

John A Coleman Catholic High School

College Newsletter

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Top Soft Skills for Job Candidates

Source: CAM Report Facts & Trends, Volume 36, Number 6, 2013

Primary Source: Job Outlook 2013, NACE

Are you a verbal communicator? If so, your chances of landing a job might be better than those who are non-communicators. A survey of employers by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) found that verbal skills ranked as the most important soft skill, followed closely by teamwork skills. "Employers say they want good communicators who can make decisions and solve problems while working effectively as part of a team," says Marilyn Mackes, NACE Executive Director. Mackes suggests that to gain these skills, college students should participate in extracurricular activities such as playing on sports teams, joining and leading a student organization, and volunteering. Here are the top soft skills sought by employers:

1. Verbal Communication Skills
2. Teamwork Skills
3. Decisive and Good Problem Solver
4. Ability to Plan, Organize, and Prioritize Work
5. Ability to Obtain and Process Information
6. Ability to Analyze Quantitative Data

Credentials May Translate into Higher Earnings

Source: CAM Report Facts & Trends, Volume 37, Number 15, 2014

Primary Source: U. S. Census Bureau, January, 2014

Becoming certified, earning an educational certificate, or becoming licensed is a good way to improve our chances of landing a job or getting promoted. Now, a survey by the U.S. Census Bureau finds that possessing more of these credentials also leads to a higher monthly income. In the fall of 2012, full time workers with a professional certificate of license earned \$4,167 a month, compared to \$3,110 for those with no alternative credentials. Over the course of a year, those with alternative credentials earned \$12,684 more than those without credentials.

Open House Notices (OH), March, 2017

Suggestion: When responding regarding attendance, confirm the date and time and place of the meeting.

**Abbreviation Key: OH = Open House Program IS = Information Session ON = Overnight Program
TBA = To Be Announced (date not available at time of printing)**

Alfred Col., Alfred, NY, Mar. 18 -Saturday Visit-, call (800) 541-9229

Becker Col., Worcester, MA., , Mar. 25 -IS -, call (877) 5BECKER

Boston Architectural Center, Boston, MA, Mar. 17 -OH- 5:30 pm to 7 pm, call (617) 262-5000

Boston Col., Chestnut Hill, MA, Mar. -Eagle Eye Sessions, Monday thru Friday - verify Eagle Eye Session - call (800) 360-2522

Bridgeport, U. of, Bridgeport, CT, Mar.23 -Dent Hygiene-, Mar. 10 -R.N. to Nursing-, call (800) 392-3582

Canisius Col., Buffalo, NY, Mar. 25 -IS Computer Sci. Dept.-, call (718) 883-7000

Castleton State Col., Castleton, VT, Mar. 18 -Introduction Day- call (800) 639-8521

Case Western U., Cleveland, Ohio. Mar. 31 -OH-, call (800) 967-8898

Cedar Crest Col., PA. Mar. 1&3 Instant Decision Day-, call (800) 360-1222

Champlain Col., Burlington, VT, Mar. 4, 11, -Saturday IS- call (800) 570-5858

Coe Col., Cedar Rapids, IO, Mar. 20-4 -Preview Week, call (800) 727-8404

Colby Sawyer Col., New London, NH, Mar. 4 -Saturday Tour-, Mr. 29 -Evening Tour-, call (800) 272-1015

Colgate U., NY, Mar. 4,11,18,25 -Saturday at Colgate-, call (315) 224-7000

Dean College, Franklin, MA, Mar. 25 -Discover Dean- call (877) 879-3326

Desales U., PA, Mar. 20,28,31 -Bulldog for a Day- call (877) DESALES

Elizabethtown Col., Elizabethtown, PA, Mar. 29 -Jay for a Day- call (717) 361-1400

Elms Col., Chicopee, MA, Mar. 18 - Saturday Visit Day- call (800) 255-3567

Emmanuel Col., Boston, MA, Mar. 18&25 -IS- 11 am to 1 pm, call (617) 735-9715

Fitchburg State Col., Fitchburg, MA, Mar. 25 -IS-, call (978) 665-3144

Florida Institute of Tech., Melbourne, FL, Mar. 17 -Exploration Day- call (800) 888-4248

