Meaning and Purpose:

Preparing Grinnellians to Thrive after Grinnell

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How might we shift post-graduate planning from an “opt in” to an “opt out” model?

How might we engage students early, and sustain support over their four-year arc through Grinnell?

How might we provide more specialized, industry-focused advising to students?

How can we strengthen relationships with employers?

What must happen to maximize student participation in high-impact experiences?

How might we strengthen support for early- and mid-career alumni?
First-year Advising Program

• CLS Adviser assigned to every first-year and transfer student

• Introduction over the summer

• Group meeting during NSO

• Individual meeting in the fall
Career Communities

• Specialized advising
• Tailored programming
• Experiential learning opportunities
• Connections to:
  • Peers
  • Alumni
  • Recruiters
Career Communities

- Arts, Media, & Communication
- Business & Finance
- Education Professions
- Government & Social Service
- Health Professions
- Law
- STEM
Employer Recruiting Network

- Focus on internships and full-time positions
- Comprehensive
  - Industry & Geography
- High-tech and high-touch
- Alumni and parent engagement
Global Recruiting Network

Boston
Chicago
Dallas
Denver
Des Moines
L.A.
Minneapolis
New York
San Fran.
Seattle
Wash., D.C.
Global
CLS Grants: High Impact Experiences

In place today!

Priority list for the future!
Alumni Support

• Priority for 2018
• ~30% of graduates’ first destinations end
• Early-career alumni
  • Access to Career Communities
  • On-line Resources
• Mid-career alumni
  • Executive/Life Coaches
  • Initial session covered by the CLS
Impact of these innovations

- Transform the student experience
- Fortify the liberal arts
- Redefine post-college preparation
- Engage and support alumni
- Embolden the value of a Grinnell education
Questions?