



# Tips for Sophomores: Get Involved!

## **Majors: Still Undecided?**

If you are still undecided, this is the semester to seek assistance. Most departments require sophomores to apply for majors at the beginning of spring semester; some departments may have earlier deadlines. Here are some ways to help you with the process...

- Use our online “What can I do with a major in...” information to see what majors best suit your interests and skills
- Attend a career panel, where alums come to talk about their current position, past experiences, and how their major helped prepare them for their future
- Conduct informational interviews and arrange job shadows to learn about majors/jobs
- Use CANE, our online list of alum profiles to see what jobs alums have had through different majors

## **Study Abroad**

Talk to your academic advisor and parents about studying abroad for either a semester or short-term program during junior or senior year. Ask yourself this:

- Will I get required classes fulfilled on the trip?
- Will I complete your necessary classes here at school to graduate on time, or will I need to consider summer courses or an extended stay here at CSB/SJU?
- Why am I interested in studying abroad? How will it be helpful to me?

It would be beneficial to attend a “**Study Abroad 101**” information session and check out the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) website to see which program would best suit your interests and needs.

- There is a **Study Abroad Fair** on Oct. 20, 2-5 p.m. In Guild Hall, SJU. Plan to attend and learn more about the various programs.
- A resume and interview are required as part of the Study Abroad application process. Career Services offers resume workshops, resume critiques and practice interviews to help you prepare.

## **It's not too soon to think about Graduate School and Summer Experiences!**

- Talk to your adviser about grad schools and their requirements
- Develop a 4-year plan so you are ready to apply your senior year
- Most grad schools like to see applicants who have conducted research or relevant experience/ Talk with your professors about possible summer research opportunities here at CSB/SJU or at other institutions.

Watch for early deadlines to apply for a summer internship, research position, or volunteer position to gain experience!