Florida Southern Col., Lakeland, FL, Mar. 17 & 18 -Scholars Weekend- Mar. 17 -Saturday Tour - call (863) 680-4111
Mar. 18 -Theater & dance Audition

Franklin Pierce Col. NH, Mar. 4, 18, 25 -Visit & Tour- call (800) 437-0048

Gannon U., Erie, PA, Mar. 11&25 -Saturday Visit-, call (800) GANNON

Gettysburg Col., Gettysburg, PA, Mar. 20 & 25 -IS- call (417) 337-6300

Hartwick Col., Oneida, NY, Mar. 7&8 and 14&15 -HOP-, call (888) 427-9425

Hobart Wm. Smith Col., Geneva, NY, Mar. 23 & 30 -Junior Visit Days- call (800) 852-2250

Hood Col., Frederick, MD, Mar. 29 -Junior Day-, Mar. 25 -OH-, call (800) 922-1599

Hope Col, Mar. 3&18 -Visit Day, Mar. 31 -Junior Day-, call (800) 968-7850

Johnson & Wales U., Providence, RI, Mar. 24-26 -Wildcat Weekend- call (800) 343-2565

Lasell Col., Newton, MA, Mar. 25 -Lasell Day- call (617) 243-2000

Lawrence Mem.-Regis Col. Collaborative ASN Prog., Nursing, Medford, MA, Mar. 2 -IS- 7 pm to 9 pm, call (781) 306-6649
Radiography. Mar. 9

LeMoyne Col., Syracuse, NY, Mar. 18 ,25 -IS, call (800) 333-4733

Loyola Col., Baltimore, MD, Mar. 18 -OH-, call (800) 221-9107

Muhlenberg Col., Allentown, PA, Mar. -Muhlenberg launches Interview program for high school junior class in mid-March 2017
Call (484) 664-3206

Newbury Col., Boston, MA, Mar. 10 -Discover Newbury- **see Program for Counselors section**, call (617) 730-7004
Open House Programs March 2017 continued...

New England Tech., Warwick, RI, Mar. 6 -Engineer & Communications Tech. Day- Must R.S.V.P. by Feb. 27, call (800) 736-7744

New Haven, U. of., New Haven, CT, March, 26 -OH-, **see Special College Admissions Programs section** - Admissions for
Departmental Programs

Northeastern U., Boston, MA, [see Special College Admissions Programs section](#) for information on Departmental Meetings

Quinnipiac U., CT., Mar.5 -OH- call (800) 462-1944

Rhode Island School Of Design, Providence, RI, Mar. 4 & 18 -Saturday Program- 1 pm, call (800) 364 RISD

Rhode Island U. of, Kingston, RI, March, Dept. Info. Sess. [see Special College Admissions Programs section, page 8](#)

St. Andrews U., Scotland, Mr. 8 -Visit Day-, call +44(0) 1334 - 463324

St. Lawrence U., Canton, NY, Mar. 27 -Junior Visit Day- call (315) 229-501

St. Olaf Col., Minn., Mar 13 -Junior Preview-, call (800) 800=3025

St. Michaels Col., VT., Mar.4 & 35 -Saturday Tours-, call (800) 76-8000

Skidmore Col., Saratoga Springs, NY, Mar. 21 -Junior OH- call (518) 580-5000

So. Florida Col., Lakeland, FL, Mar. 17-18 -Scholars Weekend- [see Special College Admissions Programs section](#) for Auditions, call (863) 680-4111

So. New Hampshire U., Mar Mar. 4 -Saturday Visit-, call (800) 642) 4968

Stetson U., Deland, FL, Mar. 18 -OH- call (800) 688-0101

Suffolk U., Boston, MA, Mar. 26 -Saturday at Suffolk-, call (617) 573-8460

SUNY, Syracuse, NY, Col. Engineering, Sci., Forestry, Mar. 24 -Student Visits-, call (315) 470-6600

