

This Week's Lineup

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Stay connected with us through the [PLACE group](#) on LinkedIn!

A Note from Meghan

Dear Maroons,

As my time as Director of Career Exploration comes to a close this week, I wanted to share a quick note in this edition of *The PLACE Post*, the newsletter I had the joy of creating. Watching it become a resource for our community has been one of my proudest contributions. While my chapter here is ending, *The PLACE Post* will continue bringing you the latest career resources, tips, and success stories. I know the PLACE team will keep it thriving!

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. Your determination, creativity, opportunities today and see attending employers, prep your profile, and receive reminders about the fair. Need to finalize your resume or work on an elevator pitch? Schedule a [PLACE appointment](#) for support!

Meghan

RC Job and Internship Fair - February 19th

Student registration is [now available on Handshake](#) for our spring Job and Internship Fair. Sign up today and see attending employers, prep your profile, and receive reminders about the fair. Need to finalize your resume or work on an elevator pitch? Schedule a [PLACE appointment](#) for support!

Handshake Collections

We've been hard at work developing curated job and employer lists in Handshake tailored specifically to your career goals. Whether you're seeking a full-time position, internship, or on-campus student job, we've got recommendations to help you get started!

Custom collections currently available in Handshake:

- [Internships for Maroons](#)
- [Employers Hiring Maroons](#)
- [Regional Jobs for New Grads](#)
- [On-Campus Jobs](#)
- [Jobs for Chemistry Grads](#)

What collections should we develop next? Let us know at [place@roanoke.edu](#)

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER LINEUP

CAREER SUCCESS LINEUP

- Launch Lab, Thursday, January 9th - 11th
- Career Week, February 17th-21st
- Education Pathways Fair, Wednesday, March 19th, 11 AM - 2 PM
- Backpacks to Briefcases workshop, April 1st at 12 PM

