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NETWORKING IN COLLEGE

Networking is a word that often comes up in career preparedness conversations. In the office of Career Development and Calling we often share the statistic that you increase your chance of attaining an internship or job you apply for by 60-80% if you have a previous networking connection who is able to put in a good word for you. That is certainly a big incentive to network while in college. But what does it even mean to network???

Networking is a broad term for seeking out professional connections within your field/industry *before* you are looking for a job. These connections can provide you with advice, additional contacts, and can help you find out about job and internship opportunities down the road. Networking is really just jargon for *relationship building*, which we all know how to do.

Here are action steps to take to begin building your network!

- 1)** Create a LinkedIn profile and begin connecting with professors, classmates, coworkers, and professional connections you make. Check out our resources page on the Career Development and Calling website for information on how to create a strong LinkedIn profile.
- 2)** Take advantage of extracurricular activities where you can network; like job fairs, community events, seminars, and forums.
- 3)** Reach out to people within your network to conduct informational interviews to learn more about how you can be prepared for a career in your intended field. To find additional resources on how to conduct an informational interview, check out the CDC resources page on Informational Interviewing.

Check out the next page to see where you can start finding your networking connections!

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WHERE TO FIND NETWORKING CONNECTIONS

Knowing where to find networking connections is the first step to making those connections. Consider some of these places where you may have professional relationships you didn't realize you had, or places you can easily start making new connections. Begin by fostering a networking connection in these places and build from there during your time at Bethel. By the time you graduate you should have a robust network of professional relationships!

LINKEDIN

Alumni
Job titles
Professional
Organizations

EVENTS

Job fairs
Campus events
Forums
Community events
Church event

INTERNAL

Family
Coworkers
Professors
Volunteering
Friends

Upcoming Events and Fairs:

- Project EX Negotiating your first job offer workshop

Thursday, November 10th: 11:05- 12:00 HC 315

In this workshop you will learn how to evaluate job offers and how to negotiate a first salary. This is a great workshop for all seniors to attend!

[Click here to register](#)



FEATURED EMPLOYER:

PRAYING PELICAN MISSIONS

1) Can you give us a brief overview of your organization?

Praying Pelican Missions is an interdenominational ministry that celebrates the diversity of the Church while leveraging what binds us together. Each year, we set up and lead mission trips for churches, schools and small groups. Our trips are built around three main pillars for healthy short-term missions: genuine partnerships, long-term relationships, and sustainable ministry. By remaining under the authority and direction of the local Church (domestically and abroad) in the communities that we serve alongside, our missions teams are able to support the ministry that is already happening in that community

2) What do your job and internship opportunities look like?

Assistant Trip Leader (Seasonal, Flexible May-August 2023)

This is an opportunity to serve with us during the summer months (and even your spring break) by facilitating both logistic and relational aspects of our short-term mission trips. Develop your leadership skills while being the bridge between the local Church and mission teams, supporting locally-run ministries each week you serve on trips! Serve anywhere from 2-10 weeks.

Vocational Ministry Intern (Internship, January-August 2023)

This internship program is designed to develop, equip, and support Christian leaders in ministry through the planning and facilitating of short-term mission trips. VMIs will assist in things like trip set up and consulting mission teams prior to their time on trips. During the summer, they will spend 6-8 weeks leading mission trips in location, being the bridge between the local Church and mission teams.

To learn more about each position that is currently available, and to see what full-time employment opportunities we have open, please visit www.ppm.org/employment.

3) What do you look for in a student or a new hire applying to work with you?

We are eager to find individuals that are passionate about connecting the local Church on a global level. People who love to share the Gospel in word and deed, and are ready to invest in our host pastors and partners on the mission field so they can be encouraged to keep serving day in and out. On top of that, if you are an individual who is detail oriented, has the ability to adapt when plans change, and embodies a teachable spirit, we'd love to talk with you about how you can get involved.

4) What's one thing that makes working for Praying Pelican Missions amazing?

The connections you'll make with ministry leaders around the country/globe is unlike any other! The opportunity to learn from leaders who come from different backgrounds than you, but ultimately have the same goal which is to see Jesus glorified and for the Church to be united in His name, is such a beautiful opportunity. Your coworkers will labor alongside you, pray for you, and encourage you day in and out.

5) What is the best way for interested students to get in touch?

If you have questions prior to submitting an application, you can reach out to our Seasonal Staffing Manager, Taylor Schatz. taylor@ppm.org



If you're interested in part-time and full-time jobs, as well as internships, check out our Handshake job board and Patio job board! ➡

