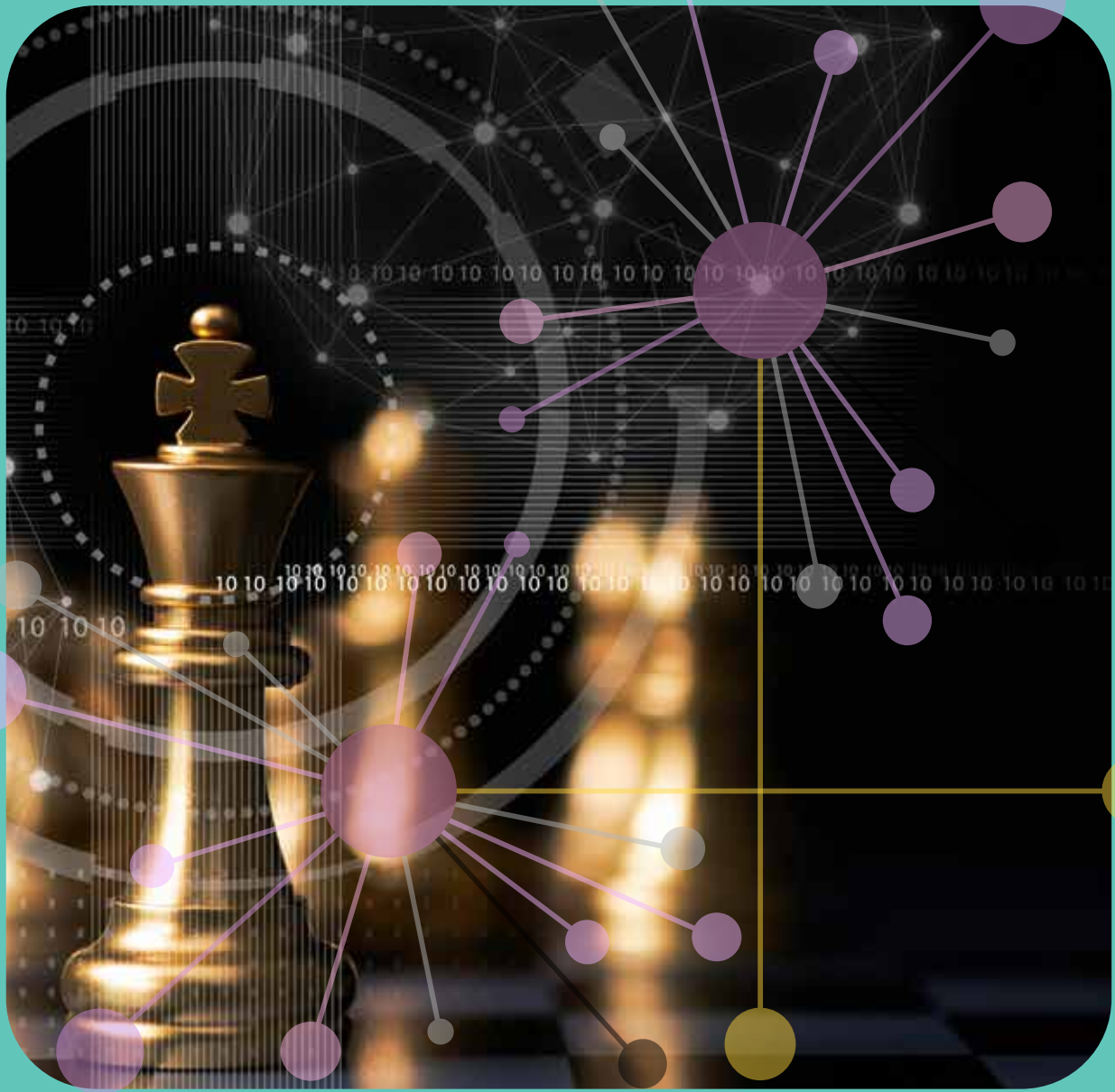


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"Opportunities don't happen, you create them through networking." — Chris Guillebeau

The connections you make in college can be just as valuable as the skills you learn and the knowledge you acquire. Knowing how to network in college can mean the difference between finding a full-time job after graduation and scrambling to find one on your own. You never know who can be instrumental in connecting you to your ideal employer or mentor.

