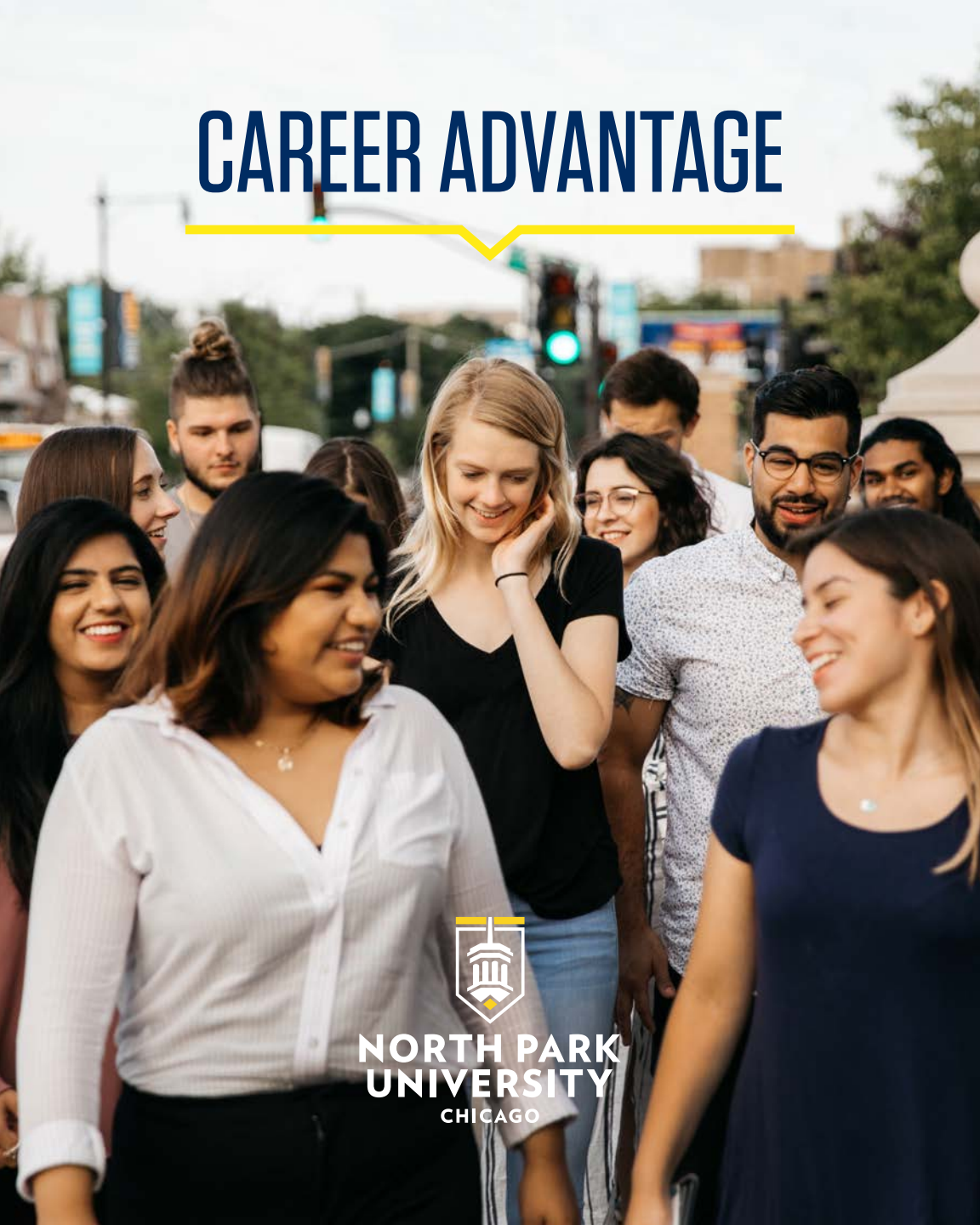


# CAREER ADVANTAGE

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**NORTH PARK  
UNIVERSITY**  
CHICAGO



# JOURNEY WITH US.



## CAREER ADVANTAGE IS...

### A FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Each year has a series of steps mapped out so you can be ready to pursue the right career for you.

### FULLY ONLINE

Once you get started, you can begin checking off each year's steps.

### YOUR CONNECTION TO EMPLOYERS

Employers seek students who have the skills and critical thinking abilities that Career Advantage fosters. It helps you translate your college experience, the side job you had, the trip you took with a class, and the tutoring help you gave to a friend, all into qualities employers want.

