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Visiting Management Professionals Forum

Introduction

The Visiting Management Professionals Forum is a valuable resource to the students of the College of Business for the following reasons:

- Professionals from the business community will share information regarding the companies they represent and the industries they are involved in.
- You will have the unique opportunity to network with the representatives from prestigious and successful organizations.
- Our guests will offer you words of wisdom and encouragement to assist you as you strive for excellence in your developmental process.

Primary Objectives

1. Inform students of current business trends, techniques, and opportunities;
2. Provide positive role models;
3. Motivate students to pursue vigorously the precepts of excellence and achievement;
4. Leadership development.

Attire

Appropriate business attire is mandatory to attend the forums and is suggested attire when attending other professional development activities on campus. The ultimate professional attire for both males and females is a suit. We understand that everyone may not possess a suit. However, it would behoove you, as managers and executives of the future, to begin forming a professional wardrobe. Professional attire will be an essential part of your professional persona.

The following attire is permissible for attending the forum and other professional development activities on campus:

Young Ladies:

1. **Suits - dark blue, black or gray in color;**
2. **Jacket/blazer with trousers or an at least knee length skirt, and white shirt or white blouse; and hosiery or socks;**
3. **Dress shoes; no open toe sandals will be permitted.**

Young Men:

1. **Suits - dark blue, black or gray in color;**

2. **Jacket/blazer with dress trousers and white dress shirt with conservative colored tie and socks;**
3. **Dress shoes.**

Please be advised that the following attire is **not** permissible in the forums: denim clothing of any kind, khaki pants, sneakers, combat or steel-toed boots, tight fitting clothing or low -cut blouses; shorts; sandals; tanks or halter tops; Capri pants; mini skirts; long or short skirts with thigh-high slits, comical ties and bare legs.

Students who are not dressed in appropriate business attire, as previously outlined, will be turned away at the door.

Volunteer

You are welcome to visit the College of Business Advisement Center, Suite 106 A-C, MBNA America Building, or contact us at (302) 857-6971, 6904, 6905 or 6907 to volunteer for the following activities:

1. Distributing handouts as students enter the Longwood Auditorium;
2. Introducing our guest speaker(s) and
3. Presenting our guest speaker(s) with a token of our appreciation.

Forum Luncheon

Following each Forum, a luncheon will be served in the University Club, on the third floor, of the MBNA America Building, room 308 to accommodate our guest(s) and a few students.

ONLY 8-10 people will be served.

If you would like to attend a luncheon, please note the following:

- If you would like to have lunch with a certain speaker, you must come to the Advisement Center to sign-up to attend a luncheon prior to the speakers' designated presentation date.
- If you realize that you will not be able to attend the luncheon, please contact the Advisement Center as soon as possible so that we can arrange for another student to attend in your absence.

House Rules

Please Do Not:

- expect to be admitted into the Lecture Hall after 11:10 a.m.;
- appear unpleasant;
- bring CD players, radios, and the like into the Lecture Hall;
- wear headphones while the Forum is in session;
- chew gum, eat food, or drink beverages in the Lecture Hall;
- sit in the back when there a plenty of seats in the front;

- blurt out questions or comments. Wait until your raised hand has been acknowledged;
- talk while the speaker is talking;
- ask the speakers personal probing questions; and
- attempt to leave the Lecture Hall until you have been dismissed (except in the case of an emergency).

Remember to:

- dress in appropriate business attire;
- use the restroom and to take care of any personal needs prior to entering the Lecture Hall. Once the program begins, students will not be excused from the Lecture Hall except in the case of an emergency or prior approval has been given;
- turn off all pagers and cell phones;
- come professionally dressed and prepared to converse with the speaker(s);
- stand and speak strongly and clearly when addressing the speakers;
- remove your hats, bandanas, [hair] do rags, scarves (unless the scarf is a headdress), and the like from your head prior to entering the Lecture Hall;
- be attentive; and
- get a ticket before you exit the Lecture Hall if you are required to. Know that if you leave the Lecture Hall without receiving a ticket, you will be denied a ticket if you return to request one.

Please note:

It is mandatory for students enrolled in University Seminar courses and any Professional Development courses to attend the Forums. Should a student be unable to attend a Forum for any reason, you are responsible for make-up assignments assigned by the instructor and in accordance with the course syllabus.

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