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Director's Chair...

From Lisa L. Miller,
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DEDICATED TO ALL JOB SEEKERS

This column is being written exclusively for the Career Manager; whom has been told, "The 4th quarter-Holiday Season is the WORST ever to get a Job!" And I say "BUNK!" so, let's de-mystify this MYTH:

Time Period: The holiday season officially starts October 30 to January 15th (approximately 77 days of networking)

Activity: During these (77) days of fun you are competing with week-ends, parties, snow days, incimate weather, holiday closings and a euphoria of anticipation for those magical moments! With that said...

How Am I going to COMPETE with that much drama? Honestly, you are going to be rehearsed in your "I Am, I Do" 30-second commercial. **Have you been focusing on your message?**

Secondly, you must have the competitive edge! What does that look like in this marketplace?

Look sharp...Dress for your position! Speak with Authority! Know who you are, and why you are interviewing for this position. *Sell Yourself!* If I am a hiring person, I want you to convince me that you are the real deal, Don't you? **SHOW THAT X-FACTOR!**

What exactly is the X-FACTOR? As a competent candidate, the person who demonstrates the most willingness, the most knowledgeable, the critical thinker, the Able-Bodied...He/She will get the OFFER. To gain that competitive edge, think about the interviewing process as a time to learn. When talking to the prospective employer, do just that: **TALK!** Think of the process as a conversation...forget about the bantering back and forth questions. Get Real with the Deal!

~ Our best ABILITY is our Availability! GO SHOW THOSE EMPLOYERS!

Stay in the Game! This means asking the question: **WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?** Ask this question every time, all the time of anyone who is talking with you about your resume, and your interest! No matter what stage of the process you are in....**WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?** will save you every time.

It will also secure for you the Who, When, Where, How, and so on of the next step.

Finally, **NOT EVERY POSITION IS YOUR TRUE INTERVIEW.** Scrutinize the job description. Use indeed.com to pull opportunities and read the position descriptions. Leverage this information to your advantage in the 77 days you have until you say:

THIS EAGLE HAS LANDED! And for that one statement, I say, Congratulations!

Peace to you,
Lisa



Happy Thanksgiving



Merry Christmas

Sustaining Member Association

A CareerConnection Initiative

The Sustaining Member Association will meet on the first Thursday evening of each month, at a site to be determined. Look for the information in an email. After you have 'LANDED' you are invited to become a **Sustaining Member**. Please go to your Career-Connection home page and update your profile or send an email to us at ADMIN@CAREERCONNECTION.ORG to let us know your new employer, job title, contact information, etc. Then become a sustaining member of one of D/FW's most elite professional organizations. As a Sustaining Member of an elite organization of professionals, we bring to you continued programs to facilitate lifelong Career Management and Networking. As we look forward to presenting a promising new year and great new forums, we also look to help you grow. The **Sustaining Member Association** committee wishes to welcome you to this great organization! We are confident that the value proposition will heighten your sustainable employment and secure your position in the diversified work world.

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**Tuesday General Sessions for Nov – Dec 2007
CareerConnection Successful Search
Strategies Orientation Class:**

Comprehensive Orientation and Interactive learning modules on CareerTransition. A cast of solid Presenters will completely define Benefits of Membership, Resumes, Business Cards, 30-Second Commercials, Informational Interviewing and Interviewing Strategies! This **NEW** session is full of power and action items
Be a part of the Accelerated Orientation Class.

10AM Opening - Weekly recap, announcements, employers successes.

11AM WORKSHOPS! This segment is all about education, motivation, and *How-To's of the Job Hunt.*

Members are encouraged to participate in any one of the scheduled presentations.

The one-hour format gives clear vision to each attendee and provides some lifelong career managing skills.

NOON Adjourned! Have a Great Week!

NOV 6 WORKSHOPS

>COBRA-BUSTERS...Mike Chapman

>CC WEBSCHOOL...Lisa Miller

13 INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWING...

Dennis O'Hagan presenting

20 RESUME REVIEWS & TIPS...Don Brock

COBRA-BUSTERS...Mike Chapman

CC WEBSCHOOL...Lisa Miller

22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Offices closed until

Monday, Nov 26th. Gooble-Gooble.

27 BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEWING STRATEGIES...

Kimberly Tucker: Training & Development

DEC 4 WORKSHOPS

COBRA-BUSTERS...Mike Chapman

Search Optimization...Lisa Miller

11 SPEAKER: GAIL HOUSTON

TOPIC: ALL THINGS INTERNET – SEARCHES!

18 THEE 'UNCOMPANY HOLIDAY PARTY'

A merry gathering of warmth and fun! Bring your spouse, family, relatives to our Jubilee hall for a memorable morning.

25 HOLIDAY CLOSE: ENJOY YOUR BLESSED HOLIDAY...WE WILL SEE YOU BACK IN THE OFFICE ON JANUARY 2nd, 2008

Have a Productive (10) days on Me!

Jan 8 Informational Interviewing; Dennis OHagan

15 Generational Management Styles

22 "Getting Ready for the Interview"

29 JOB TOUR @ ADDISON CONFERENCE CTR

Group Name	Day /Time	Contact	Phone
Accounting-Finance	MON 10AM	Claire Mullins	972-849-7114
HR- OD Training	MON 10 AM	Jim Woo Pamela Brooks	469-387-7080 214-520-2505
Tech Group	TUES Noon-2pm	Bruce Mathews HAROLD BORDOVSKY	214 912 8127 469 834-7046
Marketing	TUES 8:30 am	WE'RE WAITING... FOR YOU TO STEP UP	
Project Management	THURS 6PM	Diane Diehl	214-495-8265
Real Estate (RENG)	FRI 7:30 am	Dan Newell	214-691-0779
SALES / New Business Dev	TUE 8 am	Dennis O'Hagan	214-507-7475
Supply Chain Management	TUES 12noon	Doug Brown	214-535-0550
Carrollton	MON 10 am	Claire Mullins	972-849-7114
MCKINNEY	THURS 6PM	ARTHUR BULLOCK	214 504 0378
North Dallas	FRI 9:30am	JEFF MORRIS PENNY MILLER	214-543-0555
Keller / Southlake	THU 8:15 a.m.	STEVE MOORE Sheryl Langford	214-228 2461 817-430-3919

OpenForumFridays!

Every FRIDAY... 9:30am Job-Search topics discussed in an open forum of 15+ members.

Join Us each week as we

UNLEASH OUR POTENTIAL.



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~Job Tour~

Start to prepare **NOW** for the next JobTour to be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2007 at the Addison Conference and Theater Centre.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT LIST OF EMPLOYERS and JOB POSTINGS. What a Blockbuster!

~ hireDFWfirst ~

A CareerConnection initiative partnering to build a better economy.

CareerConnection meets every Tuesday morning at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, 9800 Preston Road (at Walnut Hill Lane), Dallas Texas, 75230
New Member Orientation: 9:00 AM -- General Meeting: 10:00 AM