Networking skills aren't often taught in the classroom alongside your labs and lectures. However, there are ways to form a network in college to benefit you in the future.

Why *You* Should Network In College

Between juggling classes, clubs, and social events, we know your time is limited. Networking might not be at the top of your to-do list, but trust us—it's a game changer when it comes to landing that dream job after graduation.

Think of networking as your secret weapon. By connecting with fellow students, professors, and industry professionals now, you're building a treasure trove of relationships—your "strong ties" and "weak ties"—that can give your career a serious boost. These connections can open doors and provide valuable insights that you won't find in textbooks.

You might wonder: what's in it for me right now? While the benefits may not be crystal clear at first, over time, your network will become an essential resource. Whether you're exploring potential entry-level positions or seeking to understand what it's really like to work at a specific company, having a diverse network can be incredibly helpful.

So, don't underestimate the power of networking! Start making connections today, and set yourself up for a successful future. Your future self will thank you!

Generally speaking, your connections want to help you succeed. Your network can provide valuable insight into careers within your field of study, along with application tips and leads for jobs that aren't yet publicly listed. A connection might even become a mentor who can support you throughout your career.

Networking also creates a support system. Remember that your network extends beyond the job search. This community of people encourages each other and shares information. As Porter Gale emphasized "Your network is your net worth" meaning that the relationships you cultivate throughout your life significantly contribute to your overall success and value, both personally and professionally.

Consider what you can learn from your network, along with what you can offer. Even as a college student, you have strengths and insights to share.

Networking also allows you to hone your soft skills. The more you practice networking, the more you can refine your communication, relationship-building and critical thinking skills to stand out to future employers.

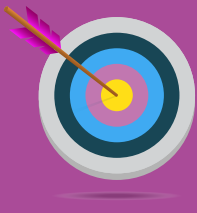


How To Network In College

Let's jump into some practical advice to help you start building your professional network while still in college.

1. Make Your Mark at Events

Colleges are hosting events left and right—guest speakers, career fairs, workshops—you name it! Check out your school's events calendar and mark your calendar for those golden networking opportunities. When you're at an event, don't be shy! Approach someone whose work you admire and introduce yourself. It might feel a bit daunting, but practice makes perfect. The more you engage, the more confident you'll become!



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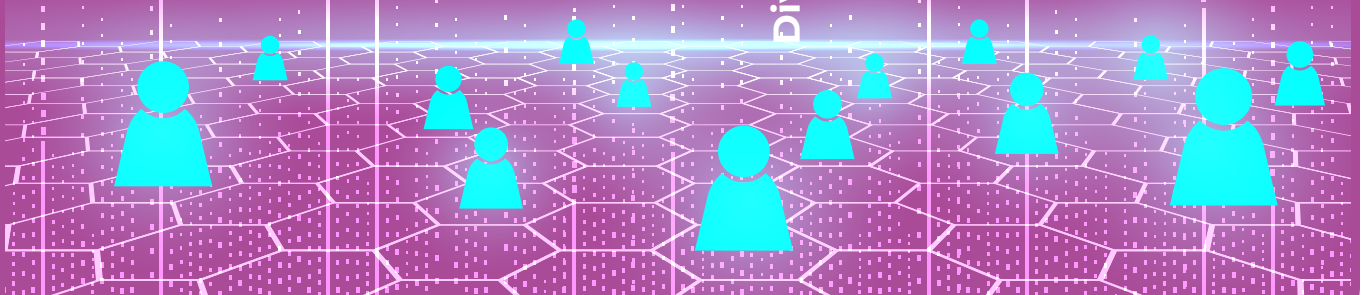
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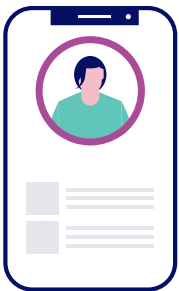
Why not dive into one of the many clubs your university offers? Pick something that excites you—whether it's a hobby, a professional interest, or a social cause. Clubs are a fantastic way to meet peers from various majors, collaborate on projects, and hone your networking skills in a relaxed environment. Plus, you might connect with alumni and professors who can open doors for you down the line.

