

Words Of Wisdom To New Graduates

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Do not limit yourself to just the “Hot” careers.

Hot careers tend to cool down quickly. The hottest career is the one you are passionate about. Keep your options open – know yourself, your skills and where they best fit.

Do not look for the highest paying job.

Truth be told you are most likely going to start in an entry-level position which in turn means entry-level pay. Also, research shows that people who choose a job they love, rather than the highest paying one, end up making more money.

Do not limit your job searching to only the newspaper.

That’s what everybody else does. This insures you will be one applicant in 1,000. Change the game. Look in places others don’t. Read the business newspaper, talk to friends, and network to find the type of company you want to work for. Most companies now prefer online job applications, so most positions are posted on company websites or online job boards versus the newspaper.

Do not talk to the Human Resources department first.

Talk to people in positions you want. Find out where the action is. Go on an information gathering mission. Find out what the corporate culture is, what it is like to work for that company, and what the real opportunities are.

Do not be afraid of rejection.

You learn and grow from every job seeking and interview experience. If you have the opportunity, ask the employer for feedback. Keep in mind that both you and the employer want to find the best overall fit.

Do not give up.

Don’t take no for an answer if you really want the job. Keep coming back with good new reasons why the company should hire you. Persistence pays, so stay in the hunt.

Do not play it safe.

Take risks! Go for what you really want. Select, do not settle.

Do not pay attention to “nay-sayers”

Those who have seen it all, done it all and know it all. These types of people always know why your idea will not work. Associate with people who are positive and supportive of you and your goals.

Do not fall prey to “stinkin’ thinkin’”

You can always find reasons why not to go for what you want. If you think you can not, you are right. Visualize yourself getting the job and having a career that you love.

REMEMBER PERSISTENCE IS THE KEY.

WHEN PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY, THE RESULT IS SUCCESS



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