

Q & A with

Mr. Lay

You do not have to be a student to flourish from the efforts of the Texas Tech University Career Services Center, said Jared Lay, Liaison for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR).

“The Career Center is a great way for students to prepare, alumni succeed and employers profit,” Lay said.

Lay said the Career Services Center provides opportunities for alumni through the Raider Jobs database. He also said alumni are welcome to come to the center to visit with a professional who could help them with their career search preparations.

Some students had questions about how they could use the Career Services Center to their benefit. **T**



Dear Jared,
“How do I make myself stand out and more marketable to companies with an animal science degree?”

-Adam Copeland, senior in animal science

*Dear Adam,
“Get involved with campus organizations, volunteering helps as well. Practice some mock interviews, and this will increase your interviewing skills.” -Jared*

Dear Jared,
“As graduates all competing for jobs, how can we show some knowledge and a willingness to learn to get a job in one of the various agricultural fields that we are not quite as familiar?”

-Elizabeth Bertrand, senior in agricultural economics

*Dear Elizabeth,
“Attend Career Fairs, that way you can meet with employers face to face and express what you are capable of. You can change résumé up to fit a specific job you are applying for.” -Jared*

Dear Jared,
“Where do you learn about internships that are available? How important is internship experience when you’re looking for a job after graduation?”

-Abbie Scarborough Jones, senior in agricultural communications

*Dear Abbie,
“You can find information about internships at the University Career Services and the CASNR student services. We have Raider Jobs on our website at www.careerservices.ttu.edu which list full-time and internship positions. I feel internships are very important and can help you get a foot in the door of a company. It is your chance to see if you enjoy working at that company and show your skills to the company.” -Jared*

Dear Jared,
“As an undergraduate, what is the best job I could do that would benefit me the most after graduation?”

-Katie Setterbo, freshman in viticulture

*Dear Katie,
“There really is not a best job per say, we have some big and small companies that plant and soil science majors are very qualified for and are awesome jobs. The best place to intern is a place where you would enjoy working and learning. As long as you are gaining experience in your major area, you will be fine.” -Jared*

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