



# Sophomore Career Experience

Your Next Step at Rensselaer

March 2009 Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendars for Our Bonanza Giveaway and It's Ben & Jerry's for the Ice Cream Bash!

For those of you who have heard a little bit about the last SCE event each year, you will know two things: (1) We have great giveaways; and (2) We always have ice cream. This year we've decided to go with the best ice cream we can find, and of course, that's Ben & Jerry's! As usual, our workshops will be held at **4 pm and again at 7 pm on March 25 in CII 4050**, so please mark your calendars. We'll start out the program by having ice cream sundaes (a choice of five different ice creams with all the toppings you want). Then, after our employer's presentation, we'll do our giveaways. Bring your SCE Rewards Card...or a good (and honest) memory of what you've attended!

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Final SCE Event for 2008-2009:**

**"From Blackboard to Boardroom & Ice Cream Bash"**

**Presented by GE  
March 25, 2009:  
4 & 7 pm  
CII 4050**

## GE to Present Final SCE Program for 2008-2009

SCE's last event for the academic year, "**From Blackboard to Boardroom**," will be presented by **GE**. While you may just be finishing (almost) your sophomore year at Rensselaer, GE is going to "fast forward" you to senior year. Say goodbye to sleeping in, skipping class, and wearing shorts and graphic T's. Say hello to a paycheck and your future. Join GE and the CDC staff for what should be an informative workshop ...and an insight into your future.

## Get the Most Out of Your Summer Job!

Many sophomores have found great summer jobs, internships, and even co-op positions that are in line with their future career goals. Some students are still looking for employment, while others are going back to what they did last summer. Whatever you do this summer, remember that experience is essential to building a great resume! With some planning, creativity and a good attitude, you can turn any summer job into a career-building experience. Focus in on what skills you can develop – technical skills as well as transferrable skills such as leadership, time management, written and oral communication, ability to work in teams, and organizational skills. All of these skills are what employers look for in their future hires. Ask if you can get involved in training new staff; volunteer to take inventory and create a spreadsheet that departments can use to keep that inventory in order. Still another idea is that you can develop a rotational schedule of all the summer hires. Once you know the skills you would like to acquire, approach your boss. Many supervisors would welcome the request for additional responsibility – assuming the work you were hired to do still gets done. Be sure to document all that you do and add those new experiences to your resume. Don't let the summer fly by without any thought to your future career goals. If done right, this summer's experience could be just what recruiters are looking for!

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