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*Office of Career Services*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Providence College. As the new Executive Director of Career Services, I look forward to working with your sons and daughters this year. One of the definitions of the word providence is “a looking to, or preparation for, the future.” We are your son’s and daughter’s partner in that preparation. Our office’s mission is to help them to identify, enhance and accomplish their career development, internship, job search, and educational goals in the transition from freshman through senior year, and from college to career. We welcome parents as partners in this process. A recent survey of our June 2009 grads demonstrated that parents are the number one source of career advice. We can’t be effective in carrying out our mission without you.

We are all aware of the challenging labor market that the Class of 2009 entered. The students who were most successful were those who had developed relevant and transferable skills through internships, those who had cultivated extensive professional networks through participation in our networking nights, shadowing programs, mentoring programs and alumni mentoring database, and those who had developed their job search strategies, application materials and interview skills. All indications point to an equally challenging job market for the at least the class of 2010 and it will be important for students to be prepared. As your student’s most important source of career advice we need your help in encouraging your son or daughter to fully utilize our services and programs including networking opportunities, workshops, resume critiques, advising meeting, internships, our quick question hours, and on-campus recruiting.

The Parent’s section of our website is designed to help you explore the many resources available to your student as well as helpful information for you related to the career development process and how we can work together to support and encourage your son or daughter. You can also download a pdf version of our bi-monthly newsletter so that you can keep up to date on career related activities on campus.

With best wishes,

John Nonnamaker, PhD

Executive Director