Career Day Prep

1) Dress – business casual at a minimum
2) Pre-Career Day Preparation

a. Visit the CD website and have a plan

b. Details are included about what each company is looking for – know what you are interested in or what to ask about further

   i. DO NOT ASK WHAT THEY ARE HIRING FOR UNLESS YOU CAN’T FIND IT ON THE WEBSITE

   ii.

c. Also, look at some details about the company itself

   i. Be able to go up and talk to employers about what you like about the company

   ii. DO NOT ASK THEM WHAT THE COMPANY DOES (Read ahead!)

   iii. Ask questions to find out more about what they are doing now (e.g. projects they are working, what coming down the line, etc.)

d. Create a list of employers you want to visit and jot down the notes/topics you want to bring up with them.

   i. Rank them so you know who you want to be sure to talk to

   ii. For practice, try one of the companies further down the list. This will help you get comfortable with talking to employers to be ready for the number 1 company you want to work for.

e. Resume – be sure to have multiple copies of your resume.

   i. Technical resumes are a little different than what you are taught in 205/305

   ii. Highlight skills/knowledge – go through the courses you have taken thus far and be sure to include these in the skill section.

   iii. Look for something that might set you apart (Previous work, hobbies that relate to technology, etc.)
3) Day of Career Day

   a. Pick a day in the life session of one of the companies you are interested in.

   b. Try to ask questions or talk with him/her after the session.

   c. Don’t be intimidated by the crowds.

   d. Practice with an employer lower on your list

   e. Be personable – most students will have the same skills/knowledge at this point so most employers base their opinions on how you handle yourself when talking with them.

   f. Find out if you think you will fit in with the company – get to know more about culture and how the company runs

   g. Questions you can ask:

   i. What is your specific position in the company?
   ii. What are some of the projects you are working on?
   iii. What are you looking for in an intern (or full time position)?
   iv. What do you enjoy most about working for company XYZ?
   v.