Learning to Network Before You Graduate

Location: Shelby 1120
Lead by: TBA

It is often said it’s not what you know but who you know. Young alumni will tell you that their biggest lessons learned since college are not around technical aspects, but rather soft skills such as networking. For many students and professionals, networking can seem uncomfortable, insincere, or even manipulative. But, "life begins at the end of your comfort zone." In this session we will discuss the importance of networking in finding a job, advancing your career, and life in general. We will review several tips for successful networking with a focus on the importance of trust in building and maintaining relationships throughout your time at Auburn, your career, and your life.

Importance of Communication Skills: "Is what I said, what you heard?"

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During the session, presenters will be discussing several communication formats and styles. The session will cover verbal and written skills, including nonverbal cues and professionalism. Also, the importance of negotiating skills for effective communications will be discussed. In addition, the session will include advice with regard to e-mail etiquette, texting at work, multi-tasking during meetings or "being here now", and the importance of knowing your audience.

Preparing for Exciting, Interesting and Meaningful Engineering Careers

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Engineering and other technical professionals weren’t always seen as having the nations’ coolest jobs, but those days have passed. Maybe Tim Cook (Auburn University Industrial and Systems Engineering Alum, 1982 and CEO of Apple) and the legacy he is creating can take some credit, but working in engineering, computer science and many other traditionally “nerdy” careers is the new rave. Engineers affect the grand challenges of our world; from making solar energy affordable, to providing access to clean water, to restoring and improving urban infrastructure, to engineering better medicines, to preventing nuclear terror, to securing cyberspace, to enhancing virtual learning...an Auburn engineering degree DOES lead you to an exciting, interesting and meaningful career. Learn from young female engineering graduates about their own experiences as engineers affecting change and then have an opportunity to ask them your own questions.