

SENIOR LAUNCH CONFERENCE

Conference Session Options:

- **Navigating the Professional World | Speaker – Jerrod Borkey '16, Director of Operations at The BMA Media Group**

In this session, we will discuss how to transition well out of student life into the working world. We will cover topics such as how to stand out as a new employee, what to prepare for when entering the professional workforce, do's and don'ts in the workplace, communication at work, and living life for Christ as a professional.

- **Establishing a Sound Financial Foundation in Your 20s | Speaker – Jon Graeser '02, Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual**

This session is designed to give you multiple takeaways for you to implement after graduation. Learn about investment vehicles to save your money, why you need to save early, employer benefits, principals for budgeting, biblical principles for navigating money wisely, and building credit so you have it when you need it.

- **Thriving in Transition: Spirit, Soul & Body | Lanie Timko '97, Counselor at Soul Care Place**

When experiencing significant change, it's easy to neglect the simple but essential practices that help life to go better. This session will provide you with reminders and suggestions for how to build strong habits that go a long way in creating a supported and nourished root system for wholehearted living.

- **The 4-1-1 on Job Searching & Interviewing | Kristen Kailer, Associate Director of Employer Relations (Career Services)**

If it feels like everyone else around you has their next step figured out and you're wondering where to start...it's right here! You aren't too late to utilize the CSO's career and job searching resources, build a strong network, navigate applicant tracking systems, and rock that interview! This session will share an expedited overview of the CSO's most important tips and tricks of job searching, applying, and getting hired...get ready to take some notes.

- **(For Education Majors) Tips to Help Keep Your First Year of Teaching from Being Your Last | Tom Wilson '94, English Teacher at West Middlesex High School**

This session will offer tips and supporting/accompanying anecdotes for first-year teachers. The advice is from a grizzled, veteran teacher who still loves his job, and is different from that given to a student teacher...because now it's real.

Express Session Options:

- **Beyond the Bunk: What to Expect from Your Next Housing Experience | Joshua Hoey '07, Portfolio Manager at Arbors Management**

This will be a practical, student-guided session where attendees will be able to discuss housing-related questions with the presenter. Possible topics could include: how to find an apartment; do's and don'ts for renting; understanding applications, leases and security deposits; assessing the trade-offs of renting vs. buying; and knowing when you're ready to purchase your first home.

- **Reinvention: From Grove to Grown | Craig Gyergo '96, Senior Pastor at Christ Church at Grove Farm**

Campus life is unique, memorable and, often, special. While beginning post-college life can be exciting, it can also be daunting. Discover how you can thrive in the upcoming season of life and take steps toward being the person you aspire to be.

- **How to Hack Your Network | Jon Veschio '02, VP, North American Sales at Lucas Systems**

Networking may seem intimidating, confusing or even pointless, but it can be the key to getting your dream job, landing that huge customer or even finding your spouse. Learn some tips and tricks to expand your network and leverage your existing network to be successful in a competitive marketplace.

- **Budgeting – Real Life Hacks, Tips, and How-To's | Betsy Slater '92, Children's Ministry Director at Old North Church**

This session will focus on setting up a budget, stretching a dollar, and establishing a lifestyle to live within your means. Come for a light-hearted look at making finances work as you transition into the adult world.

- **FLEX – Getting Ahead of Your Post-College Crisis | Holly Muchnok '95, Personal Results Specialist at Robbins Research International (Tony Robbins)**

As your time at the "Grove" comes to a close, there is much to anticipate! Maintaining health & wellness in every area of your life will take some forethought and intentionality. Let's strategize with quick tips and a fun interactive exercise on goal-setting, focused on the 4-F's: faith, family, fitness, and finances as you learn to FLEX in stewardship of your one sweet life.