Tampa, U. of, Tampa, FL, Mar. 19 -OH- call (800) 733-4773

Vanderbilt U., Nashville, TN, Mar. 27 -Black & Gold Day- call (615) 322-7111

VMI, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, Mar.3&4 - 24&25 -OH - call (540) 464-7230

Wagner Col., New York City, Mar. 4,11,25, -Overview- call (800) 221-1010

Western New England U., Springfield, MA, Mar. 5 -OH- call (800) 782-1122

Wheelock Col., Boston, MA, Mar. 2 -OH-, Mar. 25 -IS- call (617) 734-5200

[College College Fairs Spring 2017](#)

Apr. 3 Eastern States Expo. Ctr., W. Springfield, MA

May 7 & 8 Boston Convention Ctr., Boston MA

Mar. 26 Javits Convention Ctr., NYC, NY

Apr. 6 & 7 Conn. Convention Ctr., Hartford, CT

Advice to students who will be attending a Spring College Fair

College Fairs can be crowded, thus, it is not easy to obtain a one on one meeting of substance at this type of meeting. Suggestion; Students design a brief profile and leave it at the table of the college one wishes to receive either information or a personal contact. The profile can be a card with the student's name, address, telephone number, email address – the name of the high school the student is attending with a graduation date -- using one word descriptions of areas of interest -- that the student would like to meet personally with the college representative should that person be in the area. If the student can visit the college during the summer, this might be the time in which to request an interview during a summer visit. Should a parent accompany a student to a College Fair? Suggestion: The student and parent divide the table hopping task and each deliver profile cards. While delivering profile cards, pick

up the college representative's card for future reference. It is helpful to have a specific name (reference) when requesting information/interview.

Special College Admissions Programs

Castleton State Col., Castleton, VT will host a series of Group Information Saturday Sessions on March 18, April 17, 24, 2017 and May 12 & 20, 2017 at 10 am through noon.

Castleton State will host a Spring OH on April 22, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm. A pre-registration is requested, call (800) 639-8521

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA to begin Admissions Interview Program for high school junior class members. The program starts in mid-March, 2017 and is in operation Monday through Friday. High school juniors can visit Muhlenberg College and experience a tour, a group session and be interviewed for admission to Muhlenberg College. Call (610) 821-3100

University of New Haven, New Haven, CT is hosting two Enhanced Visit Programs in March 3, 24 & April 7, 21, 2017, Programs are organized around specific Departmental Presentations.

The following Dept. Subject areas will participate: Engineering, Fire Science, Paramedicine, forensic Science, Interior Design, Graphic Design & Art, Music, Music Industry, Music & Sound Recording

For greater detail, contact; Monique Bolt, at (203) 823-7805

Northeastern University, Boston, MA is hosting a number of departmental info sessions during the months of March, April, May & June, 2017

College of Arts, Media & Design Sessions: Mar. 3 -- April 7 & 20 -- May 1, 2017

D'Amore-McKim Sch. of Business: Mar. 17 -- April 7, 21 -- May 25 -- June 22, 2017

College of Engineering: Mar. 1,8,15,2,22,29 -- April 6,12,15,19, 22, 26, 29 -- May 10,17, 24, 31 -- June 21, 28, 2017

Bouve College of Health Sciences: Mar. 17 -- April 14,20 -- May 18 -- June 8, 2017

College of Science: Mar. 23 -- April 6 -- June 22, 2017

College of Social Science & Humanities: Mar. 23 -- April 19 -- May 15 -- June 23, 2017

Explore Program : Mar. 24 -- April 7,14,28, 2017

College of Computer & Information Science: Mar. 13,20,27 -- April 10,18,24 -- May 15 -- June 13, 20, 27, 2016

Plus a session on April 22, 2015

For greater detail, call (617) 373-2000

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. The Admissions Department will host a number of Open House & Information Session type programs during the 2016–2017 school year. Each program will consist of a three hour presentation which will commence at 1:00 pm and consist of a discussion regarding Admissions and the Application Process and a Tour of the facilities. Especially note that each presentation is designed to be student and family friendly. The Schedule will be as follows:

February, March, April & May, 2017 - Wednesdays and Fridays

RISD will host Saturday Programs: The Saturday Programs are subject to change, thus, call to check the date/time of any program.