### CONNECTED TO THE CAMPUS

You'll connect with a wide variety of departments and events, and get the most out of what the campus community has to offer.

### WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT TO SEE

Once you've completed the program, you'll have over 200 hours of tracked experiences from volunteering, job shadowing, internships, and mock interviews. When we say "lives of significance and service," we really mean it.



# YEAR 1: DISCOVER



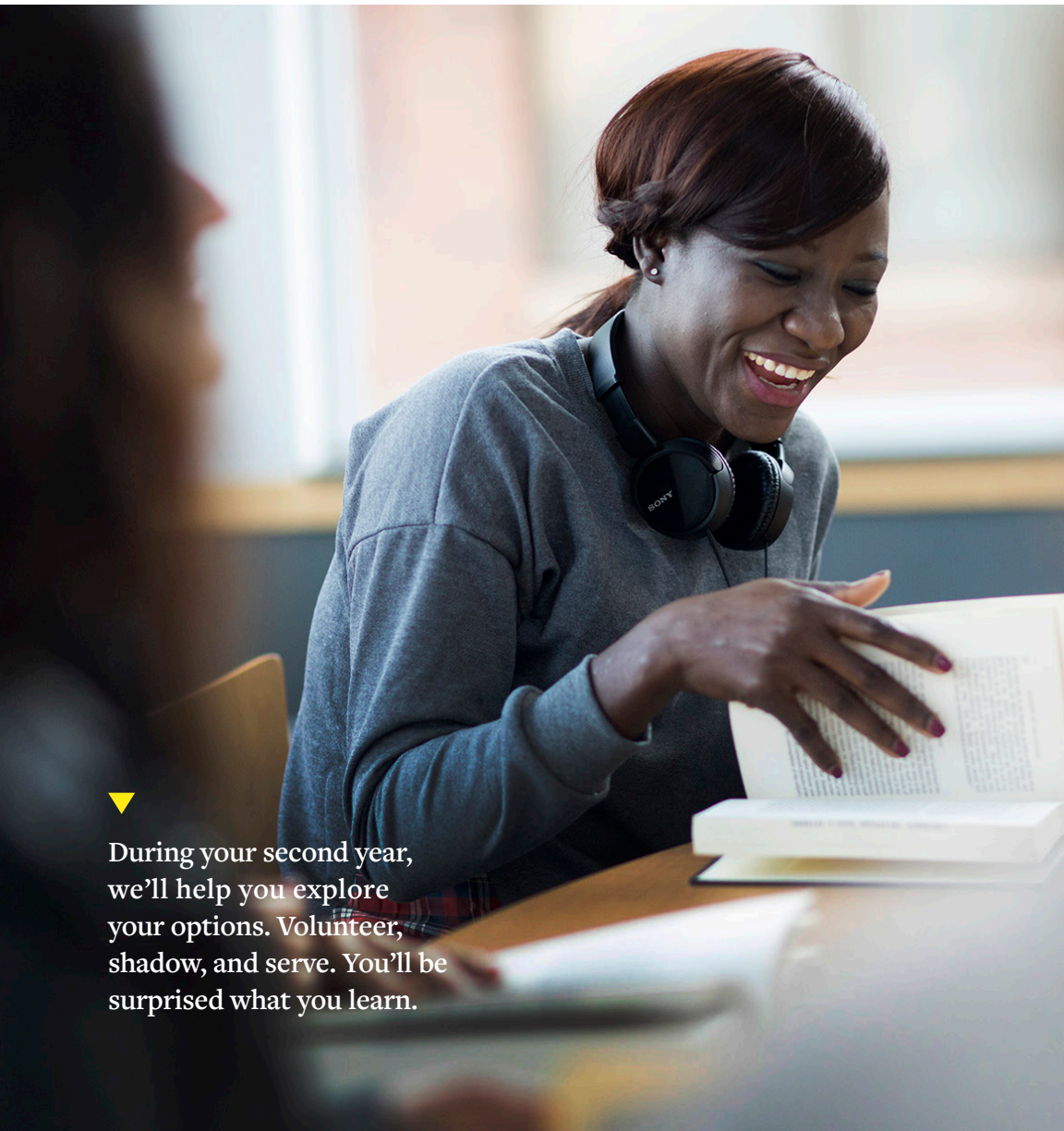
▼ Career Advantage asks you to take a closer look at your story. What do you care about and what are your strengths? We'll discover your path together.

