Rejection happens, but don't let it hurt

If you've attended information sessions or workshops at the CCD, you know that standing out is critical to career exploration and securing your dream job or internship. What people rarely talk about though, is rejection. Rejection happens, and in your lifetime, you will probably get a "no" from an employer. It's important to handle this gracefully, and there's even a way to grow your network when someone turns you down! Vault, one of the many great resources available to you as a Rice student, has helpful suggestions for dealing with job and internship rejection.

First, respond with tact and respect. Very few people acknowledge a rejection letter or email by responding with thanks and leaving the door open with the employer for future interaction. This helps you build your own brand. Another great tip is leveraging the knowledge you gained during the application process to find other promising leads. If the company that turned you down is one you would like to reapply to in the future, consider looking at the employer's competitors. Once you have your foot in the industry door, companies are more likely to hire you when they recognize where you have worked previously. Use that "no" to create your own "yes, I will."

For even more guidance, checkout Vault's tips.

Missed an edition of the CCD newsletter? We now have an archive on our website. Check it out here!

You may also notice the newsletter arriving on different days -- don't fret. We will be sending it out at a variety of times to determine the best day for your engagement. If you have suggestions, please let us know at ccd@rice.edu.
Upcoming Events

WORKSHOPS

ROUNDUP:
Education, Non-profit, Social Enterprise, Public Policy, Government, and Law
Monday, 2/27
4:00 pm, Huff House
Meet Rice alumni with careers spanning Education, Nonprofit, Social Enterprise, Public Policy, Government, and Law. Some of the awesome companies represented are Cheney Forensic Consulting, LLC, EMERGE Education (nonprofit), Dini Spheris, Shell Oil Company, and the US Department of State. RSVP here.

ROUNDUP:
Engineering, Computer Information Technology, and Mathematics
Tuesday, 2/28
4:00 pm, Huff House
Meet Rice alumni with careers spanning Engineering, Computer Information Technology, and Mathematics. Some of the awesome companies represented are ENI Petroleum, Google, Schlumberger, ExxonMobil, and Houston Methodist. RSVP here.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

CLaSSS Drop-In Hours
Wednesday, 3/1
3:00 pm, Huff House
Seniors, we'll have seniors-only drop-in hours today. Every afternoon at 4:00 this week, we are hosting Career Roundups where you can meet with Alumni in a variety of occupations. Set aside time this week to meet some alums in an occupation you are considering pursuing. Come by the drop-in hours to discuss how to follow-up, how to connect, or answer any other question you may have about your career search or our Career Labs. RSVP here.

The Boston Consulting Group ADC Connection Event
Thursday, 3/2
5:00 - 6:30 pm, McNair Hall Rm 318
If you are interested in learning more about the work we do at BCG and meeting with Advanced Degree Consultants, please join us. We will have representatives on campus to meet with Advanced Degree Candidates (PhDs, JDs, MDs, and Post Docs) to discuss full-time opportunities as well as our summer workshop opportunity called Bridge to BCG. RSVP here.

Working Abroad Workshop
Wednesday, 3/1

The Boston Consulting Group Coffee Chats --

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12:00 pm, Huff House 107
To be, or not to be? That is the question. Come learn the benefits and challenges of working abroad from alumni who have worked and lived across the globe. Pizza will be served so please RSVP here.

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Real Estate Finance Industry Virtual Career Fair

Wednesday, 3/1
2:00 - 5:00 pm, Virtual
There is no better time to get into the real estate finance industry than now! Connect with Top Employers for Entry-Level Jobs during the Real Estate Finance Industry Virtual Career Fair! Register here.

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ROUNDUP:
Arts, Communication, and Entertainment

Wednesday, 3/1
4:00 pm, Huff House
These informal sessions are built for exploring your career interests. Meet Rice alumni with careers spanning Arts, Communication, and Entertainment. Some of the awesome companies represented are David Lackey Antiques and Art, Buffalo Bayou Brewing Co., Lyn Realty, and the U.S. Department of State. RSVP here.

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Sophomore Strengths Finder

Thursday, 3/2
12:00 pm, Huff House 107
Unsure how to best express your strengths? Feel as though you do not know how to answer the common interview question "how would you describe yourself"? As a sophomore, now is the optimal time to begin thinking about your strengths. Gallup's Clifton StrengthsFinder assessment is the first step in helping you identify your talents. RSVP here.

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ROUNDUP:
Sciences and Health

Thursday, 3/2
4:00 pm, Huff House
Meet Rice alumni with careers spanning Sciences and Health. Some of the awesome companies represented are Pfizer, Hopping Eye Associates, Womans Radiology Associates, and Baylor College of Medicine. RSVP here.

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Advanced Degree Candidates

Friday, 3/3
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Brochstein Pavilion
Calling all PhDs and Postdocs! We will have Advanced Degree Consultants from our BCG Houston office on campus to discuss our full-time opportunities and Bridge to BCG workshop. To schedule a one-on-one 20 minute session. RSVP here.

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CCD Express

Friday, 3/3
11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Coffee House
RMC Info Table
Stop by the CCD Express table outside the Coffee House for resume reviews, interview tips, and information about our services! RSVP here.

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Microsoft Office Hours

Tuesday, 3/7
Brochstein Pavilion
Come spend some 1:1 time with Microsoft Recruiter, Trisha Lydon, and other Microsoft Alumni. Feel free to stop by with questions, or just to drop off your resume. Join us for more information on our future fulltime and internship positions for 2018.

