

Careers Changers Forum

Agenda: Saturday, February 21, 10 am-3 pm

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| 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. | Panel Discussion Q&A and Networking |
| 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Snacks & Networking |
| 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. | Advanced Interviewing Workshop Networking for Success Workshop Surviving a Pay Reduction Workshop Resume Critique Table |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Career Changers Exchange Workshop Networking for Success Workshop Resume Critique Table |

Note: Career Changers professionals are generally not in a position to make hiring decisions. However, they can provide insight on the proper channels for pursuing employment opportunities in their fields.

Suggested Networking Questions

- What was the career change process like?
- What triggered your decision to leave your former career?
- Why did you decide to make a career change?
- What is the importance of networking and contacts to change careers?
- What is the importance of further education?
- If you have a graduate degree, what role has that degree played in your career success?
- What advice do you have for those considering a career change?
- Is there someone else you would recommend I speak with about the career change process?

Participating Organizations

Alumni Relations

The DePaul alumni community is now more than 115,000 people strong, with the majority residing in the Chicago metropolitan area. Through the office of alumni relations, DePaul offers many opportunities to help its alumni maintain a relationship with each other and the university.

Phone: (312) 362-8584, Email: dpalumni@depaul.edu

Alumni Sharing Knowledge

Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) is a network of committed alumni who volunteer as career mentors for the DePaul University community. By sharing accomplishments, insights and connections, the ASK volunteer network can help open important doors for professional growth and networking.

Phone: (312) 362-8281, Email: ask@depaul.edu

Continuing and Professional Education

Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) at DePaul University offers formal and informal learning programs aimed at working adults seeking to enhance their skills, their careers and their understanding in a rapidly changing world.

Phone: (312) 362-6300, Email: learning@depaul.edu

Financial Fitness

DePaul's Financial Fitness Program provides free services, resources and tools to help students manage costs from freshman year through graduation and beyond.

Phone: (312) 362-6482, Email: financialfitness@depaul.edu

Workshops

12:45-1:45 p.m.

Advanced Interviewing - Room TBA

Refresh your interviewing skills and learn how to prepare for advanced interviewing techniques including critical behavior, panel and case interviews. Review the do's and don'ts for interview situations and learn how to address the most difficult questions. Facilitator: Len Salva

12:45- 1:45 p.m.

Surviving a Pay Reduction - Room TBA

As a career changer, there are many situations that may lead to a reduction in pay. Your new career's salary range could be significantly less than your last position's or perhaps you need to complete an internship that requires you to stop working full-time. Whatever the reason, surviving on less income can be managed with the correct knowledge and preparation. Attend this session to learn practical tools and information for surviving on less income. Facilitator: Brenda Williams

12:45-1:45 p.m. & 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Networking for Success - Room TBA

Noted an "invaluable workshop" by last years attendees!

Throughout your career lifecycle, you are likely to navigate between a variety of jobs, positions, organizations and industries. How can you establish and enhance your professional network to support you during these planned and often unplanned transitions? Learn some valuable networking strategies and tailor them to your individual career and networking goals in this interactive and engaging session where you are sure to meet a dozen professionals to add to your DePaul network! Facilitator: Jennifer Weggeman

12:45-3:00 p.m.

Resume Critique Table (ongoing)

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Career Changers Exchange - Room TBA

Come together with other Career Changers to discuss issues, share tips, ask questions, reflect on what you heard earlier in the day - anything that is important to you. You, the participant will be invited to convene conversations around shared interests and passions - so the session will be based on what you really care about and need. It's simple, you participate to whatever extent you feel comfortable, and you'll experience extraordinary conversations and connections with others that will support or kick-start your career transition. Join us!

Facilitator: Katie Brick

Career Changers Professionals



This icon indicates that the presenter is involved with the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) volunteer network. For more information about ASK, visit <http://ASK.depaul.edu> or e-mail ASK@depaul.edu.

MATTHEW EWALD

Mortgage Consultant

Woodfield Planning Corporation

B.A., English, Eastern Illinois University

M.B.A., DePaul University

Expertise: Mortgage origination, Management, Business Development, Client Services

Career Transitions: After 5 years in a corporate setting in the marketing analysis and consulting field, Matt decided that he wanted to have his own business. His interest in finance and real estate pushed him towards mortgage origination.

Website: <http://www.woodfieldplanning.com/>

JOHN FISHER

Chief Strategy Officer

NET(net), Inc.

B.S. Journalism, Southern Illinois University

M.A., History of Religions, University of Ottawa

M.S., Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, DePaul University

Expertise: Information Technology, Negotiation, Association Management, Strategic Consulting

Career Transitions: John moved from CIO position, started strategic consulting company, and then joined a company that negotiates software contracts.

Website: <http://www.netnetweb.com/>

KARA KEHOE

Career Advising Intern

DePaul University

B.S., Business Administration, Villanova University

M.Ed., Community Counseling, Loyola University (current)

Expertise: Sales & Event Planning

Career Transitions: Kara changed from hospitality sales and event planning to career counseling.

Website: <http://www.depaul.edu/>

DAN KESSELRING

Consultant

Global Professionals

B.M., Music Education, DePaul University

M.M., Music Education, DePaul University

M.B.A., Northwestern University

Expertise: Human Resources Management, Project Management

Career Transitions: Dan has successfully transitioned through a variety of positions to include: High School Band Director, Army Officer, Computer Salesman, Career Counselor, College Dean, Project Manager, Human Resources Professional, & Director of Consulting Services.

Website: <http://www.resourcesglobal.com/>

KRISTINA OLKOWSKI

Community Relations Manager, Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA)

Vice President of Special Events, Endurance Marketing

B.S., Early Childhood Education, DePaul University

M.S., Higher Education Administration, Northwestern University

Career Transitions: Kristina was brought on board at LaSalle Bank Corporation as their Community Relations & Special Programs Manager. 2004 was the start of her Sports Marketing career and the year she left the field of education...for now!

Website: <http://www.cararuns.org/>

ASHLEY RICHARDSON

Industry Communications Manager

The American Egg Board

B.A., Sociology, English, The University of Mississippi

M.A., Writing, DePaul University

Expertise: InDesign and Quark, Professional writing and editing, Interviewing a variety of sources from oil company executives in Africa to Midwest ethanol producers

Career Transitions: Ashley transitioned from magazine publishing to a corporate communications position. She had to refocus her career to a position with room to grow and higher earning potential. While Ashley knew her editor skill set would transfer to a corporate communications position, she had to learn how to repackage her skills to potential employers who were not familiar with magazine publishing.

Website: <http://www.aeb.org/>

SALVATORE SCIACCA

President and Founder

Chicago Property Services, Inc.

B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois at Champaign

M.B.A., International Business, DePaul University

Expertise: Engineering, Marketing, Management

Career Transitions: Salvatore went from engineering to marketing to sales to self employment.

Website: <http://www.chicagopropertyservices.com/>

ROY WHITMORE

President

Global Recruiters of Warrenville

B.A., Business, DePaul University

M.A., Multicultural Communication & Business, DePaul University

Ph.D., Fielding Graduate University

Expertise: Leading diverse team, growing sales, profits, & mentoring/coaching subordinates & peers to success

Career Transitions: Roy recently left an executive position as VP of operations at Jewel-Osco to start his own businesses under "W Consulting & Mentoring Group". The first part of the business to launch is Global Recruiters of Warrenville.

Website: <http://www.grnwarrenville.com/>

