Lafayette is a national leader in graduation rates, undergraduate research, global experience, and graduate starting and mid-career salaries. We surpass the norms in so many areas because all of our resources are devoted entirely to undergraduates. For the driven student, there could be no better platform than Lafayette to find one’s way forward into society and the world.

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**ALUMNI, EXTENSIONS, AND NETWORKING**
In your second year of Gateway, you’ll begin to develop a network of contacts and get your first major career experience.

**HERE’S WHAT YOU’LL DO:**
• Participate in workshops, InternLab, meet, and other programs to build your knowledge, experiences, and network of contacts.
• Continue meetings with your Gateway counselor to plan your future.
• Contribute to the alumnus family to your campus and Gateway counselor.
• Learn about careers from alumni
• Develop a permanent career or graduate study plan.
• Create a professional resume based on your skills and experiences.

**INTERVIEWS AND INTERNSHIPS**
In your third year of Gateway, you’ll continue to build and widen your network of contacts, expand your career-related skills, and begin to focus on the employers or graduate and professional programs that match your future plans.

**HERE’S WHAT YOU’LL DO:**
• Meet with your Gateway counselor to develop plans for career and graduate school.
• Access CareerSpot to identify internships.
• Participate in an internship or elective internship—many of which are sponsored by alumni and parents.
• Conduct informational interviews with alumnus alumni.
• Investigate specific graduate and professional schools.
• Research companies that fit your career aspirations and interests.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP—BERNHARD CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS**
If you’ve followed the courses in this program, you’ll have a keen understanding of your career goals, interests, and skills, and be in a much better position to help you take advantage of the best opportunities.

**HERE’S WHAT YOU’LL DO:**
• Conduct a job search and write a resume.
• Prepare for interviews by researching organizations.
• Practice interviewing skills for jobs or graduate school with your Gateway counselor and professional recruiters.
• Conduct an interview with a Lafayette graduate or professional in your career sector.
• Target your resume and interview skills to specific employers, companies, or in terms of opportunities.
• Practice your graduate or professional school applications.

“Coming into Career Services as a First-Year, I had absolutely no clue what I planned to do after graduation, but the Gateway program guided me to aspire to law school and work in child advocacy. My experience with an alumnus and my internship funded by a Career Internship Grant was amazing and helped me find my path. Gateway has truly prepared me for my future life after Lafayette.”

**CAREER SERVICES AND GRADUATE SCHOOLS**
As your Lafayette education nears completion, Gateway counselors and staff will help you prepare for internships, take advantage of your network of contacts, and help you land the job you want or pursue other opportunities.

**HERE’S WHAT YOU’LL DO:**
• Conduct a job search with a resume in your area.
• Prepare for interviews by researching organizations.
• Practice interviewing skills for jobs in your field with your Gateway counselor and professional recruiters.
• Participate in workshops and campus and career fairs.
• Conduct an interview with a Lafayette graduate or professional in your career sector.
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“My Gateway counselor provided me with a list of alumni at the company that I was interested in, and I connected with many of them in executive positions, which grew my Lafayette network. Gateway has allowed me to focus on my career development and help me map out my plan for the future. Through mock interviews and talking at employers, at Career Fair, I’ve refined my communications skills, which helped me as an intern.”

“Alumni allowed me, beginning my first year, to meet someone who developed a firm idea of what I wanted to do in my career or graduate school path based on a phenomenal job of connecting students with alumni. The annual Finance Night in New York allowed me to network with supportive and influential alumni in that sector.”