

SSCC Career Services:

Thinking about Work, Careers, and Vocation...

An Ever Changing Workplace - What about work and us?

Next to family, work is the second most important relationship we have.

- We work more hours in this country than any other Western nation.
- The old industrial format, (pre-globalization) where “the Company cares for employees in exchange for loyalty” is the old model of career and nonexistent. (Miller-Tiedeman, 1999.)
- Employment is very competitive.
- We cannot afford to approach careers mindlessly or choose work for superficial reasons.

Reimagining Career Today - Consider this...

- Life and career are viewed as intertwined – connected.
- “Career Ownership” is the new model where it is imperative to take an active role in nurturing one’s career.
- Consider life as the “Big Career” needing ongoing revisions and reimagining.
- Consider career as process and authored by the individual and based on flow – attending to knowledge of one’s self, openness to life events, and recognizing that all of life contributes to life’s goals and direction. (Miller-Tiedeman, 1999.)

Always Remember to...

“Follow your bliss.”

-Joseph Campbell

According to Campbell (1988), your bliss is “the one and only thing you have ever wanted to do with the one and only life you will ever have.” Your career is about vocation from the Latin word vox, meaning voice or your calling (Moore, 2008). What are you called to do? What special skills and talents were you given to share? We each have a mission that results from our call. This too comes from Latin words to send out or commission, missa or madatum; meaning one’s career is specific as being part of our destiny for which we are equipped.

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