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FIRST YEAR CAREER PLAN

YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CAREER PLANNING SUCCESS

Getting ready. That's what you need to keep in mind as you start your college experience. You're getting ready to explore and test the various answers you've entertained over the years to that one question: What are you going to do when you grow up? Now is the time to find the answer.

EXPLORE MAJORS

Thoughtfully consider and choose a major that best fits your interests and skills. UCR offers more than 80 undergraduate majors, so check out your options at ucr.edu/academics.

- Attend a *Making a Major Decision* workshop.
- Take the Focus 2 career assessment via UCR Handshake to learn how your values, interests, personality, and skills align with UCR majors; talk to a career specialist regarding this option.
- Research UCR undergraduate majors and view the UCR General Catalog at catalog.ucr.edu.
- Talk to your academic advisor.

CREATE A RESUME

A resume markets your education, accomplishments, experience, and skills. Create one now for part-time jobs, internships, research, networking, graduate schools, study abroad, and other opportunities. It's also a visual reminder of what to build on while in college. Your degree will only take up one line of your resume; now is the time to gain skills and experiences to showcase on the rest of your resume.

- Look at sample resumes at careers.ucr.edu under Students, Getting Hired, and Resume & Cover Letter Samples.
- Attend a *Resume Writing* workshop.
- Have your resume critiqued. Visit careers.ucr.edu or the Career Center to sign up for a career counseling appointment or an Express Career Advising appointment.
- Upload your final resume into UCR Handshake.
- Update your resume as you gain new experiences.

GET INVOLVED

Get involved on campus and build relationships. Join student organizations. Seek leadership positions. Get to know staff and your faculty — visit them during office hours. Meet with your academic advisors and attend Career Center workshops, panels, and information sessions with prospective employers.

- Explore and join UCR Student Organizations. Check out your options online at highlanderlink.ucr.edu and studentlife.ucr.edu.
- Learn about volunteer and research opportunities.
- Attend these Career Center events: workshops, Job Discovery Series panels, and Employer Information Sessions. For the most updated schedule of events, check out the Career Center Events calendar at careers.ucr.edu/events.

For more information on this and other resources to prepare for your future career, email careercounseling@ucr.edu.

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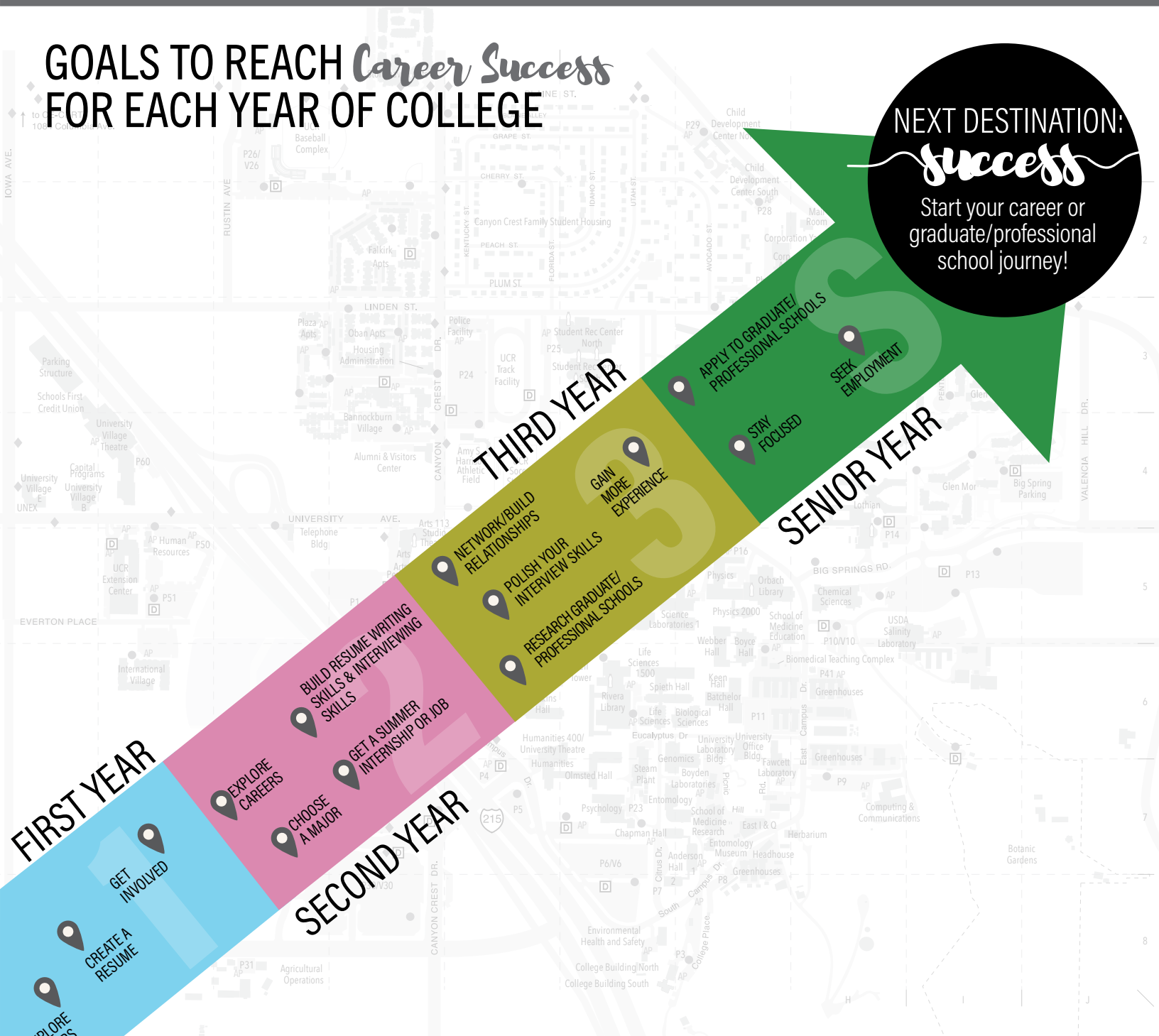
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GOALS TO REACH *Career Success* FOR EACH YEAR OF COLLEGE

NEXT DESTINATION:

Success

Start your career or graduate/professional school journey!



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