

A letter from the Dean:

Congratulations on starting your senior year!

The faculty and staff of the Griffin College of Business are proud of the work you have done to get to this point, and we look forward to watching you complete your degree. I'm even more excited to think about the possibilities that lie ahead for you after graduation. This year will be super busy because you will be juggling your current academic requirements and planning for the future.

You are probably looking forward to a year of classes that mostly focus on your major. This is typically the year where you have the most time to focus on the topics where you have the most interest. Take this opportunity to spend more time discussing current events, issues, and questions with your major professors. Make use of their office hours and make appointments to talk through questions that you are floating around in your brain as you absorb information from class and make connections with what is occurring daily in the business world. Please stop by my office (BU 102) for a visit sometime as well. Those discussions will not only provide you with a deeper understanding of your field, but they will also help prepare you for interviews as you find the perfect place to start your career.

That brings me to the other big item for this year. You have already landed a job through an internship that you completed over this past summer. Congratulations if you are in that category.

If that isn't you, be sure to spend quality time with Career Services, and don't miss the fall job fair. There are many actors to consider during your search. Where do you want to live? Are there certain industries or companies where you aspire to work? What do you want to accomplish? How do you want to make a difference for others? Try to have a complete picture in your mind as you look for the place to begin your career. Search with purpose.

Enjoy your senior year and I look forward to congratulating you as you walk across the stage at commencement!



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