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Summer - A Great Time for Job Seekers

Taking a summer break from job searching can hurt your chances of landing a job once fall arrives. To help make the most of the summer months, Messenger Associates offers the following tips:

Think Temp-to-Long Term: Many organizations hire temporary employees during the summer months to deal with surges in business and inconsistent staffing due to employee vacations.

Network, Network, Network: Summer is a great time to network outside of traditional business situations. Picnics and festivals are relaxed social settings ripe with the potential to make business contacts.

Show Off This Summer: Many managers are more willing to offer informational interviews during the summer, as a result of less demanding schedules. Hiring managers will know you are serious about finding a job if you contact them during what some believe to be traditional job search down time.

Take Personal Development Time: Use the slower pace of summer to take advantage of opportunities to enhance your skills and uncover knowledge about companies you may be interested in pursuing.

If You Decide to Go, Go Wireless: There is no excuse for being "un-connected" while traveling this summer. Pack your laptop or take advantage of computers at retail establishments and web access at hotels. Make time each day to use online job search tools even when on vacation.

Book of the Month

Good to Great (Jim Collins, 2001)

An in-depth look at why some companies experience

continued, sustained growth that is leaps and bounds ahead of their competitors. What is it that makes them different? Is it charismatic leadership? Right place, right time? Unique product? Jim Collins breaks down which factors most contribute to their success.

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“Time is at once the most valuable and the most perishable of our possessions.” - John Randolph