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Tips for Finding a Job: What Employers Want

Your GPA along with other achievements are only part of the picture. When it comes to hiring, here’s what every employer is looking for:

- A smile and a sincere, friendly attitude
- Humility (takes direction without attitude or back-talk, no big ego)
- Easy to work with (doesn’t show frustration/stress, works well in a team)
- Trustworthy (you attend to your job duties, treat customers with respect, etc.)
- Honest (no fear that you will steal, cheat the time-clock, etc.)
- Responsible and reliable (you show up on time, flag problems, no improper conduct, etc.)
- Interest in the job/company (employers want people who are excited to work for them)

When you interview for a job, your style of dress/grooming, body language, and tone of voice all convey a lot about who you are. No one wants to hire a person who they fear will be lazy, difficult to work with, disparage the company, or be unprofessional. Employers want people with strong work ethics and positive attitudes. Show them that it would be a pleasure to work with you!
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Conference Schedule

Registration 9:00 am - 9:45 am

● Session 1 10:00 am - 10:50 am
● Session 2 11:00 am - 11:50 am
● Session 3 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

Lunch 12:50 pm - 1:45 pm

Students must complete and return the enclosed evaluation form to receive lunch.

Workshop Registration

The workshops listed in the following pages are identified by a number. Each session is represented by a different color (red for session 1, blue for session 2, and yellow for session 3). The dots next to the workshop title represent the sessions each workshop is offered. Students must attend the workshop they registered for during the appropriate session.

CRF-OC Mission Statement
CRF-OC is a non-profit, non-partisan education organization dedicated to empowering Orange County youth to be active, responsible citizens by providing high-quality, interactive civic and law-related education programs that connect teens directly with volunteer professionals and civic leaders.

*Room change
Workshop #1: Marine Biology—Lit & Lang Room 145
Take a deep dive under the sea and hear from marine scientists about this exciting career field and how you can start your education at Orange Coast College.
Presented By: Kirsten Donald, MSc, Director of Education & Keith Matassa, Director of Zoological & Conservation Programs - Pacific Marine Mammal Center and Karen Baker, Associate Professor of Marine Science, Ecology & Horticulture, Orange Coast College

Workshop #2: Work at the Zoo!—Lit & Lang Room 145
Attend this workshop to find out about the different career opportunities available at the zoo and meet some of your potential co-workers!
Presented By: Lauren Bergh, Zoo Education Specialist – Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park

Workshop #3: Fashion—Lit & Lang Room 215
Learn about the vast and interesting field of fashion! This workshop will provide an overview of OCC’s fashion program and allow you to hear from a former student about their career in the industry.
Presented By: Lauren Becker, Fashion Instructor, Orange Coast College

Workshop #4: Careers in Veterinary Medicine—Lit & Lang Room 219
Do you love animals? Interested in becoming a vet or working in a veterinary office? Hear from a veterinarian about what it takes to work in this rewarding field.
Presented By: Dr. Kate Robertson, BSc, BVMS, Ophthalmology Resident, Eye Care for Animals

Workshop #5: Careers in Careers (Human Resources)—Lit & Lang Room 221
Are you a people person with good communication skills? Consider a career in human resources (HR). HR managers recruit and interview people for businesses and organizations. Attend this workshop to learn about this in-demand and high-paying job!
Presented By: Katay Wooler, Senior Manager – Human Resources at Mattel, Inc.

Workshop #6: Careers in IT—MBCC Room 124
Jobs in IT are high-paying and in-demand. Hear from two professionals who have held several positions in IT for a variety of companies. If you enjoy working with computers—this workshop is for you!
Presented By: Sonny Uhm & Claude Zamboni, QSC Audio Products LLC

Workshop #7: Personal Trainer—MBCC Room 124
Want to help others achieve their fitness goals? Attend this workshop led by a former Division 1 gymnast to learn about what it takes to become a personal trainer!
Presented By: Reema Zakharia, Personal Trainer, Equinox

Workshop #8: Marketing & Advertising—MBCC Room 125
Learn about the exciting world of marketing and advertising from two professionals at Taco Bell. This workshop will discuss the strategies used by Taco Bell to promote their brand with fans.
Presented By: Jennifer Levin, Senior Associate Manager – Retail Experience & Ricky Ostendi, Associate Designer for Taco Bell Corporation

Workshop #9: Careers in the Law—Lit & Lang Room 219
If you want to make a difference, consider becoming a lawyer. Find out what it takes to be an educator and how you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people.
Presented By: Joe Bahash, Orange County Department of Education, Alternative Education

Workshop #10: Careers in Animation—MBCC Room 134
Are you interested in space? Want to help a human land on Mars, or send a robot to another galaxy? Learn about aerospace career opportunities from an engineer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and how you can help humankind conquer the final frontier!
Presented By: Nicholas Vuono, Electronics Engineer at NASA JPL

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Presented By: Peter Whalen, Senior Game Designer at Blizzard Entertainment