## CAREER ADVANTAGE TRACK

ACTIVITY	RESOURCE
Participate in Threshold, first-year programming	myNPU-Engage, Cornerstone
Complete a career assessment	Career Development and Internships Office (CDIO)
Develop first résumé & LinkedIn portfolio	CDIO, Career Hub
Career interview of faculty in your major of interest	Faculty, ACSR 1030, Center for Student Engagement (CSE)
Interview a professional in your field of interest	Faculty, ACSR 1030, self-directed search
Meet with your faculty advisor	Faculty advisor, CSE
Minimum of 25 hours off-campus volunteering per semester	CDIO, UMin, self-directed search
Attend Career Development events	CDIO
Attend three diversity events in the city or at the Collaboratory	Office of Diversity, City of Chicago, Catalyst on-Campus
Download the LiveSafe app	CSE
Take ACSR 1030: Career Planning*	Faculty advisor, CDIO
Attend a financial literacy session or webinar*	CDIO
Part-time employment*	CDIO
Major declaration*	Faculty advisor, CSE, online
Career-focused writing assignment	Faculty
Engage in any faith based activity on campus or in the city*	UMin, City of Chicago, faculty
Record activities in Career Hub	<a href="http://www.northpark.edu/careerhub">www.northpark.edu/careerhub</a>

\*optional activities

# YEAR 2: EXPLORE



During your second year, we'll help you explore your options. Volunteer, shadow, and serve. You'll be surprised what you learn.

