



**Career Services
Center
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Braves Look to
the Future**

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Brave Opportunities

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Roadtrip Nation Visits UNCP on April 19th

The UNCP Career Center has become one of approximately 100 college career centers in the United States to partner with Roadtrip Nation (RTN), a grassroots organization that helps college students discover the truth about careers and success. UNCP is currently the only official RTN partner campus in North Carolina.



RTN originally began in 2001 when some recent college grads decided to hit

the road in an old green RV to see what else was out there besides the career plans that had been imposed on them by friends and family. It was 17,342 miles of informational interviews with 86 leaders in

a variety of careers. What they got from those informational interviews was simple but powerful career advice they had never gotten from their parents or

college professors. They were able to capture this advice on camera and turn the experience into a PBS documentary, a published book, and what is now a movement on college campuses to provide students the same opportunity to learn about careers and success from leaders across the country.

College students have the chance to become part of this movement and the annual PBS documentary series through RTN's *Behind the Wheel* program. The *Behind the Wheel* program is RTN's annual summer road trip where three

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Join Us for Dinner!

Our most popular event is right around the corner! The 3rd Annual Business Etiquette Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 5:00 pm in the UC Lounge (reservations required). This event includes a full-course gourmet meal along with the instruction of a nationally certified business etiquette trainer/speaker and career consultant.

Students who have attended past dinners have

said they learned so much in such a short time, and the food was delicious!

Some of the things you'll learn at the dinner is which fork to use, what to do if you don't like something on your plate, the appropriate way to butter your rolls and when you can and can't put your elbows on the table (I



bet you didn't know you could ever put your elbows on the table, but you can!). Also, you'll learn about appropriate business conversation and how to conduct yourself when on a lunch interview.

Tickets for the etiquette dinner are \$10 per student and they are selling fast! Contact the Career Center at 521-6270 to reserve your tickets.

Lori Bumgarner

25 Top Job Ideas

Wondering what you're going to do when you graduate? Do you want a "good job" but feel like you have no idea what that even is? Well, here's some advice. According to the book *25 Jobs That Have It All* your questions can be answered. This book identifies 25 different jobs in the United States that "have it all."

What, you may ask, is "it all?" Simple: **high pay, fast growth, and most new jobs available.** We all want to make money, be sure our job is here to stay and know that position is actually available for the taking, right? Of course.

High pay refers to a salary above the 2001 national average of \$34,020. Profiled in this book are Physicians Assistants who earn more than *double* the average salary—making roughly \$69,567! Fast growth means a job that will increase by at least 21% over the next few years (average is 15%). One job mentioned in the book is a Software Engineer which is expected to grow by 95% by 2010! Lastly, the "most new jobs" descriptor tells us that not only is a job great but that

there are plenty of those jobs out there. Registered Nurses, for example, have a very large number of new jobs available each year. Within the next four years, approximately 561,000 new RN positions are predicted to become available.

So what are these 25 great jobs that have it all? They are:

Advertising Account Executives
Business Managers
College Professors
Computer Network Administrators
Database Specialists
Dental Hygienists
Graphic Designers
Health Care Managers
Management Analysts and Consultants
Medical Record Technicians
Occupational Therapists
Paralegals
Physician Assistants

Police Officers
Public Relations Specialists
Registered Nurses
Secondary School Teachers
Software Designers
Software Engineers
Special Education Teachers
Speech-Language Pathologists/
Audiologists
Technical Support Specialists
Writers and Editors

For details on each of these careers including salary range, education required, licensure necessary, personal skills needed, work environment, and more, check out the book in the Career Center Library (UC Room 210). We look forward to seeing you and helping you on your job search journey!!

Brooke Caylor

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teams of three students from official RTN campuses are selected to travel across the country in three new green RVs with an RTN film crew who documents the experience for the television series on PBS. The *Behind the Wheel* program creates a for-students-by-students social movement that exposes this generation to the different ways they can build their careers and their lives. RTN also offers Roadtrip Grants to students who want to map out and document their own road trip and informational interviews, whether it is locally or while they are studying or interning abroad.

Every fall semester, RTN tours the country in their big green RV to visit all of their partner campuses to get students involved in their programs and career exploration. However, on April 19th, RTN will be making an early trip out to UNCP from their

headquarters in Costa Mesa, California. They will be visiting classes, participating in "A Taste of Culture," and providing an information session that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the UC Lounge. One of the reasons RTN was so interested in selecting UNCP as a partner campus is because of the cultural diversity of our student body. "We are excited to meet your students and get them involved in our programs," said Brian McAllister, founding member of RTN.

For more information about Roadtrip Nation, visit their web site at www.roadtripnation.com or contact Lori Bumgarner in the UNCP Career Center. Copies of their book *Finding the Open Road* and DVDs of their PBS documentary are available in the Career Center library, UC room 210.

Lori Bumgarner

Business Etiquette Dinner

Wednesday, April 12

5:00 pm

UC Lounge

Reservations Required

Visit the Career Center
for tickets

Brave Ideas

"I can't believe you did that!" and Other Career Mishaps

One candidate brought homemade baked goods to the interview in an attempt to win over the interviewers. Unfortunately, they all got food poisoning. Lesson: Wow potential employers with your qualifications, not your kitchen abilities!

Employable Dynamite

Make yourself EMPLOYABLE with:

- ✦ sweet resumes
- ✦ dynamite interviewing skills
- ✦ flippin' job search techniques

Career Services



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You're wildest dreams will come true!

Upcoming Events

04/05: Workshop: Interviews That Get You the Job, 3:30 UC Room 210

04/12: Business Etiquette Dinner, UC Lounge 5:00pm, Reservations required—see the Career Center for tickets

04/19: Workshop: Resumes That Get You the Interview, 3:30 UC Room 210

04/19: Road Trip Nation, Info Session, UC Lounge 7pm

Monthly Job Search Tip

For any skill you listed on your resume (i.e. honesty, teamwork, computer skills) be prepared to give an example of a time you displayed such a skill. Portfolios are very helpful for demonstrating skills. You can include and show letters of recommendation that mention your skills or documents you have created on the computer to show computer skills.

Little Known Facts

Approximately half of all jobs go unadvertised. So, don't just look for advertised positions. Ask around: friends, parents, people from church, neighbors, or old bosses. Don't be afraid to seek out potential employers on your own. Write letters of interest to companies you may want to work for. Let them know you're available and interested!

CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2006!