Workshop #17: Careers in Professional Sports - The LA Rams—MBCC Room 220
You know what your favorite professional players do but what about the people working behind the scenes? Hear from speakers that work in the front office for the LA Rams about what it is like to work for an NFL team.
Presented By: Todd Davis, Esq., Vice President - Legal Affairs at Los Angeles Rams

Workshop #18: Careers in the Operating Room—MBCC Room 301
There are many career opportunities in the operating room - from surgeon to surgical tech. Hear from a surgeon about the different jobs available in the exciting field of medicine.
Presented By: Dr. David Ashkenaze, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon

Workshop #19: Be Your Own Boss—MBCC Room 302
Hear from an entrepreneur about how to start and run your own successful business!
Presented By: Mark Grooms, Business Instructor, Orange Coast College

Workshop #20: Forensic Science —MBCC Room 302
Hear from a forensic pathologist about this interesting career field!
Presented By: Dr. Etoi Davenport, Forensic Pathologist, Orange County Coroner’s Office

Workshop #21: FBI—MBCC Room 304
This is a rare opportunity to hear from one of the FBI’s finest agents on working everything from undercover operations to cybercrimes. How does one become an FBI agent? What are the necessary academic and personal qualifications? What are the dangers?
Presented By: Special Agent David Staab, F.B.I.

Workshop #22: Computer Engineering & Coding—MBCC Room 306
Interested in computer programming? Hear about potential opportunities in the high-pay and in-demand fields of computer coding and engineering.
Presented By: Richard Woo, Founder of Code Tech

Workshop #23: Career Readiness—MBCC Room 307
Figuring out which career to pursue is one thing, but once you have made up your mind, how do you get the job you want? Attend this workshop to learn about the skills employers look for and how to nail your interview.
Presented By: Youth Employment Service and Sidra Gaines & Michelle Mahoney, Orange County Department of Education

Workshop #24: Cosmetology & Barbering—MBCC Room 308
Are you interested in becoming a hair stylist or barber? Hear about the different types of licenses and what it takes to run your own salon!
Presented By: Tiffany Alvaro & Baylie Suarez – Paul Mitchell the School Costa Mesa and Shani Obedoza, Owner, & Erica Mort, Manager, Refine Men’s Salon

Workshop #9: Careers in the Law—MBCC Room 134
Interested in the law? Explore careers as an attorney, paralegal, and court reporter.
Presented By: Anne Dwyer, Esq., Chariese Solario, Esq., & Amanda Serhal – Snell & Wilmer LLP and Advanced Depositions

Workshop #10: Careers in Animation—MBCC Room 137
Hear from two animators who work in the entertainment industry about the exciting career opportunities in this field. John Aoshima is known for his work on American Dad, The Simpsons, Gravity Falls, Kubo and the Two Strings, and the new Disney reboot, DuckTales. Sean Jimenez is known for his work on Gravity Falls, Adventure Time, Yo Gabba Gabba, The Iron Giant, Mulan, Hercules, Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Pocahontas.
Presented By: John Aoshima, Story Supervisor at Sony Pictures Animation & Sean Jimenez, Director of DuckTales at Disney Television Animation

Workshop #11: Careers in Public Service—MBCC Room 138
Do you enjoy government and politics? Are you interested in a career that will allow you to serve your community? Find out what it is like working for the public by attending this workshop.
Sessions 1 & 2—Presented By: John Stephens, Esq., Costa Mesa Mayor Pro Tem
Session 3: Presented By: Chris Gaarder, Policy Advisor to Andrew Do, Orange County Board of Supervisors

Workshop #12: Careers in Law Enforcement—MBCC Room 139
Police officers protect and serve the public and society cannot function without them. What does it take to make it in this field? Hear from one of Orange County’s finest about the people who put their lives on the line to protect the communities they serve.
Presented By: Lance Healey, Training Officer, City of Costa Mesa Police Department

Workshop #13: Nursing & Emergency Medicine—MBCC Room 164
Interested in the healthcare profession and emergency medicine? Hear from two Registered Nurses at Hoag Hospital about what it takes to work in this exciting and rewarding profession.
Presented By: Matt Zebrowski, RN and Former EMT, & Debbie Eremita, RN, Hoag Hospital

Workshop #14: Event Planning—MBCC Room 207
Do you enjoy entertaining and planning events? Hear from a professional whose experience includes planning red carpet events for clients such as People Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, and the Walt Disney Company.
Presented By: Belinda Cheng Lui, Principal Event Producer – Bookt Events

Workshop #15: Counseling & Therapy—MBCC Room 218
Therapists help individuals, children and families overcome life's challenges and improve the quality of their personal lives and relationships. This workshop will provide an overview of the different opportunities within the field and how to decide if this is the right career path for you.
Presented By: Hether Benjamin, LMFT, Director of Youth Development – Waymakers

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Science Hall

Lunch Area

Lit & Lang

MBCC

School Check-in Area

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Legacy Hall: Speaker Check-In

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