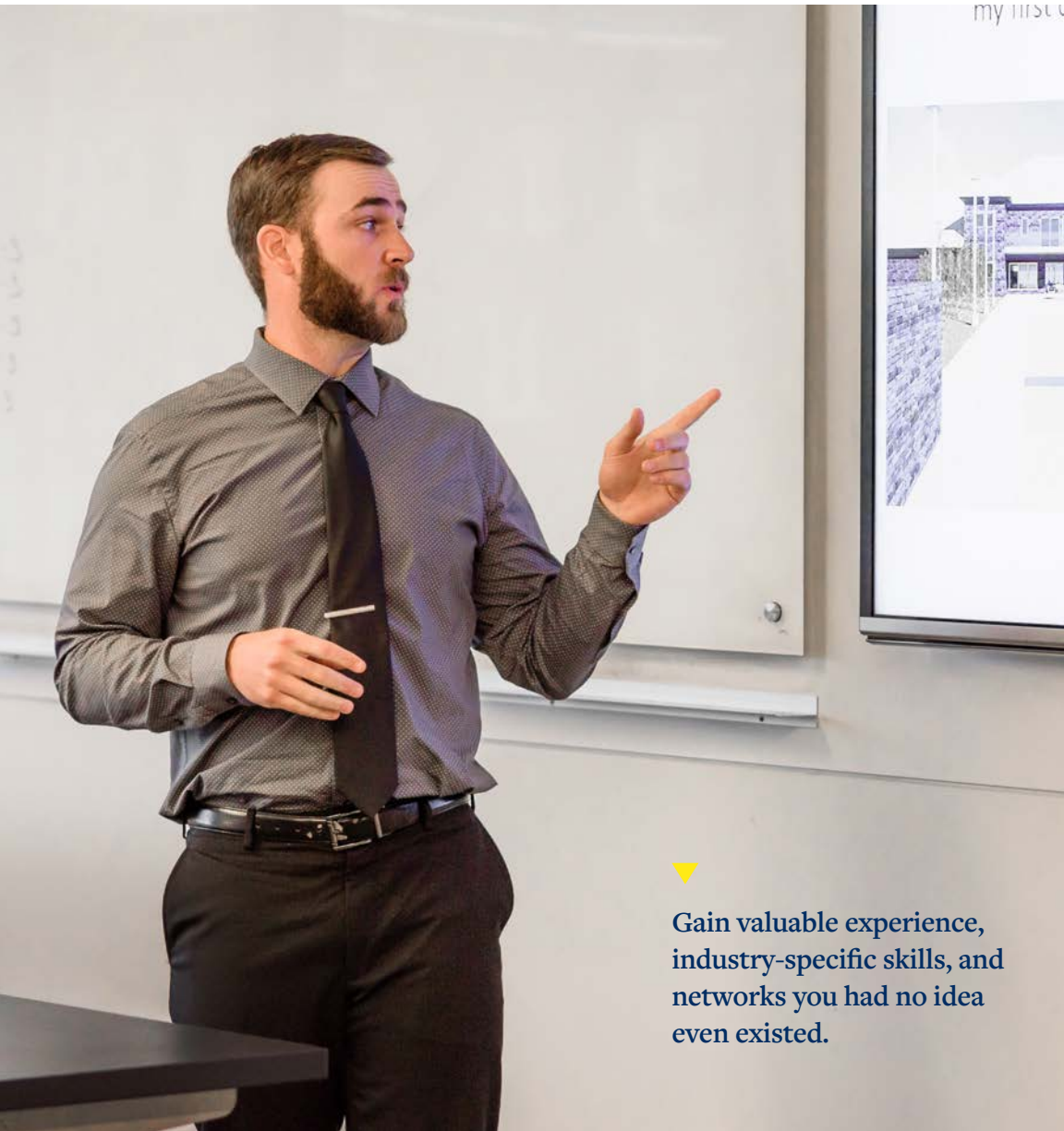
## CAREER ADVANTAGE TRACK

ACTIVITY	RESOURCE
Major declaration	CSE, faculty advisor online
Revise résumé and LinkedIn portfolio updates	CDIO, Career Hub
Minimum of 30 hours off-campus volunteering per semester	CDIO, UMin, self-directed search
Attend three diversity events in the city or at the Collaboratory	Office of Diversity, City of Chicago, Catalyst on-Campus
Attend Career Development events	CDIO
Join a club or leadership group on campus	myNPU-Engage, SGA
Take ACSR 1030: Career Planning*	Faculty advisor, CDIO
Attend a financial literacy session or webinar*	CDIO
Job shadow or part-time employment*	CDIO, self-directed search
Engage in any faith-based activity on campus or in the city*	UMin, City of Chicago, faculty
Global Partnerships, AmeriCorps, or similar program*	UMin, AmeriCorps
Prepare for Study Abroad, Sept.-Nov.*	International Office
Complete a mock interview*	CDIO
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# YEAR 3: EXPERIENCE



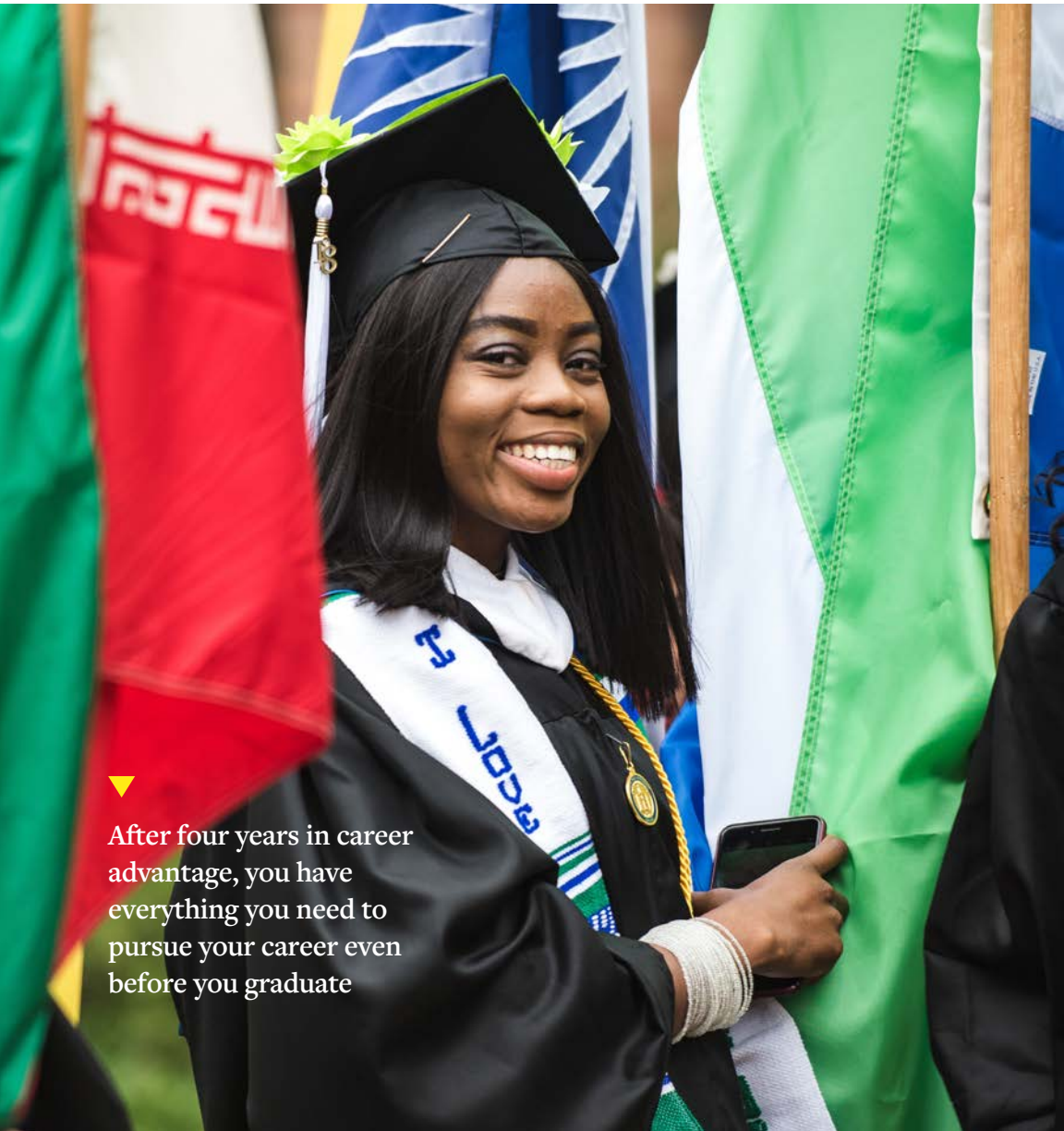
▼  
Gain valuable experience, industry-specific skills, and networks you had no idea even existed.