These programs are expected to attract more families and applicants than can be accommodated at one sitting, therefore, prospective participants are urged to call well ahead (three to four weeks) of the intended program date and secure a reservation. Call the RISD Admissions Office at (800) 364-RISD

U. of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI is hosting six Departmental Information Sessions Programs:

College of Business Administration at 10:30 am in the Thompson Boardroom, March 7,21,28, 2017

College of Environmental & Life Science at 2:00 pm in the Center for Biotech & Life Science, March 8,22, 29, 2017

College of Engineering - March 6, 20, 2017

School of Engineering – March 6,20, 2017

Nursing School - March 6, 2017

College of Pharmacology - March 13, 27, 2017

Textiles, Fashion Merchandising & Design – March 3 & 28, 2017 -IS in Quinn Hall

For greater detail, call (401) 874-7000

Southern Florida Col., Lakeland, FL, Mar. 18 –Scholars Weekend-, Music, Dance & Theater Audition, Mar. 18, 2017

Stetson University, Florida will be hosting Shadow Experience, Hi-Notes Visits at the Stetson University School of Music

Hi-Notes Visits: Monday - Voice, Brass, Piano, organ, percussion, String, Woodwind

Tuesday - Voice, Brass, Woodwind & Brass

Wednesday - Voice, Brass, Woodwind, String

Thursday - Voice, Brass, Woodwind

Vermont, U. of, Burlington, VT is planning a number of Saturday Information Sessions followed by a tour on the following dates:
March & April, 2017

Group Info. Sessions March 4 & 25 April 8, 15, 29, 017

Jump Start for high school juniors, April 22, 2017

Diversity Program April 13, 2017

Departmental Information Sessions

Col. of Agriculture & Life Sciences March 3 & 27, -- April 3, 2017

Col. of Arts & Sciences March 3 & 27 -- April 3, 2017

Sch. of Engineering & Math. March 3 & 27, 2017

Sch. of Education & Social Service March 3 & 27 -- April 3, 017]

Sch. of Nursing & Health Services March 3 & 27 -- April 3, 2017

Grossman Sch. of Business March 3 & 27, 2017

Rubenstein Sch. of Environmental & Natural Resources March 3 & 27 -- April 3, 2017

For greater detail, call (802) 656-3370 or send an Email message to admissions@uvm.edu

Union College, Schenectady, NY Weekday mornings meetings and tours are designed for underclass high school students during the spring vacation. Mid-February through end of April, 2017. The admissions office will offer open and honest discussions at 11:30 am & 2:30 pm. The topics of greatest interest to visitors will be – College Admissions Essays - Effective Applications and College Admissions Interviews. Tours are scheduled on the 1/2 hour at 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 1:30 pm; & 3:30 pm each weekday. For specific details, call (888) 843-6688

Wentworth College of Engineering, Boston, MA is hosting a number of departmental weekly Info. Sessions during the spring

Monday at 1:00 pm -- Construction Management

Tuesday at 1:00 pm -- Facilities management

Wednesday -- Architecture at 1:00 pm & Interior Design at 3:00 pm

Thursday -- Industrial Design at 11:00 am

Friday -- Engineering Technology at 11:00 am & Computer Science and Systems

For greater detail, call (617) 585-4070

College Impressions Listing of Interim & Gap Year Programs

Last update winter 2015

Audiborn Expedition Institute (800) 999-1959 Ext. 8489 webb www.getonthebus.com offers expeditions across the United States to study nature and the environment. College credit may be awarded. The Audiborn Expedition Institute is now a part of Lesley University, Cambridge, MA. For specific detail, contact Amy Heath-Carpenter, Assist. Director, at the above tel. number.

Americorps (800) 942-2677 webb www.americorps.org is a federally operated program combining a service project with a stipend which may be used later for college.