3. Tap into Your Career Center



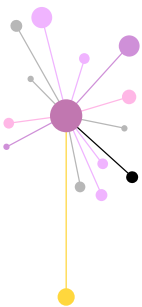
Your university's career center is like a treasure trove of resources! They're here to help you polish your resume, practice interview skills, and—most importantly—network. Book an appointment to chat about your career aspirations, and let them introduce you to alumni in your field. The earlier you connect, the better prepared you'll be when it's time to apply for jobs!

4. Revamp Your Online Presence



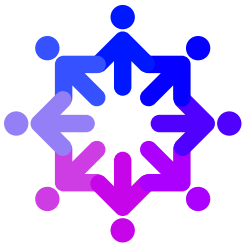
What does your online profile say about you? Platforms like LinkedIn are essential for networking in today's digital world. Make sure your profile is up-to-date with a professional photo, your current interests, and career goals. Showcase your skills and let your personality shine through! This helps others understand who you are and what you're looking for.

5. Keep the Connection Alive



Networking doesn't stop after the first handshake! Follow up with a thank-you email after meeting someone new, and keep the conversation going. Share interesting insights from your classes or ask for advice over coffee—virtual or in-person. Maintaining these relationships takes effort, but the rewards are totally worth it.

6. Dive into Alumni Networks



Ever thought about tapping into your college's alumni network? Thanks to social media platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp, connecting with graduates is easier than ever. Alumni are a goldmine of opportunities—they've been in your shoes and are now thriving in various industries. Attend alumni events, engage with their stories, and who knows? They might just refer you to their bosses or offer you insights that can lead to your next big break!

7. Connect with Your Professors



Your professors aren't just there to lecture; they're also a treasure trove of wisdom and experience! Don't hesitate to reach out for guidance on your career path. They can help you navigate your options and even open doors in your field. If you're considering teaching, branch out and connect with professors from other departments too. The more perspectives you gather, the better equipped you'll be for your future!

8. Join Competitions and Hackathons



Looking for a fun way to meet like-minded people? Join competitions and hackathons! These events bring together diverse talents and encourage collaboration, making them perfect for networking. Whether you're coding, designing, or brainstorming solutions, you'll hone your teamwork and communication skills while connecting with peers who share your passions. Plus, it's a fantastic way to break out of your shell, even if you're on the introverted side!

9. Be Engaged in Your Lectures



Think lectures are just a snooze-fest? Think again! Staying alert and active during class can really pay off. Make sure your professors notice you by asking questions, contributing to discussions, and engaging in group activities. Approach them after class with any doubts or insights you have. A little participation can go a long way in building positive relationships that might benefit you down the line!

Effective Networking Strategies

Unlocking Your Professional Potential

Networking is an art and mastering it can lead to incredible opportunities throughout your college journey and beyond. Here are some effective strategies to help you navigate this essential skill.

A. The Elevator Pitch

Imagine you're in an elevator with a potential mentor or employer. You have just 30 seconds to make an impression. This is where your elevator pitch comes in! It's a succinct, engaging summary of who you are, what you study, and your career aspirations.

Example: "Hi, I'm Alex! I'm a junior majoring in Environmental Science at XYZ College/ University. I'm passionate about sustainability and hope to work in renewable energy policy after graduation. I recently completed an internship with Green Solutions, where I helped develop a community recycling program."

By practicing your pitch, you ensure that you can deliver it smoothly and confidently. As the famous author and speaker, Dale Carnegie, said, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." Your pitch should not only introduce you but also invite further conversation.

B. Active Listening

Networking is not just about talking; it's about listening. Active listening involves showing genuine interest in others by asking thoughtful questions and engaging deeply in conversations. This is crucial for building meaningful relationships.

Quote: "Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." — Stephen R. Covey

For example, if someone shares their experience at a recent internship, you might ask, "What was the most rewarding project you worked on there?" This not only shows you value their input but also encourages a richer dialogue. Remember, networking is a two-way street, and establishing rapport requires understanding and empathy.



C. Follow-Up

The magic doesn't stop after the initial meeting. Following up is essential for reinforcing the connections you make. Send a personalized message to your new contact within 24 hours, referencing a specific detail from your conversation.

