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Hi Eagles!

We all know there is bad employment news with record unemployment and budget shortfalls making headlines. The pandemic is reshaping the world of work in ways we can't foresee and still don't understand. The EWU Career Center is here to help! In addition to offering a number of resources for students and alumni on our website, we also offer live virtual advising sessions via Zoom with students to help with job and internship search strategies, resume and cover letter creation, etc.

The good news is that disruption makes for opportunity, and **there are jobs!** Many industries are hiring, and a growing number of companies are finding ways to expand their recruiting efforts. Companies know that this crisis will pass and they will need a workforce to survive. They know that sooner or later, they will need you!

So, what should you expect when looking for jobs or internships?

The hiring process is going to take longer. You will need to do things a little differently. Networking is still important ... it's just virtual now. Many employers are hosting online information sessions and recruiting events. Take advantage of those even if you aren't sure they are hiring for your field. And, if you sign up, show up! Ghosting employers is not a good habit.

Your skills and strengths can be applied to many fields. Your skills can transfer to other industries. You just need to think about how to apply them in a different way, especially if your ideal industry is going through economic challenges.

Technology is key. You are already using virtual technologies with your coursework, and professionals use these same platforms in the workplace (Zoom, Asana, Trello, etc.). The more you embrace and master these technologies, the more competitive and valuable you will be to employers, many of whom are struggling with this new environment as well.

Your online profile is more important than ever. We are working online, taking classes online, even dating online! Your online profile represents you. **Make sure your LinkedIn profile is current and professional.** Use it to connect with others.

All Career Center resources are virtual. We have loads of resources to help you with your career planning. Plus, we have short videos on how to design a resume, interview tips, and more.

Handshake – Make an appointment with a career adviser about your job search. Meet with our internship coordinator to explore internship opportunities Find out about career related events and search for jobs and internships.

WayUp – Find jobs and internships for college students and recent graduates.

Idealist.org - Find jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities in nonprofits.

Chegg Internships - Search an internship database by major and industry.

Parker Dewey - Find micro internships and project-based experiences.

USAjobs.gov - Work for the federal government; they also have a virtual internship site.

We are here for you, and at EWU, you're an Eagle for life. As an alum, you can use all our Career Center resources for free. We are here to help you make that transition to your first career and every career after that.

You've got this!

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