

Keys to Success 10/19/20 Unlocking the Balance between Wellness & Career Development

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Before we get started...

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Intentions and Objectives

- Identify how emotional well-being and career development intersect with one another
- Learn tangible strategies and explore resources from the UMBC Career Center and UMBC Counseling Center to move forward with career preparation and self-care
- Connect with fellow students who are having the same experience





Difficulties of Life Transition during COVID-19

- Higher degree of anxiety and uncertainty about the future
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Loss of job/internship opportunities
- Remote work/screen fatigue





Acknowledging Systemic Inequity

- Disproportionate impact of COVID-19
- Possible job/career barriers:
 - Networking opportunities
 - Workplace inclusivity/values
 - Provision of accommodations
- Resources at UMBC Career Center for identity based support: https://careers.umbc.edu/students/resources/





Is everything going to be okay?

If we mean, "Is everything going to be the way it was and the way I expected it to be?" then the answer is no. The answer to that question is always no, it always has been.

If we mean, "Is everything going to be the way it is going to be?" then the answer is yes. Of course. If we define whatever happens as okay, then everything will be.

Given that everything is going to be the way it's going to be, we're left with an actually useful and productive question instead: "What are you going to do about it?"

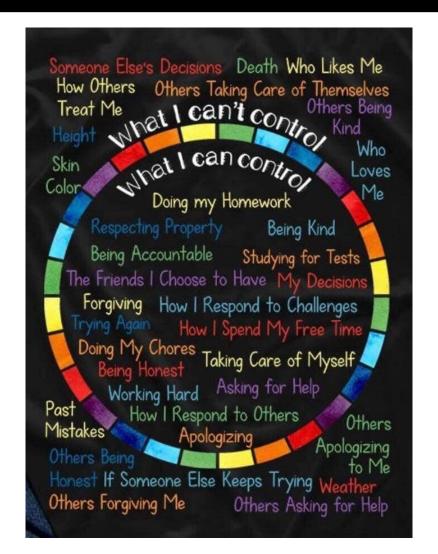
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What's in and out of our control?

What's in our control: what we can change, take action



What's not in our control: practice acceptance





Next Steps...

Change

- Identify realistic steps you can take to improve the situation
- Consult others if you need help figuring out what you can do

Acceptance

 Give yourself space to feel how you feel

 Work to self soothe, distract, and live anyway





Mindfulness

Can help us take stock of ourselves and our environment

Focusing on the present moment; nonjudgmental observation

- Thoughts (ex. worries, beliefs)
- Feelings (ex. excitement, fear)
- Behaviors (ex. avoidance, action)
- Situation (ex. current challenges, resources)
- Values (ex. safety, passion)





Discussion

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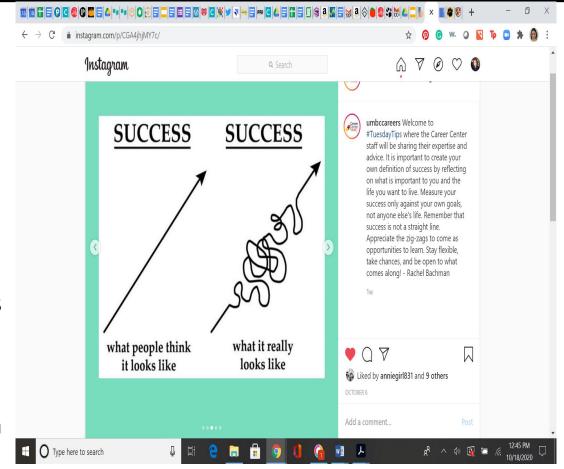
2. What brings you hope?





How can the career center help prepare you?

- Explore Your Options
 - Strength-based Career Counseling
 - Career Assessments and career information resources
- 2. Gain Experience in Your Field
 - Help give you a competitive edge
- 3. Meet Employers & Get Hired
 - Networking is crucial in challenging job markets
- Career Management and Transition Advice
 - Career Success Club and career advice series on social media