Example: "Hi Jordan, it was great meeting you at the career fair yesterday! I really enjoyed hearing about your work at EcoTech, especially your project on urban green spaces. I'd love to stay in touch and hear more about your experiences."

This simple act shows that you value the connection and helps keep the dialogue open.!

D. Offer Value

Networking thrives on mutual benefit. Always be prepared to offer something valuable to your connections, whether it's sharing a relevant article, providing assistance, or connecting them with someone in your network.

Example: If you recently read an insightful article on industry trends, share it with a contact who might benefit from it. Say, "Hi Maria! I came across this article about the future of AI in marketing, and I thought of our conversation the other day. I hope you find it useful!"

By contributing value, you foster goodwill and build a network based on reciprocity. Remember the words of motivational speaker Zig Ziglar: "You can get everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want."

The fastest way to build your career up was, and still is, networking. No matter what your field of career is, networking is the basic building block if you want to advance. Not only does it help in gathering more knowledge, but it also allows more and more opportunities to land at your doorstep. Mastering your elevator pitch, actively listening, following up diligently, and offering value to others, you'll not only build a robust professional network but also enrich your college experience. So get out there, engage, and watch your connections flourish!

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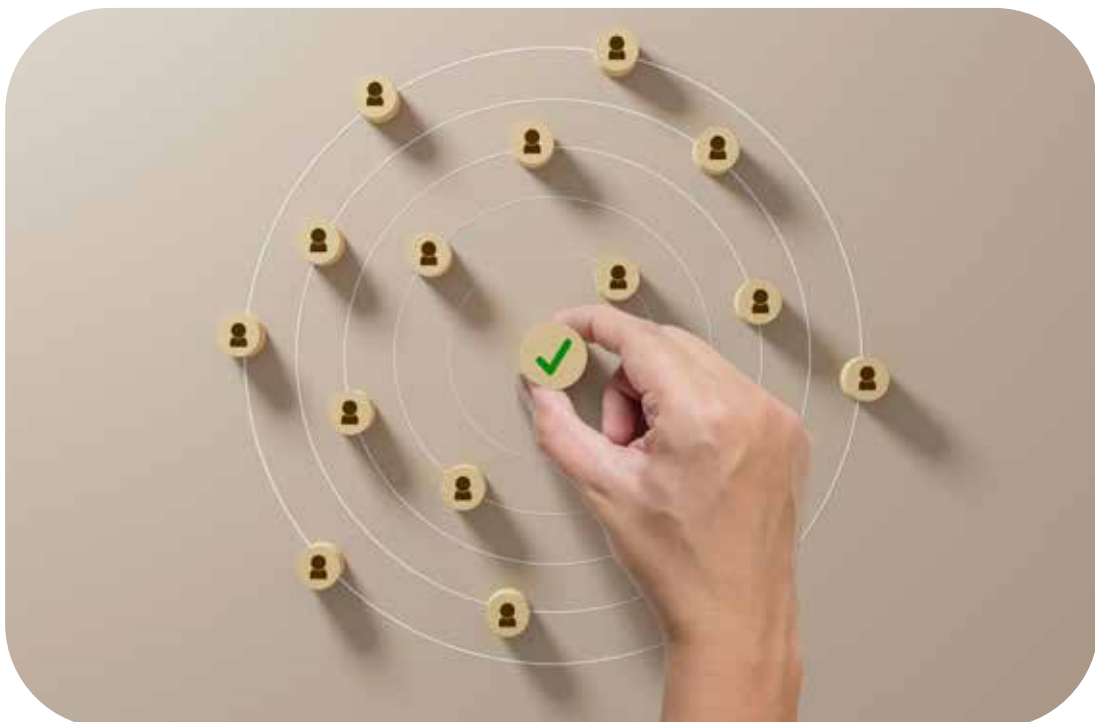
The Baseline Assessment for 3484 1st year Scholars and Endline assessment for 2594 3rd year scholars and Midline assessment for 2546 2nd year Scholars going on.

The Baseline Assessment for 65 1st year Law Scholars and Midline assessment for 42 3rd year Law Scholars going on.

