Networking

What Is A Professional Network?

A network starts with you.

Then all the people you know.

And all the people they know.

Building a professional network starts with talking and listening to people. This two-way communication helps you:

- Gain knowledge about jobs and careers
- Increase confidence in your chosen major
- Learn behaviors of professionals in a field of interest
- Make contacts

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What Can I Do Now?

**Build Academic Relationships**
Your coursework is a great place to start building your network. Many long-lasting professional relationships are started while in college and in the classroom.

Remember to connect with:
- Classmates
- Professors
- Teaching assistants
- Academic advisors
- Career counselors

**Craft Professional Connections**
You can begin to build your network with part-time or work-study jobs related to your major, either on campus or in the Indianapolis community.

Consider these options:
- Study Abroad
- Service-Learning projects
- Student organizations
- Job shadows
- Professional organizations

**Attend Career Events**
There are many employment and career related events across campus designed to help you connect with recruiters from top companies.

Attend these events:
- IUPUI Part-Time Job Fair
- JagJobs Live
- Fall Career Week
- IUPUI Career Fairs
- Professional Image Project

It’s important to remember that networking can be done everywhere. You can include people from your past and present. Anyone that you come in contact with can be a key point in networking.

Manage and track your professional network with a LinkedIn profile. LinkedIn is used by recruiters to source candidates for entry and mid-level jobs, so it will be an increasingly important tool for you as your career develops and progresses. For tips creating your LinkedIn page, visit http://students.linkedin.com.

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