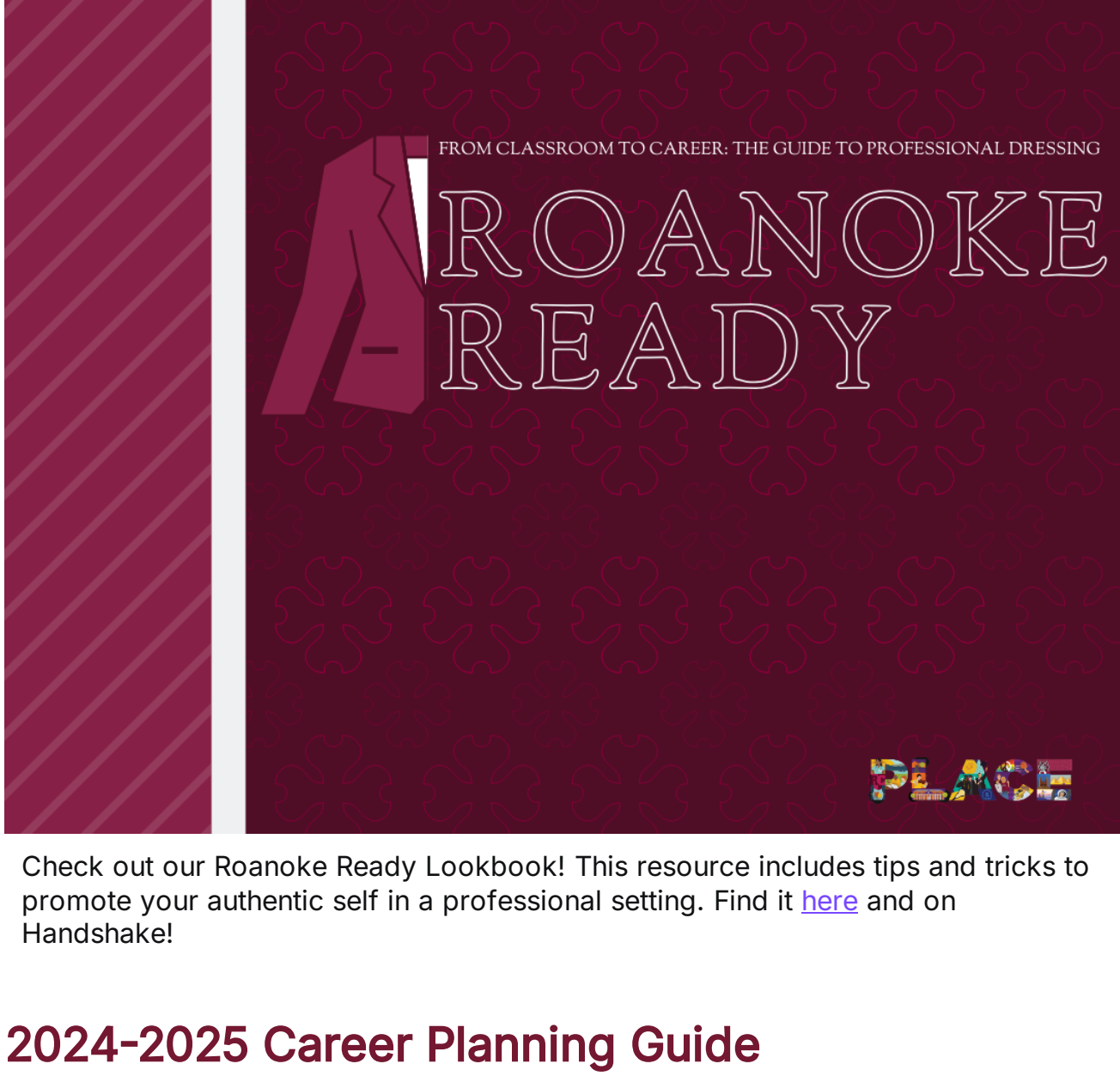
CAREER WEEK FEBRUARY 17TH - 21ST

- Health Careers Expo**
 - February 18
 - 4:30-6:30 PM
 - Wormtani Ballroom*Hear from graduate schools and learn more about graduate health programs.*
- Spring Job & Internship Fair**
 - February 19
 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
 - Collet Center*Meet employers, explore internships, and land your next opportunity!*
- Educating Children with Chronic Illnesses**
 - February 20
 - 8:30 AM
 - Pinkie in Collet*Learn from an Education Support Navigator about hospital educators, SQA/EP planning, and supporting childhood cancer survivors.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO LAUNCH Your CAREER!

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Roanoke Ready Lookbook



Check out our Roanoke Ready Lookbook! This resource includes tips and tricks to promote your authentic self in a professional setting. Find it [here](#) and on Handshake!

2024-2025 Career Planning Guide

We are excited to share the updated [Career Planning Guide](#) for the new academic year! This comprehensive resource is available 24/7, providing you with everything you need for your career development journey, including:

A 4-year plan to help you build a strong resume

AI-powered career development resources

Essential tips for navigating your job search

So much more!

Access the guide anytime to stay on track and make the most of your academic and career opportunities. Your future starts now!

Big Interview - On-Demand Interview Practice!

Want to spend your summer prep for your next interview? Check out our new virtual resource - [Big Interview](#) - to prep for the dreaded "Tell me about yourself" question. Big Interview is an online system that combines training AND practice to help improve your interview technique and build your confidence.

HOW TO ACCESS BIG INTERVIEW

STEP 1: Go to <https://roanoke.biginterview.com/> and click "LOGIN".

STEP 2: Enter your Roanoke College credentials.

STEP 3: Start using Big Interview.

Want feedback on your practice? [Schedule a "Mock Interview" appointment](#) with PLACE and send us your video!

The Forage

Looking to build new skills to add to your resume? Check out the Forage!

[Forage](#) can be a great way to get ahead in your career. Forage provides free, online virtual experience programs created by Fortune 500 companies to provide you with the insights and skills you need to succeed in your job search and the start of your career.

New Simulations are now available:

Goldman Sachs "Risk" | Students will step into the shoes of a risk analyst and tackle real-world challenges faced by experts at one of the world's leading investment banks.

Goldman Sachs "Operations" | Students will experience work as an Operations Analyst, while practicing skills such as cross-functional collaboration, process improvement, risk management and problem solving.

EY "Audit" | Students will work as an EY Financial Auditor, while practicing skills such as risk assessment, analytical thinking and professional communication.

AIG Actuarial Analyst | Students will experience work as an Actuarial Analyst, specializing in Marine Liability Insurance, while practicing skills such as technical writing, research, professional communication and data analytics.

Wells Fargo, "Commercial Banking" | Students will experience work as an intern on the Commercial Banking team, while practicing key skills such as financial analysis, analytical thinking, industry research and collaboration.

Discover, "Professional Skills" | This simulation will focus on career exploration and self-discovery! Here, students will complete a self-assessment and explore various work environments that they will encounter in the professional world.

These Career Quizzes are also available for help determining potential career paths:

[Forage General Career Quiz](#)

[Forage STEM Careers Quiz](#)

[Forage Business Careers Quiz](#)

[Forage Creative Careers Quiz](#)

Please note, this is a third-party platform not supported by Roanoke College, and you should review the data collection statement on the landing page prior to joining. You can opt out of sharing your details with any of the firms whose projects you complete. Let us know if you have questions as you explore opportunities and [schedule an appointment](#) with PLACE to incorporate your completed projects into your resume.

