  
Strategists, Fundraisers, and Data Experts. Campaigns spend over a  
Billion Dollars in the United States during Election Years.  
  
Teaching. The Demand for Elementary and Secondary Teachers is  
Tremendous. Many states have a shortened educational certificate for  
non‐education majors to get their teaching certificate. UNF's  
Education College has such a program.  
  
Professors. Students who aspire to be Professors can take the GRE and  
search out appropriate Graduate Schools. A PhD in Political Science  
may take up to 6 years of postgraduate education.  
  
Beginning Salary Range:  
According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)  
Summer 2011 Salary Survey, beginning salaries for graduates with a  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, start at about $47,500 a  
year.  
  
Please note that these salary numbers are merely estimates; economic  
conditions may alter these figures  
  
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We appreciate your attendance. Thank you, have a good day!