



Happy Snow Day, Maroons!

We hope you're staying warm today! You may have some downtime today, which is a great time to focus on your professional development. With the new year upon us, take this time to refresh your personal brand for professional pursuits. Read up below for advice from Roanoke College's own Lewis Edwards.

Personal branding - it's not just another catch phrase. Whether you're exploring careers, applying for internships, or just trying to figure out your "next," your personal brand matters. It also doesn't have to mean being polished or perfect. Roanoke College's own **Lewis Edwards '24, MBA '25** offers a grounded take on how to tell your story in a way that feels natural, and useful, no matter where you are in your career journey in his article, **"Personal Branding on LinkedIn: What I've Learned as an MBA Student and Early-Career Professional"**. After you read his article, **connect with Lewis on LinkedIn**.

PLACE offers numerous resources and career guidance you can access 24/7 through our [Handshake Resource pages](#).

[Schedule an advising appointment in Handshake](#) with a Career Coach in PLACE

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming career events

Telling Your RC Leadership Story: from Campus to Career

Join PLACE as we discuss turning your Roanoke College campus involvement, leadership roles, and work experiences into compelling resume bullets and confident interview answers that employers need. You'll leave with the knowledge to confidently talk about your campus leadership roles and explain why they matter to employers.

✔ [Register in Handshake](#)

📅 Tues, Feb 3

🕒 5-6pm

📍 Pickle (Colket, main floor)

From Experience to Impact - Making Sense for your Career

So you've had an impactful, important experience, but what does it mean for you and life after graduation? You may have had a life-changing study abroad experience, a meaningful service-learning opportunity, or a decision-making internship. Join PLACE as we break it down and discuss how to explain these wonderful experiences to employers - what do they care about and how you can tell your story well? You'll learn practical skills for your resume, cover letter and interview skills.

✔ [Register in Handshake](#)

📅 Mon, Feb 9

🕒 5:30-6:30pm

📍 Pickle (Colket, main floor)

Roanoke College Spring 2026 Job & Internship Fair

Whether you're looking for internships or full-time jobs, this is THE place for you to be! Companies and organizations representing a large variety of industries will be on-campus and eager to speak with YOU about your skills and interests. Mark your calendars and join us on February 18.

✔ [Register in Handshake](#)

📅 Wed, Feb 18

🕒 4:30-6pm

📍 Colket (multiple rooms)

Hot Opportunities in Handshake

[2026 IT Accelerated Development Program - Software Developer Track](#)

Raymond James Financial (St. Petersburg, FL or Jersey City, NJ)

*application closes Jan 27

[Marketing and Communication Design Interns](#)

[HR Interns and General Business Interns](#)

Paybility Financial Services (hiring done through Beacon Partners Consulting)

(remote role) timeline: 03/02/2026-05/29/2026

*application closes Feb 4

[Pathways Adviser](#)

AdviseVA (hybrid, onsite; various Virginia locations)

*application closes Feb 5

[Library of Congress Intern \(LOCI\) Summer 2026](#)

Library of Congress (remote internship)

*application closes Feb 6

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Library of Congress (onsite in Washington, D.C.)

*application closes Feb 6

Looking for on-campus jobs? Search Handshake for "Roanoke College Student Experience"

Exclusive Opportunities from the PLACE LinkedIn group

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) is now offering internship programs that provide hands-on, meaningful experience in museum education, collections, digital initiatives, public programs, archives, and more.

If you're looking to:

- ✦ Build professional skills
- ✦ Work alongside experts in culture, history, and education
- ✦ Contribute to impactful, mission-driven projects
- ✦ Strengthen your resume with a nationally recognized institution

...this is an opportunity worth exploring.

Learn more and apply here: <https://lnkd.in/eNAAppGq>

The FBI Honors Internship Program opens for applications on February 9 for summer 2027.

This paid, 10-week internship gives undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to contribute to real investigative, technical, and administrative work alongside FBI professionals. If you're preparing for a career built on purpose, now is the time to review eligibility, prepare your two-page resume with the FBI's new Resume Builder, and get ready to apply. <https://lnkd.in/eDQqYb25>

Castro & Company in Alexandria, VA seeks interested candidates for an [Audit & Advisory Externship](#).

Visual Merchandising Intern at [Advance Auto Parts](#)

📍 Location: Raleigh, NC

📅 Program Dates: May 26, 2026 - July 31, 2026

As a Visual Merchandising Intern, you'll:

- ✔ Work alongside the team on space optimization projects
- ✔ Help design reports and analyze data to support decision-making
- ✔ Conduct market and competitor research to inform merchandising strategies
- ✔ Analyze data to influence space and floor planning decisions
- ✔ Support the team with daily operations

Apply today ✨ <https://lnkd.in/ew-Z8k5S>

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is currently hiring for multiple positions, such as Media Relations Specialist and Seasonal Land Stewardship Technician. Use your skills to help keep the Appalachian Trail alive!

👉 Learn more and apply at <https://lnkd.in/dTRyTvf>

Join us on LinkedIn at the [PLACE group](#) for more exclusive job & internship opportunities

2025-2026 Career Planning Guide

The Career Planning Guide is your 24/7, one-stop shop with everything you need for your career journey, including:

- Resume checklist and examples (including CVs)
- Networking tips and resources
- Essential strategies for navigating your job & internship search

Download the PDF for quick access and easy reference!

Big Interview: on-demand interview practice!

Get ahead of the game and start practicing (or refining) your interview skills with [Big Interview](#) - your all-in-one practice tool to crush interviews. You can learn **insider tips**, **watch short lessons**, and **record yourself answering real interview questions** - then get instant feedback to keep improving. It's like a personal coach that helps you feel confident, polished, and ready to land the job. Couple this with a 1:1 career advising appointment, and you'll be ready for any interview!

HOW TO ACCESS BIG INTERVIEW

- 1: Go to <https://roanoke.biginterview.com/> and click "LOGIN"
- 2: Enter your Roanoke College credentials
- 3: Start using Big Interview (a good place to start is with the "Practice Sets")

[Schedule a "Mock Interview" appointment](#) with PLACE and send us your video

The Forage

Forage is a great way to build career skills and get ahead. Forage provides free, online virtual experience programs created by Fortune 500 companies and leading employers such as **EY, J.P. Morgan, Accenture, The National Guard**, and **Bank of America** to provide you with the insights and skills you need to succeed in your job search.

These Career Quizzes are also available to help identify potential career paths:

[Forage General Career Quiz](#)

[Forage STEM Careers Quiz](#)

[Forage Business Careers Quiz](#)

[Forage Creative Careers Quiz](#)

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.

Meet with a Career Coach:

[Schedule an appointment in Handshake](#)
(in-person, virtually, or via phone)

Need a quiet space for an interview?

[Contact us](#) to reserve the Sunporch or Studio!

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