

## **Focus on Your Future...**

### **Why do I need a résumé?**

Are you considering applying to college?

Are you looking for scholarships, internships or a summer job?

More and more students are getting “smarter” about the college application process. Although not required by every institution, a well prepared résumé makes a great first impression. It is also a tremendous tool for you to use in a number of ways. It is Direct, Effective, and Professional! The résumé is an excellent way to introduce yourself via email to professors you may want to speak to on your college visits or just correspond with to get a better understanding of college opportunities. You are perceived as serious, mature, and a candidate who understands “preparation” is a critical element of success. After an interview with an admissions counselor, professor, or coach, your résumé provides support for that personal impression. A well prepared résumé can make a world of difference!

### **What are the benefits of preparing a résumé?**

- Serves as a self appraisal
- Helps you organize your thoughts
- Provides an integrated snapshot of your past experience, current skills and abilities, and future capabilities
- Provides greater insight and self-understanding
- Prepares you for interviews by forcing you to think about and express yourself in an organized way

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