Dear,

It’s September, and change is in the air! Cooler temperatures have ushered new students to campus, along with the occasional new challenge. How do we manage time in the midst of research, new friends, networking, job searching and other priorities? What are the best ways to stay on track and motivated?

Whatever your plans this season, GSCD has resources to help you shine. Call or e-mail any time, and a Career Coach will be happy to meet with you!

All the best,
The GSCD Team

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“But friendship is precious, not only in the shade but in the sunshine of life; and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine.”
- Thomas Jefferson

FEATURED ARTICLE

Strange Schedule, Normal Life: How I Manage Odd Hours

Christian Lowry, ’12 | Analyst, Bulletin Intelligence

“The difficulty with my late-shift schedule is trying to accommodate events you would normally do in the afternoon or evening - informational interviews, happy hours, dinner out with friends. None of those are impossible, but they take much more careful planning.”

Continue reading to discover how Christian manages his time with an irregular schedule.

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Student Spotlight
M.A., Middle East Studies
Kari Evans, ’14

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Kei Koizumi, ’95

Where do you currently work, intern, or volunteer?
I recently finished a summer abroad on Critical Thinking Internship.

Where do you work, and what are your primary responsibilities?
I’m the Assistant Director for Federal R&D at the White House Office of...
January 2014

THE GSCD INSIDER

Dear,

Ring out the old! Ring in the new! Start the New Year out right by reading this edition of GSCD Insider for tips, strategies, and ways to jumpstart your career.

Be sure to visit GSCD and meet with a career coach to discuss all of your career planning needs.

Happy New Year!

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"you cannot value dreams according to the odds of their coming true. The real value is in stirring within us the will to aspire."

- Sonia Sotomayor

FEATURED ARTICLE

Getting Personal: Writing a Competitive Essay for a Fellowship

Eileen Lavelle | Fellowship Coordinator, Office of Graduate Student Assistantships and Fellowships

"The hardest part of a fellowship application is the personal essay, but it is an excellent opportunity for you to show reviewers who you are as an applicant."

Read on to find out more on making your personal essay competitive!

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M.A., International Affairs and J. D.
Josh Doherty, ’14

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M.A., Global Communications
Delilah Liu, ’13

What has been your proudest moment...
Where do you work, and what are your...
Dear,

Before you shake off the snow and spring forward to break, GSCD Insider has insight on networking: Not-so-traditional methods to make it fun, and a relationship-focused model to make it meaningful. And just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, a definition of luck that could change your approach to job search (wearing green not required).

Whatever your plans, GSCD is here and happy to help with any career planning needs!

Best,
The GSCD Team

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Student Spotlight
Certificate, U.S. Foreign Policy
Christopher Brunner, ’15

What has been your proudest moment, professionally or personally?
Being selected to command a B-1 bomber.

Alumni Spotlight
M.A., Latin American and Hemispheric Studies
Aaron Wodin-Schwartz, ’09

What advice do you wish you had been given at the start of your career?
Keep emails short and sweet. People never read long emails.

FEATURED ARTICLE

Networking to a Full-time Opportunity
Kuros Ghaffari, ’15 | Pathways, U.S. Department of State

"I'm going to say what a lot of you probably think: I loathe networking. Aside from the nervousness of talking to complete strangers, I'm always afraid that I won't have anything meaningful to say. But I like relationship-building."

Find out more and discover what worked for Kuros.

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