



THE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING & CAREER ENGAGEMENT

First Year Career Engagement Plan

- Meet with your Academic and Career Advisor
 - Learn about career related services, programs, workshops and events offered by CAACE
 - Complete and discuss Focus 2 Careers and Strength Finders results
 - Begin exploring careers and majors that match with your gifts and interests
- Activate your Handshake account by logging into cuw.joinhandshake.com
 - Create your Handshake profile
 - Explore part-time jobs, internships, on-campus, and summer jobs
 - Download Handshake Mobile App
- Explore student groups and experiences that match your interests
 - Join a club, volunteer organization or group and develop leadership skills
- [Create a resume](#) and LinkedIn profile (professional branding documents)
 - Activate and log-in to CUW Connect to connect with alumni
 - Build your career contacts and utilize your [network](#) tracker
 - Explore professional associations within your anticipated career field
- Secure an internship, job, volunteer opportunity, or service project
 - Start early in your search, at least 6 months in advance of your start date
 - Focus on experiences that help you discover your gifts, talents and abilities
 - Reflect on what vocation means: Ask yourself how you will share your gifts and talents in the service of others to make an uncommon impact in a common world. Take time to reflect on what calls you to your field of study, and consider how your vocation within your career intersects with your vocation(s) within your family, faith, and community.