CliftonStrengths Platform

Have you completed the Strengths assessment already? Learn more about your [top 5 Strengths on the new platform](#) - from the home page, you can scroll down and click "learn more" for each strength. The new CliftonStrengths Top 5 report is here for you. Check out the quick videos to discover more about what your strengths mean! You can schedule an appointment with PLACE to talk more about how these strengths relate to you as a student and beyond.

Achieve more in 2025 by using your strengths to help you set and achieve your goals. Check out the resources below to discover how to connect your talent with your aspirations to reach new heights.

Our best goal-setting resources for you:

[Use your strengths to set achievable goals.](#)

[Learn how to set goals at work that lead to higher performance.](#)

[Reframe your wellness goals for 2025 with strengths in mind.](#)

Haven't completed Strengths yet? [Request a code](#) to discover more about your unique strengths and how they set you apart.

William and Mary Mason School of Business Graduate Open House

The Raymond A. Mason School of Business is hosting a Graduate Open House for residential graduate business programs on Friday, February 21, 2025. Students from Roanoke College are invited to join us on campus for this informational program about our Full-Time MBA, MS in Business Analytics, and Master of Accounting programs.

The open house is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with a networking opportunity Thursday evening at the W&M men's basketball game.

We encourage juniors, seniors, and alumni to attend. Our residential graduate business programs are open to all majors.

Registration is required for this event: <https://forms.office.com/r/fthRwbG4u5>

Job and Internship Opportunities

Want to know about these opportunities first? Be sure to join the PLACE group on LinkedIn! Find out more on the platform.

Virginia College Advising Corps

Opportunities with the [Virginia College Advising Corps](#) are now available for the 2025-26 academic year. Learn more and apply on the [Corps's](#) webpage.

Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps Program

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (Corps) Program increases opportunities and access to green careers across the Chesapeake Bay watershed by placing new professionals (ages 18-25) with nonprofits and government agencies for a one-year term of stipend-supported service (\$33,280) in the state of Maryland. The Corps serves as a bridge into the environmental career field by providing Corps Members with experience working at an organization, leadership and professional development training, mentorship, networking opportunities, and a support system of other new professionals. A full list of available host sites and a description of the activities each host organization is offering a potential Corps Member can be found at <https://cctrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/members/>. Applications close March 6th. Join Corps staff members virtually on February 5th at 4 PM to [learn more](#).

Salem YMCA Afterschool Program Opportunities

The Salem Y has programs in South Salem Elementary, East Salem Elementary, West Salem Elementary, GW Carver Elementary and Fort Lewis Elementary Schools. Our program starts at the end of the school day, 2pm, and runs until 6pm. We offer the children large muscle activities, homework help, snack time, and enrichment activities. When schools are closed, we operate at the Salem YMCA where we have lots of fun activities including gym time, swim, art, science and more.

With employment you receive a free membership that applies to our Salem, Kirk, Botetourt, Gainsboro, and Rockbridge YMCAs. If you are looking for meaningful employment where you can help children grow, and are available Monday - Friday from 2-6pm, or any combination of those days, please contact Amy Ralston at aralston@ymcavbr.org or call 540-387-9622.

Research Analyst under the Research Analyst Program at IMF

Great opportunity for students interested in economics, finance, math, and business.

Registration Open NOW through January 30 for the February Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT):

Ready to take the first step to becoming a Foreign Service Officer? Registration is now open [here](#) through January 30 for the February 8th-15th testing window. Testing can be done online or in person at a PearsonVUE testing center. Don't forget to demonstrate [the Dimensions](#) in the Personal Narratives you submit along with your registration - these are as important as the test! Want to learn more about the steps to becoming a Foreign Service Officer? Click [here](#).

Fellowship News

Virginia Management Fellows Program: Applications for **Cohort 8 of the Virginia Management Fellows (VMF) Program** are now open!

This two-year program offers recent graduates and early-career professionals a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in Virginia state government, leadership training, and mentorship. [Applications](#) close January 31, 2025.

Student Programs News

Rangel Summer Enrichment Program: The [2025 Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program](#) (SEP) application is open through February 5, 2025. SEP is a unique six-week summer program designed to provide undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds with a strong foundation to understand current issues and trends in international affairs, the various career opportunities in international affairs, and the practical skills needed to pursue these careers. The 15 SEP participants live in Howard University dorms, attend classes in economics and U.S. foreign policy, participate in an intensive, non-credit bearing writing seminar, and engage in a multiple activities and site visits with foreign affairs professionals at various locations around DC. Participants receive travel, housing, and a stipend. The program focuses heavily on Foreign Service and Civil Service career opportunities with the Department of State. You can learn more about the upcoming virtual sessions on the Rangel Program events page [here](#).

