

*** (20:22:04):Welcome to Parent Access , Dawn!
*** (20:34:20):Welcome to Parent Access , Scott Travis!
*** (20:36:27):Welcome to Parent Access , Sara De Vries!
*** (20:36:29):Welcome to Parent Access , Dale Austin!

Sara De Vries says to (20:39:29):
Hi Scott!

*** (20:49:15):Welcome to Parent Access , Dawn!

Dawn says to (20:53:04):
Hello everyone

Scott Travis says (20:53:24):
Hi Dawn, thanks for joining us. We will be getting started in just a few minutes.

Scott Travis says (20:56:28):
Welcome to Parent Access. I am here tonight with Dale Austin (Director of Career Services) and Sara De Vries (Associate Director of Career Services). This is our second in a series of chats for parents.

Scott Travis says (20:56:44):
Please feel free to ask your questions in the box below.

*** (20:57:28):Welcome to Parent Access , G Wolter!
*** (20:57:50):Welcome to Parent Access , KBI!

Dawn says to (20:58:46):
Hello, I was wondering, my son had funds for a job listed on his financial aid papers. He submitted resumes and applications but I don't believe he got any interviews. Are there still jobs available?

*** (20:59:07):Welcome to Parent Access , Paul!

Dale Austin says to (21:00:04):
Thank you for your question. I would email Carla Davis, davis@hope.edu, who supervises student employment on campus. Your student can also view openings on jobstop.hope.edu.

*** (21:00:08):Welcome to Parent Access , cnels!

Dawn says to (21:00:31):
Ok, I will pass the information on to him. Thanks

*** (21:00:32):Welcome to Parent Access , Nancy!

G Wolter says to (21:02:36):

What is available as far as job fairs, etc for graduating seniors, and is this done according to major or pretty much lumped together?

*** (21:02:39):Welcome to Parent Access , neil!

*** (21:03:13):Welcome to Parent Access , Gayle!

KBI says to (21:03:30):

Hi - our son is graduating in May with a degree in Communications and a minor in Spanish. He has had internships the past two summer with a small company, working mostly in the marketing area.

KBI says to (21:03:38):

At this time he seems stuck/frozen when we attempt to talk to him about his path after graduation. He doesn't know what he wants to do. How can we help him.

*** (21:03:39):Welcome to Parent Access , joe & darci!

Dale Austin says to (21:04:20):

Thank you for your question. You may access fairs on our website:<http://www.hope.edu/student/career/calendars/jobfairs.html> I would also be happy to speak with your son or daughter; they can email me at austin@hope.edu

Sara De Vries says to (21:04:47):

It may help for him to talk with a staff member in our office about career options in the regions that interest him, professionals in his interest area willing to share advice to help him, and break down the job search process into a manageable timeline.

Sara De Vries says to (21:05:17):

KBI/ I would recommend that you have your son daughter call our office at 395-7950 to schedule an appointment with Trudi VanderPloeg or Sara DeVries to address this issue. Thank you for your inquiry.

*** (21:06:31):Welcome to Parent Access , gb102!

cnels says to (21:06:49):

Do you meet with students who have no idea what they should major in?

Dale Austin says to (21:07:34):

Sure, we do every day. I would recommend that you have your son daughter call our office at 395-7950 to schedule an appointment with Trudi VanderPloeg to address this issue. Thank you for your inquiry.

Dawn says to (21:07:57):

To piggy-back off your question, cnel, when should a student decide what they want to major in? Sophomore year?

G Wolter says to (21:08:39):

What sort of opportunities are available for graduates with religion majors? do you get many organizations seeking that degree?

*** (21:09:23):Welcome to Parent Access , Dana!

KBI says to (21:09:40):

Thanks so much - I will pass this on to him . He loves Hope, his professors, and friends. This is part of the stress of the transition into life outside of Hope. He needs someone besides us to nudge him out of the nest into the future.

Dale Austin says to (21:09:40):

Dawn: Depending on what they want to pursue, sophomore year may be fine. Some disciplines, like nursing or engineering require beginning the academic planning process in the first year.

KBI says to (21:09:52):

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*** (21:09:55):Welcome to Parent Access , susanluvsitaly!

Sara De Vries says to (21:11:19):

G Wolter - Depending on what additional experiences the student has, and his or her willingness to pursue additional education after Hope, opportunities are available. Career options by major: <http://www.hope.edu/student/career/clusters/majors.html>

neil says to (21:12:53):

Thanks for all at Hope. My freshman is thriving in a great environment. Praise the Lord. Question; Can the college offer a summer organic chemistry class if a sufficient number of students were interested? Thank you again!

Sara De Vries says to (21:14:37):

G Wolter - Our staff members are happy to talk with your student about options that fit his/her particular interest and background. I would recommend that you have your son daughter call our office at 395-7950 to schedule an appointment with Trudi or Sara

susanluvsitaly says to (21:14:39):

My son is graduating from Hope in May, when are the forms due for class rings, announcements, etc.

Dale Austin says to (21:15:17):

Neil: Thank you for your question; I would recommend that you connect with either the Registrar's Office (registrar@hope.edu) or our Chemistry Department. Some students will take classes at other colleges and transfer the credit in.

Scott Travis says (21:16:05):

susan: I can't think of the date's off of the top of my head. Registration for students to graduate, order rings, etc. are also handled by the registrar's office. registrar@hope.edu | phone: 616.395.7760

susanluvsitaly says to (21:16:43):

thank you Scott

*** (21:17:09):Welcome to Parent Access , sandra!

G Wolter says to (21:19:06):

Thanks, Sara I'll pass the number for Trudy and Sara on to my daughter, but I think she either has or soon will be talking to Dale. His daughter is one of her roommates.

