

Senior Success

Congratulations!!! This is your final year so remain focused and keep a balance between your academic, co-curricular, personal, and professional life. Use the following checklist as a tool for success!

ACADEMICS

- **Make sure you've applied for graduation.** Visit the [Registrar's office](#) for more information.
- **Meet with your academic advisor** and to make sure you're on track for graduation.
- **Keep checking your Messiah email regularly** for updates on graduation, senior portraits, etc.
- **If graduate school is in your future,** start the application process and complete all requirements by the deadlines.
- **Stay focused and finish strong.** Don't let senioritis set in!

CAREER PREPARATION

- **Gain experience.** If you haven't completed an internship, this is the time to acquire real-world experience related to your major.
- **Consider your interests, values, work ethic, and skills.**
- **Talk to your advisor about career plans.**
- **Explore available opportunities** through the [Career and Professional Development Center](#).
- **Clarify the job that you want** and be specific about places where you'd like to work.
- **Share your career objectives and interests** with faculty, friends, and family.
- **Finalize your resume and ask for feedback.** Remember to include campus organizations and leadership opportunities.
- **Line up your references.** Ask faculty and staff if they can be references for you.
- **Network . . . a lot!** And join LinkedIn.

CAREER PREPARATION (cont.)

- **Review your social media accounts.** Employers may look at your photos and posts to determine how you behave online.
- **Professionalize your wardrobe** with interview-appropriate attire and attend job fairs.
- **Prepare for interviews** by researching the company and conducting a mock interview in the Career and Professional Development Center.

COMMUNITY & INVOLVEMENT

- **Join a student organization.**
- **Plan to attend on-campus activities.**
- **Consider contributing to the Senior Class gift** when the time comes.

PERSONAL GROWTH

- **Visit the office of Student Financial Services** if you have questions regarding your student account.
- **Be aware of steps you will need to take after graduation** (e.g., finding housing).
- **Update your post-graduation contact information** with the Alumni Office so you don't miss alumni events, staying connected with your class.
- **Celebrate and enjoy your last year at Messiah!** Senior year has many important milestones and requirements, but you should also make time to have fun hanging out, socializing with friends, enjoying events, and reflecting on how far you've come since your first year!