27th November 2012 No Job Offer Yet – What Happened?

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Okay, so you've had a few interviews this recruitment season and even made it to second rounds with a company or two; but still you have no internship or job offer. It's late November and you're going into panic mode! So, what do you do next?

Review Your Efforts

- · Talk to a coach about your interview process what do you think worked or might not have worked so well? A coach will add insight into behaviors you might need to revise for the next interview. For example, one stellar student I coached this fall realized he had tried too hard during interviews and talked too much. Through a coach appointment, we discussed how he needed to tone it down a bit and let the interviewer lead the interview. This student was also in need of a haircut. The student worked on these issues and got an offer following his next interview!
- · Go back to basics and make a coach appointment for a full resume review. Have your resume checked for spelling, consistency, weak action verbs or other issues. Is your resume boring? Let's rev it up!
- Sign up for additional mock interview practice with a career coach to continue to build up your confidence and skills for the next interview.
- Look in the mirror: When was your last haircut? Are you rocking clothes and hairstyles at interviews that might be considered a bit too trendy for conservative corporate America? It's always best to err on the side of caution when it comes to business attire* for professional interviews.
- · Did you have an air about you during the interview? Many recruiters provided feedback recently that students wore too much cologne, so it's best not to use cologne before interviews. It's not advisable to overdue the onions or smell of cigarettes, either.

When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going

As recruitment winds down at the UCSO, it's time to go full force with your self-search efforts, so now is the time to put your Plan B into action! You do have a Plan B, don't you?

*Here is a source for professional business attire: http://www.medixteam.com/blog/tag/office-attire/ [http://www.medixteam.com/blog/tag/office-attire/]