In the 2nd year cohort (2023-24) supported by MSDF, 1319 scholars completed the Aptitude program by Ethnus.

In the current 3rd year cohort (2022-23) supported by Capgemini and MSDF, 1074 scholars completed the advanced Hi touch English program by eAge tutors, and 1738 scholars are in the Technical Skilling program by Coursera. 2329 scholars in this cohort are in the Mock Interview program by SHL.

The Pharma and Law scholars are also in the Coursera program that started in December



Other Skilling Initiatives:



FLY

FLY – A 12-day workshop that started in 2021 with 1800 Scholars having participated in the program so far. 2 batches were conducted in June and 3 batches in July, and 4 batches in August for 2nd year Engineering scholars. The workshop is conducted by CMI - Competitive Mindset Institute Inc. and is designed to teach noncognitive skills for students' personality and character development.

BEST Training:

Two 2023 not placed B.E/B.tech graduates are doing a 6-month BAJAJ Engineering Skill Training (BEST) program on emerging areas in the manufacturing industry at Symbiosis in Pune, and another one scholar is at PES in Bangalore.

NPTEL:

157 Scholars enrolled in the month of August 2024. NPTEL is a certified online technical training program initiated by Gov of India, which ends in November.

English Training Programs:

Access to the English Bolo and Simply English training applications has been provided for 1,900 second-year scholars. The program includes AI and app-based learning along with teacher-led classes.

Crio technical training:

From July 2024, 19 Scholars are participating in 6 months Software Development training.

LearnTube:

Access to LearnTube was provided in August for 400 second-year scholars. It is a platform offering professional courses to enhance technical skills.

TIE US Entrepreneurship program:

An 8-week entrepreneurship training program started in August, with 64 scholars participating and working on completing the assignments to earn certification.

Rishihood Global Leadership training:

35 Scholars are enrolled in the 14-week Global Leadership program, which is designed to develop future leaders through projects, case studies, and practical assignments.

Medical webinar

On the 11th Aug 2024, a webinar was conducted for all FFE medical scholars on the topic "Career options and opportunities in Medicine-A Dermatologist's perspective". The session was conducted by Dr. MK Shetty, MBBS, DVD. MD Fellowship Dermatologic Laser Surgery Consultant Dermatologist & Aesthetic Laser Physician - Bangalore There were more than 700 participants

Mental Wellness Program

Over the past five months, FFE has effectively implemented the Wellness program for all its beneficiaries, aiming to raise awareness and knowledge of comprehensive mental health services. FFE is delighted to collaborate with Mpower Minds for this initiative, aimed at providing a positive mental health environment and eliminating the stigma associated with mental illness. This year-long program involves onboarding students in batches for weekly workshops on Mental Health. Beneficiaries will have access to a 24*7 Helpline number to seek support whenever needed. Additionally, the one-to-one counseling sessions will be conducted as required. To date, 2372 students have participated in the workshops, gaining insights into identifying mental health issues and learning strategies to take remedial action.

QMed Literature Searching program

FFE collaborated with QMed Knowledge Foundation in November 2023 to offer the Medical Literature Searching program for 169 medical scholars from year 2 and year 3 of the study, enlightening scholars on the methodologies to specialize skills in online searching and literature. This program offers skills for online searching in the medical and allied health domain. Students have been actively participating in the 3 modules of the program.

SRIP Internship

4 3rd year scholars completed the Summer Research Internship program that started on May 15th at IIT Gandhinagar. This was a 2-month Internship till July. Students worked on modules like the Development of a portable Universal testing Machine, Remaining useful lifetime prediction of a battery using machine learning, Thompson Jumping ring, and Linear Induction Motor, Video Image Detection.

Thomson Reuters Internship:

Two M.Tech scholars have been selected for internship at Thomson Reuters. They will be starting in October 2024 and June 2025

Placement update



From the 2022-23 graduating cohort, out of the 1455 Engineering students, 1362 (95%) are placed; 1179 students have secured jobs and 207 are opting for Higher studies. The remaining are attending off-campus recruitment

From the 2023-24 graduating cohort with 1508 Engineering students, 1218 (84%) are placed; 978 have secured jobs and 240 have opted for higher studies. The remaining are attending campus and off-campus recruitments.

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