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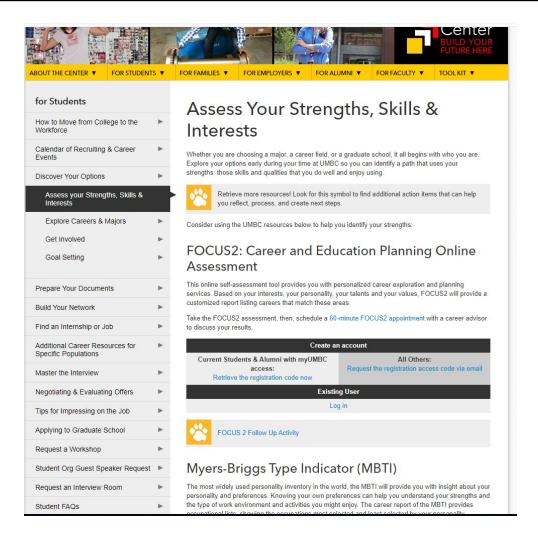


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Free Online Career Assessment & Resources







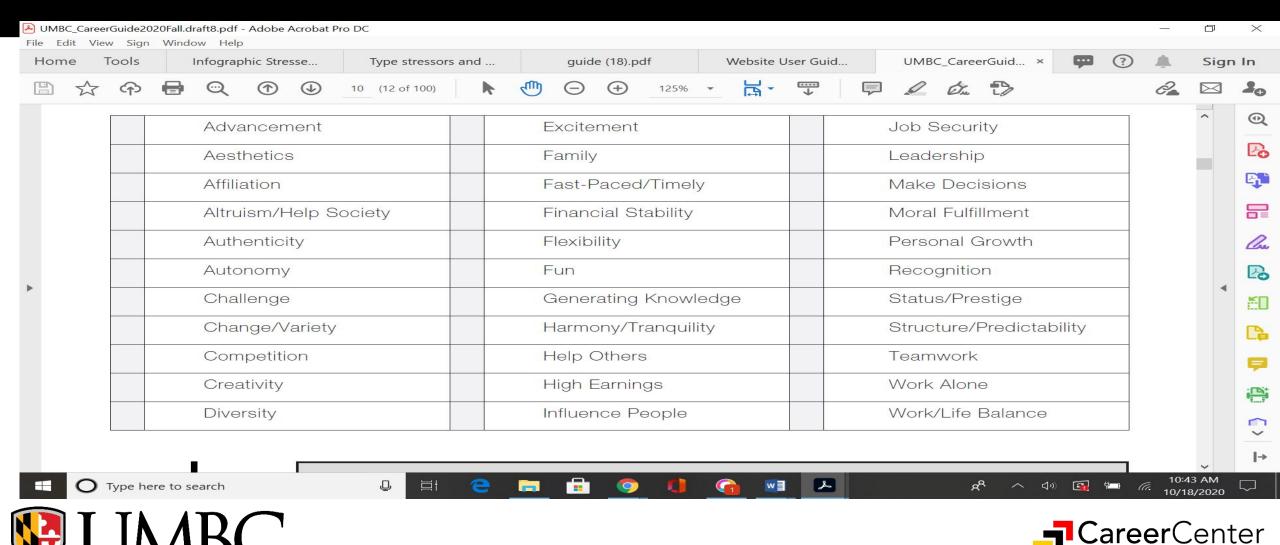
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- Career Interests
- Leisure Interests
- Skills
- Personality
- Values



