

## College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources



### *Ensuring Your Future* *A Guide for Student Success in Career Placement*

#### *Academics—Involvement—Experience*



We guarantee every CASNR graduate who completes the *Ensuring Your Future* program and actively seeks employment will receive at least one job offer within the first six months following graduation.

The goals of the College emphasize the value that our faculty, staff and administration place on preparing our students for successful professional careers. The goals of the College include:

- **Professional development** by providing a strong academic background in agricultural sciences and natural resources through the individualization of programs, through majors, options and elective courses that will prepare students for suitable and satisfying careers in agricultural sciences and natural resources. Students will develop a general knowledge and breadth of understanding through the supporting areas of biological, physical, and social sciences and the humanities; and, in the areas of communication, business, management, and leadership through practical experiences and application of analytical techniques.
- **Personal development** of students by providing organizations and experiences that will stimulate and foster professional and social growth, and provide the means to explore career opportunities.
- **Career preparation** through the College's collaboration with UNL Career Services for part-time employment, internships, and after-graduation employment. The College also offers a variety of courses that emphasize career planning and education, hosts an annual Career Day and works closely with the private and public employment sectors.
- **Continuing education** by providing services to the citizens of Nebraska, and assistance to alumni in keeping current on developments in their field and identifying employment opportunities that may exist and making a life-long commitment to our graduates.

The faculty accept the challenges and responsibilities of the College goals for preparing their students for successful careers. CASNR students are responsible for taking full advantage of the academic programs, faculty advisers, services and opportunities that the College and University provide. The CASNR faculty are confident that the criteria identified in the *Ensuring Your Future* program enhance students' career opportunities and will make their college experiences very meaningful, as well as enjoyable. The College experience for CASNR students emphasizes the importance of academics, involvement and experience in their personal and professional development.

# Ensuring Your Future



## Academics

- Meet with your assigned **adviser** at least once per semester each semester you are enrolled.
- Graduate with a **cumulative 3.0 GPA**.
- Select **elective courses** in consultation with your adviser to complement your personal or professional goals and/or declare an academic minor prior to the deadline for submitting the application for graduation.
- Successfully complete the courses AGRI/NRES 388 - **Employment Seminar** and AGRI 496 – **Job Survival**.
- Demonstrate **computer literacy** [successfully complete a course (i.e. AGRI 271) or a proficiency examination].

## Involvement

- Participate in at least one **student organization** (or student governance).
- Become a student member of a **professional society** or organization related to your major or professional interests.
- Participate in academic and service **honoraries** when invited. These include, but are not limited to, Alpha Zeta, Mortar Board, Innocents, etc.

## Experience

- Maintain an active portfolio using the **Blackboard** system.
- Subscribe to Husker Hire Link (HHL) through **Career Services** while in college and maintain current information on file.
- Complete at least one **internship** (for credit) in your professional field.
- Complete at least one **additional career experience** with or without credit.
- Maintain a **resume file** beginning with first semester and prepare a new resume annually. Review with the CASNR Career Specialist annually.
- Complete a minimum of three **interviews** through Career Services (at least two in the semester preceding graduation).
- Attend a minimum of four CASNR **Career Days**.
- Identify three **references** (e.g. academic advisor, club advisor, and employer) by the end of your junior year.

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## The CASNR Commitment

**Our Guarantee:** The College will guarantee that any CASNR graduate, who completed the **Ensuring Your Future** program and actively sought employment, will receive at least one job **offer** relevant to their academic program within the first six months following graduation. If the student does not receive at least one offer, the College will pay for any course that is documented by an employer who interviewed the CASNR graduate and found their degree program lacking critical elements. Career Services will administer an active resume referral service, post job openings, provide help with resume and interview preparation, and arrange interviews with employers who are recruiting UNL students.