

Hot or not: choosing the satisfactory career

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You are hired! — the magic words every college student wants to hear instantly.

When applying for work, there are a plethora of factors to consider. What pays well? What will I be happy doing? What's in demand? Get your answers now!

According to TheBestSchools.org, petroleum engineering offers the most money for bachelor degree holders. The median starting salary is listed at \$93,000, shooting up to \$157,000 by mid-career.

"Petroleum engineers design and develop procedures for extracting oil and gas from deposits located below the earth's surface and from old wells," reports TheBestSchools.org.

If nonrenewable resources ruffle your feathers but you still want fantastic pay, just do not go for teaching.

According to The Daily Commercial, "A starting teacher's annual salary ... (will) begin at \$37,150 and max out at \$56,550."

"The cons are when students don't learn," said Netasha Clark, part-time substitute teacher and CCE senior. "Some of them can be disrespectful, but the pros are being able to see and witness students learn."

Forbes reports that teachers, along with authors, have high satisfaction ratings. "The autonomy of writing down the contents of your own mind apparently leads to happiness," Forbes says.

Any guesses as to which career has the lowest satisfaction among employees? It is customer service, a permanent fixture in Forbes' top ten list of careers with the lowest satisfaction.

"I get to keep up with the latest and greatest computer technology, because we work it every day," said Sandy Shelton, Contact Center floor coordinator and CCE senior.

"But the biggest con is schedules," Shelton continued. "The contact center stays open 364 days a year ... You've got to work at least one weekend day ... all the weeks tend to meld together and you don't have a whole lot of time to use the vacation that you're given."

Talk about a demanding job.

Speaking of demand, what careers will almost ensure your employment?

Rain or shine, people will always need to spend money. That is where contractors come in.

"It's a good basis if you have any interest in going into law or business contracting," said Cathy Gorton, former Air Force Acquisition Officer. "It's a great skill set because you have to know how to communicate and write and be willing to go out there and do things with people."

"Don't go into the job if you don't like to talk to people; that's basically it," Gorton said.

Interested in interviewing people applying for and answering all the fascinating questions surrounding loans?

Sorry to break it to you, but Yahoo Finance reports, "The demand for loan interviewers and loan clerks has fallen more than 25 percent."

Instead of working to give loans, you are likely to end up taking a few if you put all your eggs in that basket.

When it comes to careers, some make the big bucks, some keep you smiling and some are in high demand.

For guidance on choosing a career, visit the Career Development Center. It is one of the biggest decisions of your life.



3 TIPS FOR ACING THAT INTERVIEW!

1. DO YOUR RESEARCH: Look up the company online before the interview. Find out its key services and products, familiarize yourself with its customers and competitors, and get to know its culture and what it stands for — this will give you an edge during the interview.

2. BE PREPARED: Iron your clothes the night before. Set two alarms. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early, so you do not feel crunched for time. Bring extra copies of your resume and references, something to write with and on, and a list of questions you would like to ask the interviewer about the company (See step #1 for ideas).

3. GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES: When asked questions during the interview, try to give detailed but short stories from your history that illustrate your successes and unique skills. Though it might be tempting to talk about all the times you lead a big project, or completed a large presentation, one concrete, vivid example will stick in the interviewer's mind better than 30 vague anecdotes.

The Career Development Center is located on the first floor of King Hall in room 110.

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Largest storm in recorded history hits island nation

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The storm surge from Haiyan was the predominant cause of devastation on the island of Leyte, where the worst damage is reported.

"Katrina had maximum sustained winds of 175 mph and produced 8-meter storm surges," Carlos David reported for GMA News, a Filipino news outlet. "Katrina was one of the strongest storms to hit land, but it's a far cry from Haiyan's 200 mph winds."

An island nation in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, the Philippines is bordered on all sides by water. The abundance of populated, low-lying islands and the lack of an operating infrastructure have crippled rescue efforts.

"The Philippines doesn't have the luxury of big highways connecting all of the cities," said Andy Linteau, an American citizen currently living in Manila, Philippines, in an email interview with The Guilfordian.

"We know a lot of countries are coming together to help the Philippines," said Linteau. "But the aid is not reaching victims fast enough. Many Filipinos are frustrated with the slow efforts and blame the government."

Added Sheila Nadal, a Filipino citizen in an email interview, "I don't buy the government's excuses. I think they weren't prepared, but they should do everything they can, even if they don't have a plan."

"The bottom line is that people need food and water; if

they don't get aid, they are going to die."

The rally to support the Filipino people has made its way to Guilford College, where students assembled at The Hut on Nov. 14 for a candlelight vigil.

"The human trauma from a natural disaster like this crosses borders, cultures and languages," said senior Sarah Welch. "If there is any good that comes from these tragedies, it is that people unite for the victims and put aside the petty differences that too often consume us."

Want to provide assistance to the Philippines?

Look for the donation table
"Pennies for the Philippines"
in Founders until this Saturday!

Each group on campus (first-year through senior, CCE, Early College, Faculty/Staff) has its own donation jar — will yours donate the most?