Opportunities to Stay Connected Through SC Alumni Programs

SC Class Agent/Host Program

- *Representatives for each alumni year help connect the college with fellow classmates.*

E-SC Newsletter (e-mail format)

- *A great opportunity to communicate breaking news from SC faculty and departments.*

Regional Area Alumni Events

- *Fun opportunities to gather with alumni in regional areas to reminisce and learn the latest campus news.*

SC Volunteer Opportunities

- *Alumni and friends assisting the college in a variety of ways.*

For more information on any SC alumni programs or to learn of scheduled events around the country, please contact:

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Alumni Career Network

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What is the Alumni Career Network?

The Southwestern College Alumni Career Network is designed to provide a way for alumni from across the country to participate in the career development of current Southwestern students. By sharing your personal insight and experience, you can provide valuable guidance to students as t hey develop and pursue their career goals. At the same time, you can benefit both personally and professionally by developing relationships with future Southwestern graduates.

How does it work?

You decide how much time to invest in the Alumni Career Network by choosing your level of participation. Once you complete and return the registration form, you are officially a member of the Alumni Career Network. You will be contacted about opportunities to help students. The goal will be to match the major or interests of a student with the career or interests of the alumnus.

If you have ever said,

"Southwestern College was a good experience for me,"

then this is your chance to do something for the college in return.

Network Opportunities!

- **Career Mentoring**

Serve as a mentor to a Southwestern student by helping them understand the importance of goalsetting, networking and job search techniques.

- **Informational Interviews**

Share your wisdom and experience while in your work setting! Students need to obtain real world information on the strengths and weaknesses of a particular industry or career path. This is not a job interview, but an interview to share information and experience.

- **Career Fairs**

There will be two career fairs. One will be held during Homecoming and other will be in the spring. Come and grab a table and share your company's career opportunities! If your company is not hiring, you can still come and discuss your company and share insights with students.

Backpack to Briefcase Program

Career Panels will take place two times a year — once during November in the Backpack to Briefcase program, and the other in the spring. The panel is designed to have alumni sit at a table in front of a group of students and share career wisdom. The panel will be moderated; however, the goal is to have a free-flowing discussion among students and alumni centered around job search techniques, the importance of internships, resumes, interviewing, and a variety of other topics.

Mock Interviews: Again, during the November program, assist students by critiquing their interview techniques! Every effort will be made to match a student's major with an alum's career.

Time Commitment

- Mentoring students can be a commitment that is dependent on your availability. Mentoring can be as simple as emailing or telephoning or it can be more in depth. Career Services can assist in setting the boundaries and expectations between the student and alumni.
- Informational interviews are designed around the availability of the alumni. Students can take advantage of this great opportunity by calling you and setting up a brief 15-20 minute interview focused on you and your industry.
- The Career Fairs will last about two hours. They will also include plenty of food and quality time with students!
- Back Pack to Briefcase programs, career panels, and mock interviews. The panel will usually takes about an hour. Mock interviews may take a morning or afternoon– depending on student involvement.

Please contact Dan Falk in the Career Planning Office at dfalk@sckans.edu or by phone at (620) 229-6267 if you are interested in participating in the program!

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