

To: Elon Students, Alumni, Parents
Fr: Career Services
Re: The Job Market

With the weakened economy and depressed hiring throughout many sectors, Elon Career Services has been working overtime to assist our students and alumni in understanding strategies for finding a job in this increasingly challenging economic climate. Whether you have just begun to seek a job or have been looking for some time, right now is the time to be certain your job search campaign is as effective as possible and that you are considering additional career options.

As always, Career Services staff are ready, willing and able to help you each step of the way. We have significantly expanded our programs and workshops this academic year, added several new staff to our professional team as well as new resources that can help you in your job search.

Starting sooner rather than later, utilizing a variety of resources, and having a well defined job search strategy can pay tremendous dividends in a tight job market.

Here are some recommended ways to get started with Career Services today:

- Make an appointment with one of Elon Career Services professionally trained staff members to begin mapping a strategic, individualized career action plan today.
- Learn more about the great resources our office has such as CareerBeam; Elon Job Network; Elon Career Network and more!
- Be certain your resume and cover letter are not selling you short. Bring them in for a professional critique.
- Take advantage of both on-campus and regional job fairs. Review the career events calendar on the Elon Job Network (EJN) or the Career Services web site for an updated listings of events.
- Post your resume (after it has been critiqued by our staff) on EJN so that it is accessible to all interested employers who contact our office.
- Learn how to network effectively. This is a critical skill for tapping into the vast “hidden” job market.
- Sign up for a mock interview. This is a great way to practice critical interviewing skills and learn from your mistakes before a real interview. View and sign up for opportunities via the “On-campus Schedules” section of EJN.

Elon Career Services is here to help you. Call or stop by to set up an appointment right now and let’s get rolling!

Sincerely,

Tom Vecchione, Ph.D.
Executive Director