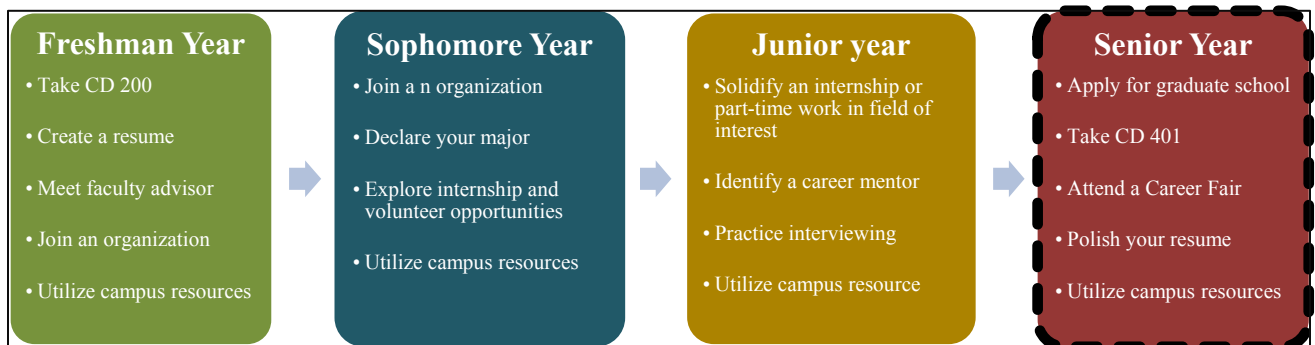

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! Your Saint is almost done with his or her undergraduate college career! You should feel proud of all that your son or daughter has accomplished over the past few years. Much of that, we are sure, is due to the support that he or she has received from family, friends, and Aquinas faculty and staff. At Career and Counseling Services, we hope that we have been a part of their growth and professional development throughout your student's college journey.

At this time, students will be actively organizing their job search and exploring graduate schools. Your student will be exploring options in a more serious manner and may come to you for guidance. Be in tune to how much advice they want from you. They need to make their own decisions, as hard as that can be. Listen to their excitement, fears and dreams. Your student will be going to career fairs and graduate school fairs. As hard as it may be to let them do this on their own, do not go with them. As part of their professional growth, they need to attend these on their own. They will have many opportunities to learn how to interact professionally at these events through the Career and Counseling Center.

We are now in the fourth check-point of the career journey at Aquinas:



There are two CD 401 classes available for Senior students. One is geared towards those seeking employment after graduation and the other is designed for students planning on attending graduate school. Encourage your son or daughter to enroll in one of these very valuable classes. Also, support your student through the ups and downs of the job search and graduate school process- stress and disappointments are inevitable. Your student will need your perspective from time-to-time. You may want to encourage them to purchase a suit for the job search. Additionally, be certain to check with your own insurance provider to determine when any medical insurance benefits will be discontinued. If necessary, your Saint would probably qualify for the COBRA plan to extend benefits.

We hope you have an exciting last year with your student, and we look forward to supporting him or her in these final months of preparation for graduation.

Sincerely,

Career & Counseling Services

