"Professional Etiquette"

The Art of Interning



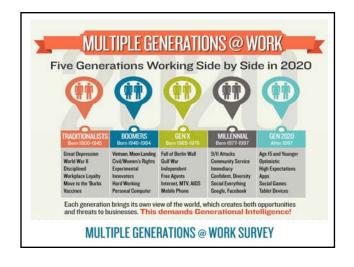
NOW WHAT?? THEY GAVE ME THE JOB!



- Define what you want when you don't know!
- Define what you want when you do know!
- Know what you want before you go!
- Make sure you learn so you know for the next time!

Generations in the Workplace

- There are Four Generations in the Workplace:
 - Traditionalist Born 1922-1943
 - Hard working
 - Baby Boomers Born 1944 1960
 - Workaholic
 - Generation X Born 1961 1981
 - Only work as hard as needed
 - Generation Y(Millennial) Born 1982 2000
 - Many jobs, all used to further and explore who they are



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Tips, Ideas and guidelines to help make your internship a success!



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Make sure you get a copy of your Position/Job Description
 - Take a look at what they want you to do and compare to what you are doing and keep notes of tasks.
 - Use the descriptions to update your resume. Focus on the keywords – Requirements, Skills, Qualifications
- Find the Value in What you are Doing!
 - You put in what you get out of this experience.

Opportunities multiply as they are seized. - Sun Tze
The Art of War

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Always update your resume as you do tasks or assignments. (Don't EMBELLISH)
 - Keep a journal of duties performed:
 - FILING coordinating and organizing statutorily mandated documents for usage and referencing by the public, private organizations and public officials.
 - ANSWERING THE PHONE Aiding general public with inquiries regarding the services rendered by (insert Department name or division).
 - TAKING NOTES Chronicling information for agency usage regarding projects and in conjunction with open records and divisional policies.
 - CUSTOMER SERVICE Rendered services to both the public and fellow agency employees regarding (insert project working on).

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Make the most of your assignments
 - NO such things as being bored.
 - Broaden your scope of your duties
 - Ask questions
 - How is that accomplished?
 - Why is it done that way? Why is that necessary?
 - Who performs that task?
 - What is the timeframe for accomplishment of goals?
 - Observe and take notes
 - SUGGEST, where needed
 - Write things down and/or put it in an email



Be Assertive but NOT PUSHY!

- No one likes a SMART A\$\$!
 - QUIET IS THE NEW ORANGE which is the NEW BLACK!
 - Sometimes being seen and not heard tells you a lot!
- Never Sale Yourself Short (nor second guess)
 - You can do it! Just know that you can.
- Don't Give Up, but Find an Alternative Way to convey your Ideas!
 - If at first you don't succeed, WRITE it down!

Be Assertive but NOT PUSHY!

- Everyone will not like you and that is OKAY!

 The quickest way to fail is to try and please everyone!
- Don't talk too much!
 - Leave something to the imagination Listening is worth more than Mark Zuckerberg AND Oprah!!
- No Assignment is too menial a job
 - People are watching what you do with these nonessential assignments!
 - Look engaged and sometimes look busy, because people are watching you!

Be Assertive but NOT PUSHY!

- Make a list of improvements for the internship
 - You get out of the position what you put into the position
 - Talk about adding more projects, field visits, or whatever you think would add value to the learning experience.
 - If they like you, they will want you back! Be yourself, everyone is already taken. Oscar Wilde.





Office Etiquette

The Who, What, When, Where & How to's for the Office!



ODE TO ETIQUETTE

. Know the Office Rules:

- Office Hours
 - What time are the office working hours; what are my position work hours
- Work Space
 - Don't "prairie dog" popping your head up over the top instead of walking around the partition.
 - Pretending the workstation has no walls, give a polite knock and announce your arrival.
 - Don't linger grant privacy and leave a note or come back later.
 - Turn down the volume
 - Keep lunch in the kitchen try not to eat at your desk.

If you are not a leader on the bench, don't call yourself a leader on the field. You're either a leader everywhere or nowhere .

Abby Wambach

ODE TO ETIQUETTE

Know the Office Rules:

- PUT...THE...CELL...PHONE...DOWN!!
 - Focus on your work.
 - Put the earphones away unless needed or necessary.
 - Social Media JUST DON'T
- Time is Time
 - Don't gossip. Don't over share about your own personal life
 - BE ON TIME TO MEETINGS, CONFERENCE CALLS and APPOINTMENTS.
 - Clean up after yourself.
 - Remember key words in your day to day interactions PLEASE and THANK YOU will go a long way.

Etiquette & Conduct!

- People will expect you to act professional in a professional setting!! (CONDUCT)
- The rules vary among agencies, so make sure you familiarize yourself with the "office" code of conduct. (ETIQUETTE)
- Talk to your manager about: (Just Plain SMART)
 - Where to park?
 - Where to hang your coat?
 - Where to put your lunch?
 - What is your daily schedule? Lunch time?
 - Office attire? Business, Business Casual, Casual

Office Etiquette and Mannerisms

• Email Writing

- DO NOT WRITE LIKE YOU TALK! (Use plain English)
- No street slang or Text Talk U no, #4real!

Face to Face interactions

- Do more interpersonal communicating
- Practice this often Eye Contact, Listen & Contribute

Appearance

- How you present yourself professionally is important this includes the way you dress. (Corporate, Business or Smart casual) It's a thing!!
- Your first impression is all they will remember, anything after that is just filler! (Take pride in your appearance)

Office Etiquette and Mannerisms

Intellectual Presence

- When you talk, make it meaningful
- Do your homework on projects
- It is ok to say "Let me get back to you; I don't know; What do you think", but don't take too long coming up with your own ideas.

Vernacular-ly Savvy

- How you say it is as important as what you say!
- Be concise when you can, but make it count!

Swagger (Finesse)

- You control how you want people to see you!
- Exude confidence, but not cockiness! It takes practice.
- IT IS OK TO LAUGH!

Employers Are Looking At

Performance

- Quality of Work
- Timeliness in completing work
- Initiative
- Judgment
- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Interaction with Supervisor
- Interaction with co-workers

Qualities

- What are your Weaknesses?
- What are your Strengths?
- How can they improve the internship? *Add trainings?*
- How was the overall performance and contribution to the agency?
- Would you invite them hack?

The Workplace is like: One long TV SHOW

- The Big Bang Theory Shocking, but Nerds rule the world!
- The Walking Dead Every office has them, know who they are and stay away! You are temporary help!
- <u>Supernatural</u> The hardest and most rewarding trek of your life!
- The Voice They pick, but you make it your own!
- <u>Game of Thrones</u> Sometimes it takes muscle, brawn *and* brains to flex your intellect!
- Stranger Things Don't get caught out there unprepared!
- D.C's Legends of Tomorrow— ENOUGH SAID!
- The Office The workplace at its best!



Workplace Wisdom

- The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. Vidal Sassoon
- A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. David Brinkley
- Business is a combination of war and sport.

 Andre Mourois