Are you looking to get involved in a student organization, but don’t know what’s available, and don’t know where to start? The 2015 MSC Open House will take place on Sunday, September 6th, from 1:00-5:00p.m. in the MSC. The MSC Open House is “a chance to see the best student involvement opportunities the Division of Student Affairs and Texas A&M have to offer.” Texas A&M University has over 800 organizations so there is something for everyone. Most of the organizations will set up a table to help you learn more about their organization with flyers, representatives, demonstrations, or giveaways. Come out to make new friends and find your niche in Aggieland! Additional information may be found at mscopenhouse.tamu.edu.
Money Wise Aggie: September Workshops

The Money Wise Aggie’s mission is to help students make smart personal finance decisions while pursuing their academic degrees and to lay a foundation for financial success throughout life.

In each edition of the junior Regents’ Review newsletter a different program offered through the Career Center will be spotlighted. This month’s Career Center Spotlight will focus on an overview of resources as well as career myths.

How can the Career Center help me?

The Career Center can help every Aggie. If you are in your junior or senior year and are beginning to think about what you will do after graduation, we have a variety of services for you to choose from. You may need to start with topics such as Who Hires My Major? and Resume Writing. You may be ready for more advanced topics like Behavioral Interviewing and Salary Evaluation/Negotiation.

The Career Center will assist you with your resume. During appointments or walk-in advising hours, we help to refine and polish your resume so that it effectively illustrates your transferable skills and abilities.

The Career Center helps you to develop strong interviewing skills. Through mock interviews and appointments with your career advisor, you can learn what is expected of you in an interview, how best to answer even the toughest interview questions, what to wear and how to prepare for the day of your interview so that are successful in this process.

Regardless of what you want to do after graduation, the Career Center helps you identify the resources you need to successfully achieve your goals after college.

If you are seeking a job, the Career Center will help you: Connect to employers who are recruiting on campus through our online system HireAggies.com. Find a company that you are interested in but the recruiter is not seeking your major? HireAggies.com has contact information for almost every company in the system. Contact the recruiter and ask whom he or she would recommend that you speak in your area of interest.

Connect to Former Students who may have insight regarding your job search. The Career Center works in partnership with The Association and can assist you as you create a network of people who can help you find the job you want.

Connect to companies that do not typically recruit on college campuses. Through national resources and databases in our online system, professional associations in which we participate, and the network of recruiters with which we are well acquainted, we can help you find the contacts you need to effectively search for your ideal job.

The Career Center will help you determine your value in the marketplace and how to evaluate a compensation package.

The Career Center provides comprehensive career education and offers one of the largest campus recruiting programs in the country. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of all of these resources that are easily accessible to them while on campus.

Top Career Myths

- I don’t need to start worrying about my career until I’m a senior.
- The job search only takes a month or so.
- You have to pay for all Career Center services.
- As long as I have a degree, grades are not important.
- The Career Center does not have jobs for students with a low GPA.
- I can’t get a good job if I don’t have a 3.0 GPA.
- I don’t need work experience before I graduate.
- My parents can help negotiate my job offer.
- My resume will get me the job.
- My activities on social networking sites are private.
- The Career Center is just for business and engineering majors.

- Career Center services are only available in 209 Koldus.
- I have to have a career plan before I meet with the Career Center.
- My Aggie ring will get me the job.
- There is only one perfect job for me.
- It’s too late to change my career plans.
- You have to get a graduate degree if you want to do anything with your psychology major.
- From a liberal arts student’s perspective, all jobs in business are boring and/or you have to sell your soul.

Retrieved and adapted from the Career Center’s website: careercenter.tamu.edu
College juniors need to put some thought into the future, whether that be career aspirations, graduate school, or some other venue. Just like freshman year was the time to start exploring academic possibilities, junior year is the time to start exploring future career possibilities.

A great place to get started is the TAMU Career Center. Find out what resources are available and use them. Be sure to check out the Career Center’s online career resources as well at careercenter.tamu.edu. You may also make an appointment to talk to a career counselor to explore possibilities. For many students, a good place to start is a career aptitude test, which gives students some insight into their strengths and how these might translate into a career path. Another great resource is DISCOVER, an online career assessment available through Student Counseling Services (scs.tamu.edu/career).

Junior year is an outstanding time to get a college internship, either during the semester or over the summer. An internship is an opportunity to gain first-hand work experience at a company, usually on a part-time basis. Internships usually don’t pay well, but they are an outstanding opportunity to “try out” career paths and to gain valuable experience for a resume.

Thinking about graduate or professional school? This is the time to start doing research. Investigate graduate and professional school websites and talk to professors in your discipline about what to expect from grad school and what the requirements are for admission. The Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA) is a great resource to use if you are interested in medical school, law school, dental school, and many other professional school options. The OPSA advisors are located in Henderson Hall. Additional information may be found at opsa.tamu.edu.

In addition, whatever a student plans to do in the future, junior year is a great time to bunker down and pull up the GPR. It’s harder to do this during your senior year, so be proactive with your career plans.