I'M GRADUATING - WHAT NOW?

**Network. Network. Network.**

Networking often gets a bad reputation. Many people think of networking as stiff, uncomfortable events where you put on a nametag and hide by the snack table. But it’s so much more than that! Networking is connecting with people on a regular basis, not just when you need something. It’s about forming meaningful, genuine connections so that when you do have a favor to ask, the person trusts you, respects you and doesn’t feel like you’re using them for a leg up. On a regular basis, make a point to reach out to old classmates, colleagues, professors and mentors to catch up. This can even be done virtually. No matter who you’re talking to, make sure you ask them questions about their life — learn a little bit about hobbies and passions they pursue outside of work. Take note of what you learn so you can ask them about it next time you chat. Your willingness to view them as another human and not just a stepping stone in your career path will go a long way.

- The Washington Center

**Realistic Expectations**

Do not feel bad about taking a job right out of college that is not your dream job. Many jobs start with an entry position to gain experience and then you can work your way up from there. As much as you might want to start with the glamorous job, realistically it might take a while to get there. Don’t let that stop you from working hard to reach your goal!

- Kristen Jasperson | Assistant Director, Academic Advising

**LinkedIn Learning**

LinkedIn Learning is a great resource to help expand your business profile. Not only does it feature a wide range of videos dedicated to different skills, subject areas, and software, LinkedIn offers multiple business and life lessons that help you grow as a professional. LinkedIn is also a great tool to build and engage with your professional network. With over 5,000 courses covering all aspects of professional development, they allow you to find opportunities that match exactly what you’re looking for. These videos have allowed me to expand my own knowledge, better prepare myself for different situations, and allowed me to develop a structured mindset of what to expect in the workforce. Many videos are tailored around building yourself and helping you grow into a strong, confident person before you move forward with your career. I highly suggest using LinkedIn Learning, it’s a great tool and offered to you for free as a student!

Ellie’s Top Recommendations:
1. Managing Stress
2. Working with Difficult People
3. Leadership Foundations

**Ask Us!**

Have a career preparation or life after graduation question you’d like to know more about? Email career@uwsuper.edu to get personalized feedback from Career Services staff!

**Flip Your Thinking**

“You are not just working on online classes from home; you are at your home during a crisis trying to work on classes online.” As you work to finish up classes online keep this in mind and allow yourself some grace. Finish strong Yellowjackets!

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**Career Resource Assistants Recommend:**

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**Please note free access to LinkedIn Learning is deactivated 180 days after graduation**