



Career Readiness & Exploration Conference

SCHEDULE: AT A GLANCE

PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR CAREER READINESS & LIFELONG LEARNING

<u>Wednesday, January 12, 2022</u>

- 8:30 AM Mandatory Session for GEN101: Guest Speaker Etiquette Schomburg Auditorium
 9:00 AM Kickoff Pep Rally - GEN101/201/301-Z Schomburg Auditorium
 9:30 AM GEN101: Focus 2/Anti-Racism GEN201: Boosting Your Career with Experiential Learning Assigned rooms
- **11:00 AM GEN101: Focus 2/Anti-Racism** Assigned rooms
- **1:00 PM GEN201: The Importance of Service Learning in Your Career** Schomburg Auditorium
- 2:00 PM GEN101/201/301-Z: Keynote Speaker Schomburg Auditorium
- **3:45 PM GEN101/201: Meet with Instructors** Assigned Rooms

<u>Thursday, January 13, 2022</u>

Field Trips: Sauder Woodworking (AM), City of Defiance (AM/PM), 201 Honors (Overnight to Cleveland)

9:30 AM Career Panel: Education

Career Panel: Business/Accounting

Session: Where Does the Time Go? *Take an in-depth look at your daily routine, and learn some ways to better manage your time.*

Session: How Do You Read a Paycheck?

Ever wonder why your gross pay is so much higher than your take-home pay? Learn why during this financial literacy session.

Session: Can You Be in the Military & Go to College?

Yes! You can do both, and it pays!

Session: How Do You Navigate Being a Woman in Corporate America? *This session will discuss some of the challenges of being a woman working in corporate America, especially in a field that has been historically male-dominated.*

Thursday, January 13, 2022 (continued)

11:00 AM Career Panel: Criminal Justice

Career Panel: Medical Science Clinical

Session: So You Think You're Going to the NFL?

What do you do if circumstances beyond your control take you out of the running to become a pro athlete, and you have to shift gears in life? Learn how two former college all stars navigated these unwanted changes, and created a life they love.

Session: How Do You File Taxes?

Understand how taxes will affect your bottom line. This session will be led by a CPA.

Session: What Are Companies Looking for in Candidates?

Learn how to make yourself the ideal candidate employers are seeking.

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12:45 PM Career Panel: Computer Science

Discussion Panel: Wonder Women: Highlighting Women Working in Wrongful Conviction

A panel of women from across the United States will share their experience working in wrongful conviction through the Innocence Project and other agencies.

Session: Do Participation Trophies Exist?

In this session, we will learn the differences between technical skills and people skills in a world that affords opportunities, not guarantees.

Session: Recess: Teamwork

Take a break from career exploration and discovery, and participate in team building activities.

Session: How Do You Create a Killer Elevator Speech with Long-Lasting Impact?

A killer elevator speech enables you to instantly promote yourself and confidently answer questions. Remember, you are the product, and who should know you better than you?

Session: How Do Collegiate Athletics Lead to Success?

Len Elmore, former NBA player and current NBA & NCAA commentator, will talk extensively about professionalism, student responsibility for learning, and how college (and college sports) provides a unique opportunity to learn and to become successful.

2:15 PM Career Panel: Social Work/Psychology

Career Panel: Photography & Design

Session: How Do You Overcome Extreme Adversity & Land Your Dream Job?

Motivational speaker and author Taron Ragan will share his inspirational journey from at-risk youth to homeless college student to landing his dream job at a Fortune 500 company.

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Thursday, January 13, 2022 (continued)

2:15 PM Session: How Do You Deal with Stress?

Tips and tricks to help handle stress.

Session: How Do You Stick the Landing When Interviewing?

Any gymnast will tell you, nailing the landing to a routine is crucial. No matter how impressive your performance, a poor dismount can cost you that perfect 10 - or worse, be the deduction that awards the medal to a competitor. Interviews are the same.

7:30 PM Evening Activity: DC's Got Talent

Schomburg Auditorium

<u>Friday, January 14, 2022</u>

Field Trips: Start High School (AM), State Bank (AM), Defiance Menards (PM)

9:30 AM Career Panel: Sports Management

Career Panel: Environmental Science/Forensic Science

Session: Okay, Boomer! How Do You Navigate a Multi-Generational Workforce?

Learn from an HR professional about how to communicate across generational lines, and how current college students will face exceptional benefits post-graduation.

Session: How Do You Understand Benefits From Pet Insurance to a Retirement Plan?

Companies have faced the need to be creative with their benefits packages in an effort to attract and retain you. Learn how in this session!

Session: What Gets You Out of Bed Every Day?

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do it! Jobs are not about the title, but about building a passionate skill set.

11:00 AM Career Panel: Allied Health/Exercise Science

Session: What Does It Take to Start Your Own Business?

Learn from a panel of entrepreneurs about what they were prepared for, and what took them by surprise while establishing their business.

Session: How Do You Make an Impact at Your New Job?

Learn how to make the most of your employment, whether you intend to remain at the company for decades or just gather some necessary experience.

Session: Recess: Teamwork

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Session: How Do You Set Achievable Goals?

Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself, and how to achieve them.

Friday, January 14, 2022 (continued)

12:45 PM Discussion Panel: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome

Learn how to manage feelings of insecurity and build confidence in your chosen field.

Session: How Do You Solve Problems in the Workplace?

A long and short discussion of the phases of problem solving, this session will focus on learning problem solving techniques and put them to use in a variety of exercises.

Session: How Do You Deal with Stress?

Tips and tricks to help handle stress.

Session: How Can You Become More Adaptable to Change?

Sometimes life takes you in unexpected directions, but being adaptable to change will help get you through those twists and turns.

Session: Can You Still Apply for Scholarships?

Learn how to search and apply for scholarships, even though you're already a college student. There's money out there to help you, if you know where to look!

Session: I Went Viral...Now What?

Dr. Courtney Lange-Kunze began making TikTok videos as a way to relate to her students. What she didn't expect was for her videos to go viral. She went from developing her own content to being a "brand", and had to learn many things along the way.

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Session: How Will Setting Goals & Getting Involved on Campus Help You in Your Future Career?

Learn the importance of goal setting and becoming involved on campus to help build your resume for your future career.

Session: How Do You Navigate Challenges in the Workplace?

Learn the ins and outs of navigating difficulties in the workplace to ensure career success.

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Session: How Do You Become Your Authentic Self?

In this session, students will learn tools to identify their unique voice and find out the importance of becoming their authentic self.

7:30 PM Evening Activity: Beach Blowout

NOTE: All Session information including times and titles are subject to change.