Summer Internship and Apprenticeships at Wolf Trap

Are you looking to gain arts administration experience this summer? Wolf Trap is offering paid full-time positions with a 12-week duration this summer. Internships are available in Social Media, Human Resources, Fundraising, and more. Learn more and apply today on the [Wolf Trap website](#). Applications will not be accepted for this summer after March 1.

Coming Soon: The Fall 2025 Student Internship Program (SIP) application will open February 3 - 10, 2025 or until the first 4,000 applications are received. Learn more about this PAID, 10-week internship program and sign up to receive notification when the application opens: <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internship-program/>.

Roanoke City Summer Intern

[Now Accepting Applications: 2025 Summer Student Intern \(Paid\)](#)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Student in final semester or equivalent of an Associate's degree program with plan to pursue a Bachelor's degree
- Recent Associates Degree graduate with plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree
- Rising Senior of Bachelors program
- Rising Junior of Bachelors program
- Recent Bachelor's Degree Student (Within 2 years)
- Graduate Student

[Apply Today: www.roanokeva.gov/jobs](#)

Deadline to apply: February 14, 2025

Handshake Highlights

Minor League Technology Operator with the Salem Red Sox

<https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/9557597>

The Minor League Baseball Technology Operator will be a member of the Baseball Technology team and is responsible for collecting data and operating performance technology at the Salem Red Sox. This individual will collaborate closely with the Video & Technology Associate, as well as the Press Box staff.

We expect you to be available, in-person, and available on weekends to operate KinaTrax / TrackMan for 3-4 home games per homestand. This role pays \$15 per hour and will not exceed 35 hours per week. Hours will vary based on team schedule.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Strong administrative skills; organized, proactive, and strong communication skills.

Willing to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Prior experience in baseball/softball is preferred.

Job Dates: 3/31/2025 - 9/29/2025

Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leader Internship

<https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/9582192>

Dates: June 8, 2025 - July 23, 2025 (approx. 6 weeks)

In 2025, at each participating park, three to four adult Crew Leaders will guide crews of 10 youth aged 14 to 17 in all aspects of work, crew life, and recreation during a two-week session. Under the guidance of the leaders, the crew learns to live and work as a team of diverse individuals with a common goal. Crew leaders will have opportunities for career development training from shadowing a park employee to receiving certification in Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED, Basic Trail Building Training, and Mental Health First Aid. The YCC Crew Leader position is a unique, field opportunity, allowing Crew Leaders to enhance their skills in leadership, communication, youth supervision, and program administration. Additionally, this position increases competitiveness for positions with Virginia State Parks and other conservation and recreation agencies and organizations.

Successful Crew Leader applicants must be committed to making every Crew Member's safe, successful experience their top priority. The duties of a YCC Crew Leader are divided into four main areas: safety, leadership and mentorship, program management and implementation, and administration. These categories correspond with the categories of training that Crew Leaders will receive.

Prevention & Wellness Specialist at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare in Roanoke

<https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/9583091>

Schedule: Monday - Friday, day shift occasional nights and weekend events.

Do you want to be a part of strengthening communities by organizing and educating others about how to build resilience to help reduce substance use?

Prevention & Specialist Wellness I:

Plans, implements, documents, and evaluates substance abuse and/or mental health promotion services for children, youth, parents and community members in partner agency and community settings to decrease substance abuse and other risky behaviors and strengthen protective factors.

Provides training and education through engaging presentations, public speaking, small group facilitation, and meetings with targeted populations, to promote the effectiveness of prevention concepts, best practices, and strategies to promote protective factors that reduce substance abuse and adverse childhood experiences.

Utilizes a variety of best practices, evidence-based programs, and other strategies in collaboration with multiple community partners and coalition members to develop and implement prevention plans to reduce substance abuse community-wide.

This position is Full Time and is grant-funded.

Qualifications Include:

Education: Bachelor's degree.

Experience: Minimum of one year of experience preferred in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention/training, public health, or related field, including knowledge of the effects of substance abuse on children and youth, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and wellness.

Safe Driving Record: This position requires transporting clients or driving an agency vehicle. Candidates must have a valid Virginia driver's license with a safe driving record (no more than two moving violations in the last three years AND no criminal violations in the last five years).

Did you know?

There are over 20,000 jobs and internships currently posted to Handshake.

24/7 Resource

Have a quick career question? Want to see example resumes or cover letters? Check out the 24-7 Career Planning Guide.

We're social!

Check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Interviewing?

Need a quiet space to work or interview? Contact us to reserve the sunporch or studio!

Have questions?

[Schedule an appointment through Handshake](#)

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