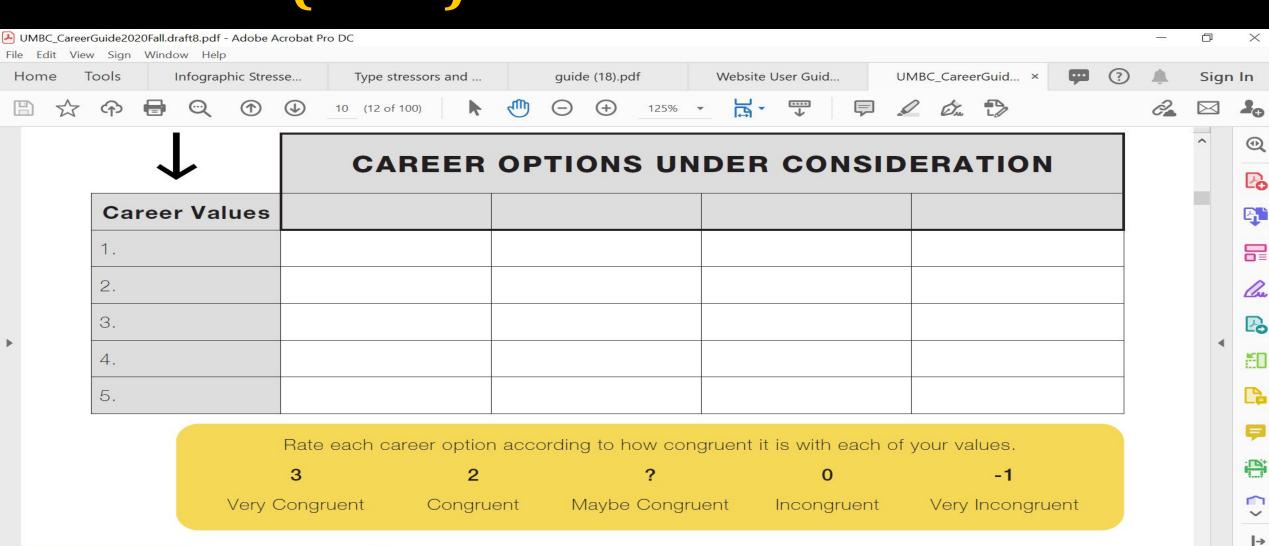


Values (p. 10 of Career Guide)

