Guest speaker:

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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!