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Chili Cookoff and Career Carnival

Friday, 3/3
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Huff House
Network with employers while enjoying chili, hot dogs, and games (you may even win some prizes)! The annual Chili Cookoff provides students the opportunity to network with employers in a relaxed environment. RSVP [here](#).

**ROUNDUP:**
**Finance, Consulting, and Enterprise**
**Friday, 3/3**
**4:00 pm, Huff House**
Meet Rice alumni with careers spanning Finance, Consulting, and Enterprise. Some of the awesome companies represented are The Boston Consulting Group, Jefferies LLC, Omnex Group, Inc., NRG Energy, Accenture, and Deloitte Consulting LLP. RSVP [here](#).

Taking midterms?
The CCD wishes you luck!

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**That's What's Up**
Fun stuff, important stuff, all the stuff
Join us for an entire week of career prep THIS WEEK, including the Nonprofit and Government Expo, Chili Cookoff and Career Carnival, Roundups for an array of careers (free food, great connections), and CCD workshops and information sessions! Each event is in Handshake -- RSVP today!

Unpaid Internship?

If you have secured (or, are in the process of securing) an unpaid or underpaid summer experience, you may be eligible to apply to the 2017 Owl Edge Summer Experience Fund. This fund, created through generous donations from Rice alumni and friends, provides a limited number of qualified students with funding up to $5,000 to help with transportation and/or living expenses incurred as a result of participating in an unpaid or underpaid summer experience. The first deadline is March 1, 2017 at 11:59 pm. Learn more or apply here.
Nonprofit and Government Expo

The nonprofit and government expo is a great way to learn about employment, internships, fellowships, and year of service opportunities available in the nonprofit and government sector. We are excited to partner with the Center for Civic Leadership and welcome students across all majors, degrees and years.

Learn more about purpose driven careers while building your network of like-minded people!

Join us February 28 from 1-4pm in the RMC Grand Hall. Register here.

Chili Cookoff and Career Carnival

11:30 am - 1:30 pm, March 3 -- Huff House

Network with employers while enjoying chili, hot dogs, and games (you may even win some prizes)! The annual Chili Cookoff and Career Carnival provides students the opportunity to network with employers in a relaxed environment.

For the past 20+ years, employers have competed for student votes at this fun and informal networking event. It's a great opportunity for you to interact with employers in a relaxed environment.

Spring Break Externships

If you haven't solidified your Spring Break plans, look no further! The deadline for select externships has been extended.

There are opportunities available in every career cluster, including experiences at PepsiCo, Intel, the US Department of
Education, NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, and more. See them all here.

Contact Michelle Passo at mip2@rice.edu to learn more about these externships and the application process by February 28.

Jobs and Internships
Unique opportunities you might not find in Handshake

City of Houston Intern
his summer, city departments are opening their doors to provide opportunities for you to earn while you learn about what it takes to serve the residents of the nation’s 4th largest city. Most positions are for 32 hours per week, at $8.00 per hour. Opportunities will be available in a variety of City departments. Apply here.
Deadline: March 20, 2017
Cluster: Public Policy, Government, and Law

Fair Share Campaign Organizer
Fair Share is hiring a Campaign Organizer to build support outside the beltway for our national campaigns for an economy that works for all of us. He/she will mainly focus on digital and traditional communications and coalition organizing. Click here to learn more.

**Deadline: Now accepting applications**
**Cluster: Arts, Communication, and Entertainment**

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**AFL-CIO Organizing Institute Apprenticeship Program**
The AFL-CIO Organizing Institute recruits, trains and matches applicants who are passionate and dedicated to social and economic justice to unions looking to expand their organizing programs. It provides an intensive training program for candidates interested in becoming a union organizer. Apply here.

**Deadline: Now accepting applications**
**Cluster: Education, Nonprofit, Social Enterprise; Public Policy, Government, and Law**

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**Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management Program**
This is a one-week management training program for rising college seniors. This unique educational experience gives participants a broader understanding of the challenges business leaders face, the innumerable opportunities that exist in management, and the impact they can have on their community and the world with a graduate business education. Apply here.

**Deadline: May 3, 2017**
**Cluster: Finance, Consulting, and Enterprise**

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**Owl Spark Accelerator**
The OwlSpark accelerator is an intense, immersive 12-week summer experience for up to ten Rice University startup teams. Utilizing a robust curriculum, collaborative coworking space, and a diverse mentor network, the OwlSpark accelerator program provides startup teams with hands-on experience launching a tech startup. Apply here.

**Deadline: May 3, 2017**
**Cluster: Engineering, Computer Information Technology, and Mathematics**

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**The Fund for the Public Interest Canvass Director**
The Fund for the Public Interest partners with leading nonprofit groups from around the country. Canvass Directors will run their grassroots campaign offices across the country next fall -- working on behalf of groups like Environment America and US PIRG. Apply here.

**Deadline: Varied**
**Cluster: Public Policy, Government, and Law**

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**Higher Education Research Experiences (HERE) Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)**
Opportunities for students and faculty to experience innovative research or technical projects at a cutting edge national laboratory and network with prestigious scientists, researchers, engineers, and laboratory staff. Apply here.

**Deadline: Varied**
**Cluster: Sciences and Health**