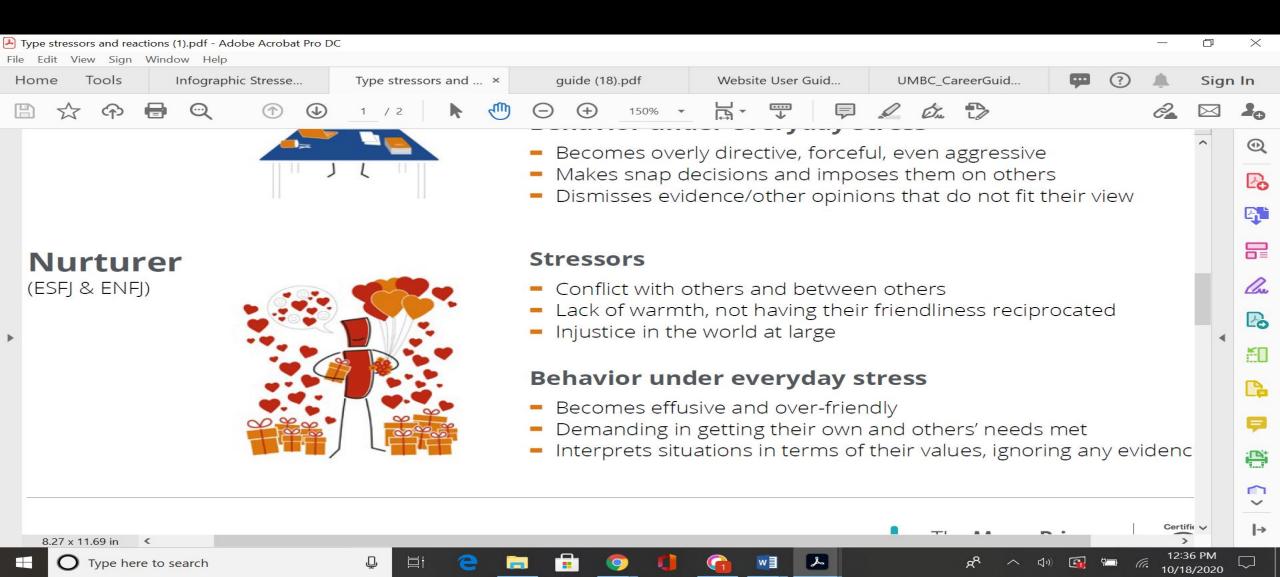


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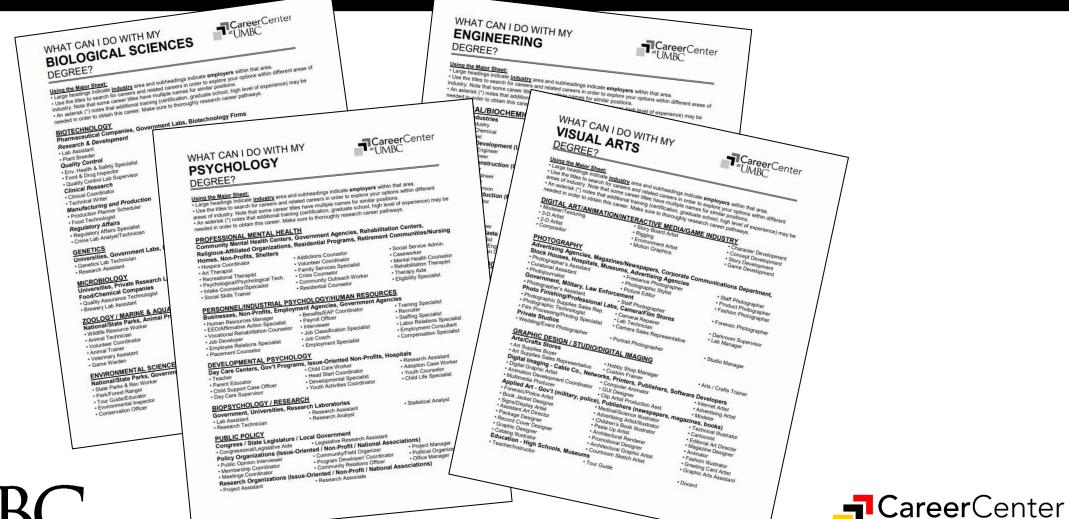
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MBTI Type and Stress



What Can I Do With My Major?

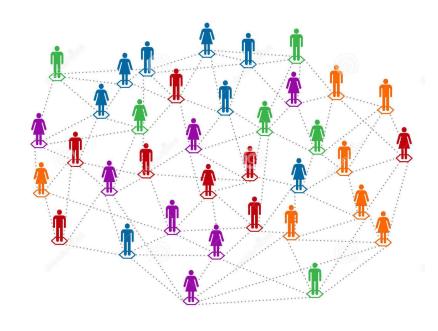


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What is Networking?

- Building your community of personal and professional connections
- Conversations
- An Ongoing Process Maintaining and Building Relationships Over Time







Networking: Benefits and Barriers

BENEFITS

- Gather Information about Potential Employers
- Uncover Job Openings (Tap into the "Hidden Job Market")
- Grow Personal Referrals to Other People Who Might Provide Information or Job Leads

BARRIERS

- Cultural Considerations
- Systemic Inequality
- Anxiety
- Imposter Syndrome





Find All Career Events Here

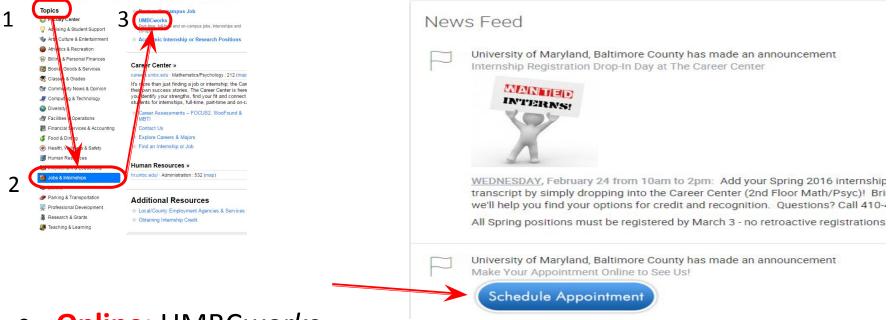








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Counseling Center Resources

Counseling Center:

- During office hours (M-F, 8:30-5pm): 410-455-2472
- After-hours Support Line: 410-455-3230
- WellTrack https://welltrack.com/
- Kognito https://counseling.umbc.edu/resources/kognito/

NAMI COVID-19 Resource Guide: Resources organized based on 12 questions for vulnerable populations

https://www.nami.org/covid-19-guide

Antiracism Resources:

 https://counseling.umbc.edu/resources/statement-and-resources-regarding-racism-an d-systemic-oppression-in-black-communities/





Discussion

Do you have any questions?

What will you take away from this presentation?

How can we support you moving forward?





Additional Literature

College to Career: Supporting Mental Health





Quotes

Epictetus:

"There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power or our will." "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

Seneca:

"We suffer more often in imagination than in reality"

Marcus Aurelius:

"When things are going wrong for us, we tend to allow negativity to consume us. Learn to accept that all emotions, both negative and positive are transient and impermanent."

Viktor Frankl:

"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

Shakespeare:

In Hamlet, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."