## CAREER ADVANTAGE TRACK

ACTIVITY	RESOURCE
■ Internship or employment related to career goals	CDIO, faculty advisor, Career Hub
■ Create or update résumé and LinkedIn	CDIO, Career Hub
■ Check your loan history	<a href="http://www.nsls.ed.gov">www.nsls.ed.gov</a>
■ Apply for graduation	Student Services, <a href="http://www.northpark.edu">www.northpark.edu</a>
■ Attend Career Development events	CDIO, Career Development Conference
■ Part-time employment*	CDIO, self-directed search
■ Join or maintain membership in club or leadership group*	UMin, SGA, myNPU-Engage
■ Membership in professional group or group association*	CDIO, faculty, self-directed search
■ Research graduate schools (study for GRE, GMAT, or LSAT)*	Faculty, self-directed search
■ Seek out professional mentor*	CDIO, Faculty, self-directed search
■ Study abroad*	International Student Office
■ Participate in undergraduate research in major*	Faculty
■ Record activities in Career Hub	<a href="http://www.northpark.edu/careerhub">www.northpark.edu/careerhub</a>

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# YEAR 4: PURSUE



▼ After four years in career advantage, you have everything you need to pursue your career even before you graduate

## CAREER ADVANTAGE TRACK

ACTIVITY	RESOURCE
Meet with faculty advisor for graduation requirements	Faculty advisor, CSE
Complete loan and exit counseling	<a href="http://www.studentloans.gov">www.studentloans.gov</a> and FA Office email
Finalize résumé and LinkedIn portfolio	CDIO, professional mentor
Internship or employment related to career goals	CDIO, self-directed search, Career Hub
Membership in professional or group association	Faculty, CDIO, self-directed search
Set up job search preferences in Career Hub	Career Hub
Attend Career Development events	CDIO
Research 5 companies of interest	CDIO, self-directed search
Make a 30-person networking strategy	LinkedIn, CDIO
Attend a job fair or CDIO interview opportunity	CDIO
Attend Senior Check-Out	Student Services, CDIO
Participate in undergraduate research in your major*	Faculty, self-directed search
Prepare/complete graduate school applications*	Faculty, CDIO
Exit Interview with CDIO*	CDIO
Register with North Park Connect and register for free business cards through the Development Office	<a href="https://connect.northpark.edu/">https://connect.northpark.edu/</a> , Senior Check-Out
Record activities in Career Hub	<a href="http://www.northpark.com/careerhub">www.northpark.com/careerhub</a>

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# START NOW



## BE REAL. FIND YOUR PATH.

If experience is key, then why wait? Career Advantage is open to all North Park students. We'll walk alongside you the entire way.

To get started visit:

[www.northpark.edu/careeradantage](http://www.northpark.edu/careeradantage).

To begin tracking your activities visit:

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Students who follow the Career Advantage program are ready to think critically and solve problems, and are miles ahead of their competition. I always look to North Parkers for my new hires in internships and full-time jobs.



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