Dana says to (21:21:50):

Are there many companies that interview at Hope outside of Michigan?

Gayle says to (21:23:02):

We live in the Chicago area and wonder if Hope can help find a summer job or internship in our area?

Dale Austin says to (21:23:04):

Dana: There are some national firms that would have opportunities outside of Michigan. What areas are you thinking of?

Sara De Vries says to (21:24:11):

Gayle - Sure, we do that all the time! I would recommend that you have your son daughter call our office at 395-7950 to schedule an appointment with Sara De Vries (me) to explore internship options in his/her interest area.

Dana says to (21:25:08):

Are there many students that take a year off and come back? We have a very young sophomore that hasn't quite chosen a major or an idea for career. Sometimes I wonder if a year doing something else might be of benefit.

Dale Austin says to (21:27:06):

Dana: Some students may choose to do this, but it is not typical. If you student has not yet met with a staff member in our office for assistance, we would recommend that.

Dale Austin says to (21:27:15):

Your student can schedule an appointment with either Trudi Vander Ploeg or Sara

Dana says to (21:31:16):

Dale, thanks for the advice....come to think of it, I think you have met with our older son! Now that his season is over, perhaps he can focus on his future. I think the whole recruiting process has been on the back burner until now.

Scott Travis says (21:31:48):

Thanks for the questions. We are available to answer more if you have them. There are also resources on this topic for parents at http://www.hope.edu/student/career/resources/for_parents.html

Dana says to (21:32:47):

My space ran out! I will remind him about Michigan firms that have a national presence. Are many recruiting now or is it more after the first of the year?

Dale Austin says to (21:33:45):

Dana: Yes, I am looking forward to spending more time with him as he looks at his options. More after the first of the year, but I would still recommend that he begin now with networking.

sandra says to (21:35:51):

Were there more Hope graduates this past year 2009 than in previous years who did not go on to graduate school? Because of the economy, maybe they need to get into the work force to start paying off loans. Did they get jobs? What kind?

*** (21:36:54):Welcome to Parent Access , gb102!

Sara De Vries says to (21:37:13):

Sandra - Our graduate survey results for the class of '09 will be available sometime close to spring break of '10. For the class of '08, students were enrolled in graduate school about as often as in previous years.

Sara De Vries says to (21:37:54):

'08 graduate survey results: 61.4% employed only; 24.1% grad/professional school only; 9.2% both employed and enrolled in grad/professional school; 5.3% not employed, nor in grad/professional school

Scott Travis says (21:39:02):

FYI: Hope has a LinkedIn group. If alumni, parents, and students want to use it to connect you can join at http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=77401&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1237475017741_1.

Scott Travis says (21:39:29):

Career Services also is starting to offer LinkedIn advice and training for current students. Sorry, you guys have to learn it on your own.

Scott Travis says (21:40:27):

Any more questions...

*** (21:41:13):Welcome to Parent Access , terriet!

*** (21:43:15):Welcome to Parent Access , Barbara!

Scott Travis says (21:43:52):

Welcome to Parent Access. I am here tonight with Dale Austin (Director of Career Services) and Sara De Vries (Associate Director of Career Services). Please feel free to ask your questions in the text box below.

*** (21:44:16):Welcome to Parent Access , Gorgeousone!

terriet says to (21:46:04):

What services do you offer the students?

Dale Austin says to (21:47:09):

Terriet: We offer a wide range of helpful services that can be accessed through our website: <http://www.hope.edu/student/career/>

Scott Travis says (21:48:43):

We're here for five more minutes if there are any last questions...

*** (21:49:10):Welcome to Parent Access , garrod!

*** (21:49:47):Welcome to Parent Access , Kathleen!

Kathleen says to (21:50:39):

Hi

garrod! says to (21:51:31):

I have questions about the informatics, my daughter is interested in it and was told they do not have anything yet.

Kathleen says to (21:52:15):

I logged on late. Is there a way to get a copy of what was discussed before I logged on?

*** (21:52:22):Welcome to Parent Access , RKRYBAR!

Dale Austin says to (21:52:45):

Garrod!: Do you mean concerning Hope's academic offerings, or are you referring to resources offered in our office?

Scott Travis says (21:53:05):

Kathleen: I will be posting a chat log at www.hope.edu/parents/access. After I edit it, I will post it in the coming days.

Gorgeousone says to (21:53:21):
I too logged in late... Sorry got get these times straight!

Scott Travis says (21:53:34):
Not a problem, do you have any questions we can answer?

Scott Travis says (21:56:16):
Alright, thanks for logging on everyone. Last call for questions.

garrodl says to (21:57:17):
I am referring to options for students. she looked into classes for it and could not find any and asked about internship and was told they have very little options

*** (21:57:39):Welcome to Parent Access , Chris!

Gorgeousone says to (21:57:46):
It sounds like you are always available, thus I will await your edited chat version and email you if questions arise. Thanks

garrodl says to (21:59:10):
she has been interested into computers and most of the classes are for programming, which she is not interested in. she has worked at CIT for several years and really likes that aspect.

Scott Travis says (22:00:14):
Thanks for all the questions and joining us tonight. Our next chat will be: Tuesday, December 8 Chat with Greg Maybury, Sustainable Hope

Scott Travis says (22:01:14):
In February and March we will have chats on February 9 on Housing & Residential Life and March 9 with Alfredo Gonzales on Diversity and Inclusion.

Scott Travis says (22:01:42):
From Holland, MI, have a great night and see you at our next chat.