September 2018

Dear Parents and Families,

It was so exciting this past week to welcome the Class of 2022 – as well as our transfer and graduate students – to the Herd. This really is my favorite time of the academic year, and has been for my nearly 20 years in higher education. The anticipation, excitement and wonder that appears on the faces of new students is simply contagious. Our returning students are also energized by stories of transformational summer experiences in research, civic engagement, and/or internships both domestically and abroad. The Career Center is grateful for the opportunity to engage with your student (new or returning), to share in those stories, and “to foster transformational experiences which shape the lifelong professional, academic and personal development of Tufts students and alumni.”

Over the past year I have adopted the motto that “career readiness is the responsibility of the entire institution and not solely the Career Center.” With this collaborative spirit in mind, we continue to be grateful for the significant role that many Tufts faculty and staff play in coaching and advising your students on career-related topics. As Tufts’ internal consultants for student professional success, the Career Center is also excited to partner with you to work together to support the aspirations of all Jumbos. During this busy time of year, I want to draw your attention to a few resources and programs of interest:

**Career Readiness Competencies**

Over the past two years the Career Center has continued to develop resources to better prepare Tufts students to apply their transformational experiences to a broader audience. The goal: developing a higher level of career readiness, which is defined as the attainment and demonstration of competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition to the workplace. Visit our [Competencies and Career Readiness](http://students.tufts.edu/career-center) page to learn more about our commitment to this goal.

**Upcoming Events (please encourage your Jumbo to attend)**

Annual Career Carnival, Wednesday, September 12, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Academic Quad.
Students will meet the Career Center staff, participate in carnival games, try their hand at the Dunk Tank, create fun take-aways, learn more about Career Center services, and grab a free ice cream!

**Fall Career Fair, Friday, September 28, 11:30-2:30, Gantcher.**
Students can meet nearly 200 employers from a wide range of industries to learn about internships and jobs. Organizations are continuing to register; [check out the most up-to-date list here](#).

**New! Industry Nights.**
Industry Nights are an opportunity for Tufts students to connect with industry professionals; learn about new industries, organizations, emerging trends, and roles; explore different career paths, strengthen and build confidence in communication and networking competencies; and connect with others who are interested in the same career fields. Exact companies/organizations represented (20-25) will be provided closer to each event.

   Consulting – September 13, 2018  
   Tech – October 1, 2018  
   Healthcare / Life Sciences – January 30, 2019  
   Art + Design – February 13, 2019  
   Education / Advocacy – March 6, 2019  
   Sports + Entertainment – April 9, 2019

For a full listing of all of our Fall Career Programs, check out our [Calendar of Events](#).

**And don’t forget:**

**Student Drop-In Hours and Career Advising.**
[Drop-ins](#) -- great for resume critiques and quick questions -- are in Dowling Hall, Engineering buildings, and at the SMFA. Career advising appointments can be [scheduled online](#).

Even though your child may be far from home, you still play an important role in their career decisions. Studies show that children are heavily influenced by parental views and expectations about careers. Encourage your student to explore new things and visit our office early. In this month’s issue, the *Career Corner* highlights the launch of our [Parents’ FAQ’s webpage](#) which addresses many of the questions or concerns that parents
and families raise. Please take some time to check out that resource and to partner with us on the career readiness of your Jumbo.

The Career Center team is looking forward to working with your Jumbo in the 2018-19 academic year. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. For more information, visit us at careers.tufts.edu or call 617-627-3299.

Sincerely,

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