Center for Interim Programs webb www.interimprograms.com is a fee-charging service which helps students locate the most suitable interim year programs for one year. Contact: Joanne Lazarek, VP, Box 2347, Cambridge, MA 02238

Center for Interim Programs, 195 Nassau, Suite 5, Princeton, NJ 08542 (609) 683-4300 webb hollybull@interimpograms.com

This is a branch of the Center for Interim Programs in Northampton, MA. Contact: Holly Bull, Pres.CIP, at the Princeton Office (413) 585-0980

Note: 95% + of CIP participants go on the college after their CIP experience.

City Year (888) 424-8993 www.cityyear.org recruits 17 to 24 year olds for a year of full time service. City Year Corps members provides the skills and the opportunities to enable City Year Corps members to “change the world.”

City Year will be holding an Open House at all its area locations in February, March, April, & May

The following is a listing of several City Year locations and contacts' telephone numbers:

Boston, MA -- contact: Christian Correa, Director of Recruitment, (617) 927-2500

Providence, RI -- contact: Jordan Brown, Director of Recruitment, (401) 553-2500

New York City, NY -- contact: Dan McDermott, Admissions Manager, (212) 675-8881

New Hampshire area hosting individual Shadow Programs, contact: Ted Wing, Recruitment Director, (603) 218-5100

Dynamy (508) 755-2571 www.dynamy.org helps high school grads locate apartments & jobs in a new city. Cost \$15,400 per year

Gilpin & Associates Educational Counseling, Box 772, Needham, MA (800) 866-0992 gilp@whereyouheaded.com
Supports and monitors students through gap year and other time off situations. Bob Gilpin was a college counselor at Milton Academy and has been independently specializing in gap year counseling since 1988. College Impressions enthusiastically endorses his approach to counseling and advising students during this very sensitive period in a youth's life.

GlobalQuest is a non-profit experiential study abroad for high school seniors and students seeking a meaningful experience between high school and college. To obtain greater information, contact: Dan Creek, Exec. Dir., One Longfellow Sq., Suite 201, Portland, ME 04101 (207) 879-1722 dcreek@gquest.org

Leapnow, 11640 Hwy. 128 Calistoga, CA 94515 www.leapnow.org helps students find interesting and challenging activities and experiences for the year between high school and college. For greater detail, call (707) 431-7265

National Outdoor Leadership School (800) 710-NOIS www.nols.edu organizes expeditions of up to three months (cost \$4,200) to various parts of the world. In some instances, college credit is awarded. For greater detail, contact: Matt Copeland, NOLS, 284 Linden, Lander, WY The is a Gap Year program.

Outward Bound www.outward.org Does not offer service projects but it's survival training is highly regarded. For greater detail, contact the National Headquarters at (845) 424-4000

The Samaritans, a Telephone Befriending Service in search of nonjudgmental listening and support people, has a year long volunteer program which a student desiring an interim high school college experience may consider.

Locations : Massachusetts Boston (617) 536-2460 Cape Cod (508) 548-7999 Fall River (508) 679-9777
Framingham (508) 872-1780 Methuen (978) 688-0030
New Hampshire Keene (603) 357-5510

Student Conservation Program (603) 543-1700 www.theSCA.org provides room, board & expenses for volunteers who work from three to twelve months on rural and urban restoration projects. This is a Gap Year Program.

VISTA, Volunteer in Service to America, one year commitment in a community to help restructure that community - offices in 50 states Call (800) 942-2677

46th Annual Greater Boston High School Newspaper Competition, sponsored by Suffolk University, Dept. of Communication & Journalism. Competition will be in the following categories : News, Editorial, Sports Writing). It is open to public, parochial & private (Independent) schools in Massachusetts. Submit a minimum of three copies of two issues published during the fall of 2014. The Awards Dinner, during which awards will be made, is on March TBA, 2017. For details, write to Greater Boston High School Newspaper Competition, Suffolk University, Dept. of Communication & Journalism, 41 Temple St., Boston, MA 02114 or call (617) 573-8503. College Impressions endorses any professional/educational activity which encourages mastery of our parent language. Mastery of our parent language has so much to do with our understanding of the world in which we live and our ability to communicate with one another in that world.