

# Network Bash *engage*

Clemson Alumni Center | 109 Daniel Drive  
Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 – 8:00pm

## **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALUMNI**

Networking is one of the most challenging concepts to teach, but what better way to engage than a conversation with professionals? The Clemson Alumni Association will be helping NetworkBash bring alumni and students together to chat and learn how to build career relationships. NetworkBash Engage is an event that will be centered around the relationships that can be forged between alumni and students.

Clemson alumni and industry professionals will ENGAGE in round-table discussions with students about how to make the most out of their Clemson degree, what to expect in the job search, and how and when it is appropriate to contact fellow Clemson alumni for networking. This will be an evening event on Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, before NC State football weekend. So whether you are a student or an alumnus, please join us for a great weekend of fun and join the conversation!





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November 4, 2010 6-8pm

## Agenda and Overview

1. 6:00 – 6:20 Alumni Meeting in Conference Room
  - a. Overview of MCC and relationship/partnership with CUAA
    - i. MCC – current students and alumni <1yr
    - ii. CUAA – online career services for alumni >1yr
  - b. Overview of NetworkBash Series
    - i. Ignite – was held on Sept. 8, 2010. Preparation for students
    - ii. Excite – was held on Oct. 6, 2010. How to utilize social media
    - iii. Engage – Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Network with Alumni
  - c. Format of Engage Event
  - d. Review Q&A for roundtable discussion
  
2. 6:20 Join Students at tables in lobby
  - a. Table Assignments
  
3. 6:25 Sessions will begin
  - a. Moderator will be at each table
  - b. Students will rotate through tables
  
4. 8:00 Conclude Event

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### Table Topic Guiding Questions

#### **Clemson Experiences (Tables 1 & 2)**

*For both groups to answer*

- What is your favorite memory of Clemson?
- What was your favorite class at Clemson?
- What were/have been some of your favorite out-of-class activities?

*For students to ask alumni*

- If you could go back, what is one thing that you would do differently?
- What was the most meaningful relationship you established during your time at Clemson?
- What activity at Clemson had the biggest impact on your career?

*For alumni to ask students*

- Tell me about a recent project you have worked on (in class or out).

#### **Job Application Process (Tables 3 & 4)**

*\*\*For alumni to ask students \*\*\* lead off with these!!!*

- What is your perception of an interview?
- What are you doing to prepare yourself for the interview experience?

*For students to ask alumni*

- How did you go about looking for a job?
- What was your first interview like?
- What was your first job and how did you find it?
- What were some of the biggest adjustments from college to career?
- What was the craziest question you were ever asked in an interview?
- What was the most difficult question you were asked in an interview?

#### **Professional Experience (Tables 5&6)**

*\*\*For alumni to ask students\*\*\*lead off with these!!!*

- Where do you see yourself heading after college?

*For students to ask alumni*

- What is your typical workday like?
- Describe your career path from freshman year to now.
- How well did Clemson prepare you for the professional world?
- What were some of your greatest successes as a professional as well as some of your greatest failures?

#### **General Advice & Career Tips (Tables 7 & 8)**

*For alumni to ask students*

- How do you utilize social media? (for networking, development, job search, etc) Which sites do you use?

*For students to ask alumni*

- What are some tips for being successful at Clemson and in the professional world?
- What would you say are the 2 most important qualities needed for success in the professional world?
- What were some of the most important lessons you learned outside the classroom?
- What were some of the most important lessons you learned beyond the Clemson experience?
- If you could give 1 piece of advice to all Clemson students, what would it be?

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Alumni Profile		
Alumni Name	Major At Clemson	Current Job
Ray Fedele	Graphic Communications	Group Account Supervisor Vantage Point
Craig Lundgren	Accounting	Business Development Manager Dixon Hughes PLLC
Wil Brasington	History	Sr. Director of Alumni Relations Alumni Relations, Clemson University
Kellye Whitaker	Industrial Management	Senior Proposal Manager/Business Development, Parsons Brinckerhoff Transportation Engineering
Katie Bower	Management	Executive Team Leader- Human Resources Target in Simpsonville
Tom Buchanan	Political Science	Vice President of The Kidder Group, Inc.
Chris Dickson	Business Administration	Vice President of The Kidder Group, Inc.
Jerry Handegan	Industrial Engineering	VP for Specialty and International Business, Henry Company
Cindy Burke	Communication Studies	Newsroom Administrator for Anderson Independent Mail
Milt Ozmint	Administrative Management	Business Account Executive at Verizon Wireless
Tigue Garick	Marketing	N/A
Chris Ericksen		CH2M Hill

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