

*Majors and Careers*  
*A Family Guide*

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## Choosing a major

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- Hot careers/grad programs (Hot careers change. If you're not good at it, you won't find a job)
- Academic success (Go where you will be successful)
- Majors and minors (Don't box yourself in with multiple majors & minors)
- Branch out - study abroad, internships
- Develop career plan (but allow for change)

## Class of 2008 at Graduation

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- 43 % Employed
- 26 % Still Looking
- 15 % Grad/Professional School
- 3 % PT Grad School/PT Employment
- 2 % Military
- 2 % Volunteer Program
- 9% Did Not Apply

## Class of 2007 at Graduation

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- 46 % Employed
- 20 % Still Looking
- 15 % Grad/Professional School
- 2 % PT Grad School/PT Employment
- 3 % Military
- 2 % Volunteer Program
- 12% Did Not Apply

## Class of 2007 after 6 months

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- 71% Employed
- 2% Still Looking
- 20% Graduate/Professional School
- 2% PT Emp/PT Grad School
- 3% Military
- 2% Volunteer Programs
- <1% Did Not Apply

## Some companies hiring Villanova students in 2007

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- Bloomberg – 4
- Eli Lilly - 3
- Goldman Sachs - 9
- Lockheed Martin – 14
- Merrill Lynch – 16
- Morgan Stanley – 13
- Vanguard - 6

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- Bloomberg – Finance, Marketing, History, English
  - Eli Lilly – Comprehensive Science, Political Science, Marketing
  - Goldman – Finance, Math, Psychology, Philosophy, Economics (Arts)
  - Lockheed Martin – Computer Eng., Mechanical Eng, Electrical Eng., Psychology, Math
  - Morgan Stanley – Finance, Marketing, Economics (Arts), Civil Eng., Political Science, Psychology
  - Vanguard – Finance, Management, Political Science, Math

# Marketable skills (What employers value)

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- Communication
- Computer
- Quantitative
- Marketing
- Scientific
- Foreign Language
- Leadership

## Gain them through

- Required and elective courses
- Student Organizations
- Volunteer Work
- Internships
- Jobs

## Enhancers (Necessary in competitive careers)

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- Grades (Build image of success b/c school is your job now, show intellectual capability and curiosity, keep options open for undecided students)
- Extracurricular Activities (Not just in major)
- Contacts
- Job Seeking Skills
- Work Experience/Internships
- Relevant Coursework/Projects

## Freshman Year

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- Acclimate to college life
- Get good grades
- Begin to join campus organizations

(Learn self management skills, get out and experience things)

## Sophomore/Junior Years

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- Choose major
- Assess interests through testing
- Gather career information through career programs, reading, talking to professionals
- Intensify involvement in extracurricular activities, assume leadership (Build teamwork, decision making, communication, adaptability, risk taking, and problem solving skills)
- Begin to develop career plan

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- Develop Marketable Skills
  - Build Enhancers
  - Keep grades up
  - Develop relationships with faculty
  - Utilize support services: Advising Centers, Career Services, Writing Center, Counseling Center
  - Get pre-professional experience through internships, summer jobs (Consider doing academic year internships, 3 credits in VSB & up to 15 in A&S)

## How Can You Help?

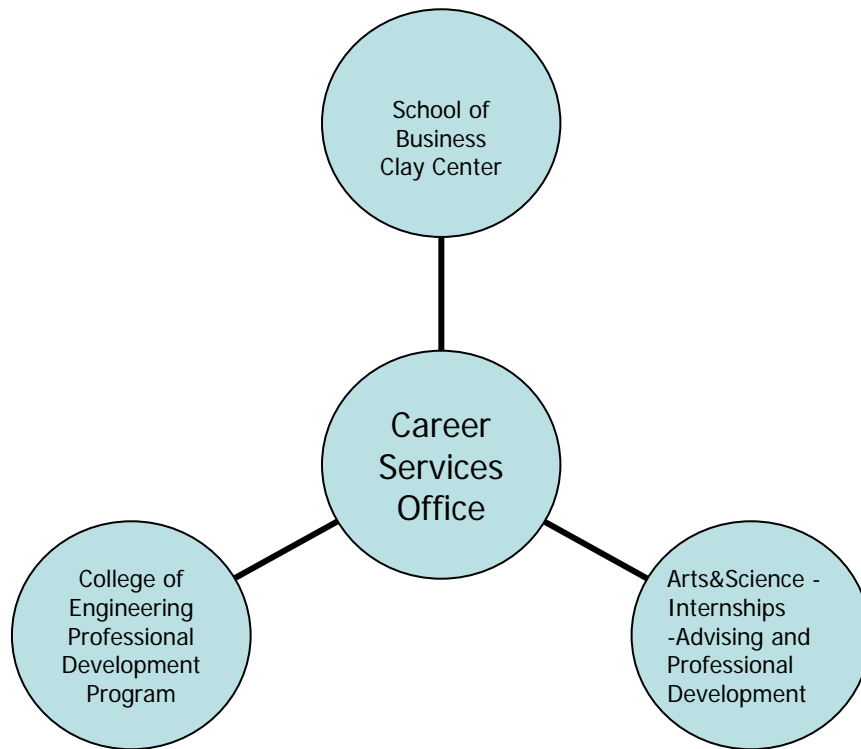
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- **Support** Even if decisions are not the ones you would make for them. Encourage good grades!!
- **Information** Real life perspectives. Knowledge of jobs, world of work. Students often questions where they would fit in an organization.
- **Contacts** for this information, advice Get them used to speaking with adults
- **Personal Insights** - You know them best. Can provide them with clues and confidence.  
Remember when you.....

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- Motivation - keep them on top of the process. (Don't do it for them!).
  - Reinforce the Real World - Hold them accountable for being on time and dressed appropriately.
  - Online – Encourage them to monitor online presence. Employers research candidates using online communities and search engines.

# Career Services

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- Villanova University's Career Services Office was rated #19 out of 222 Northeastern Colleges in a student poll conducted by the Princeton Review.
- Meets with over 3,500 students each year.
- Hosts over 500 employers each year

[Http://www.careers.villanova.edu](http://www.careers.villanova.edu)

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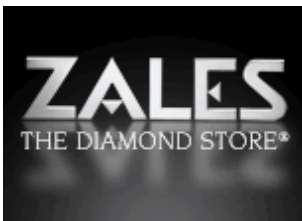
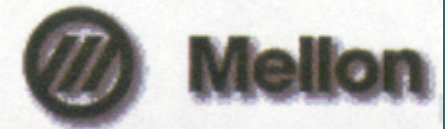
- Network Newsletter
- Job listings
- Campus recruiting
- Resume database, student accounts
- Placement information by major
- Links to career related sites

## Other services not related to employment:

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- Neutral view of academic programs, not academic advisors
- Interest tests to choose or change major
- Application of academics to career
- Reality test!!!
- Skill building : resume writing, interviewing
- Graduate school guides, test materials. Help with applications

What Common Denominator  
is Shared by These Organizations?



The Current or Former Leaders of these Organizations are Alumni of Villanova University.



Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

*Eddie Bauer*  
SINCE 1920



Mellon



Philip Morris  
Companies Inc.



*Marines*  
The Few. The Proud.

Fidelity  Investments



 JPMorganChase

Stanford University

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION



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Stockholm, Sweden

