# Georgetown University Alumni Career Services



# Building An Alumni Career Services Program In Advancement

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#### **Our Mission**

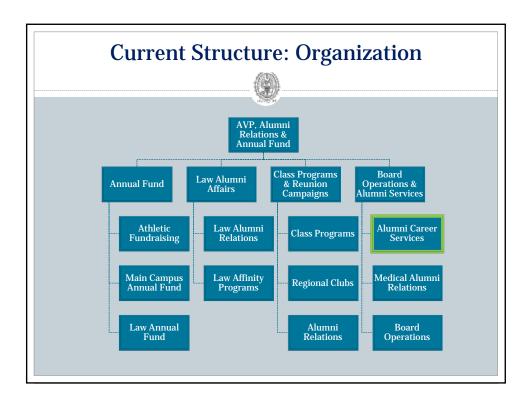


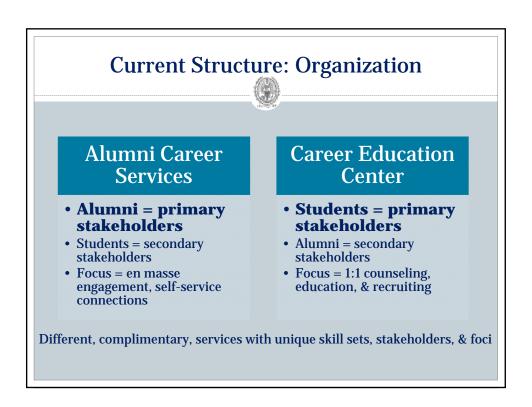
 To provide lifelong career development as well as networking opportunities for all alumni, wherever they are in on their career path. To provide an opportunity & venue for alumni to share their expertise with fellow Hoyas.

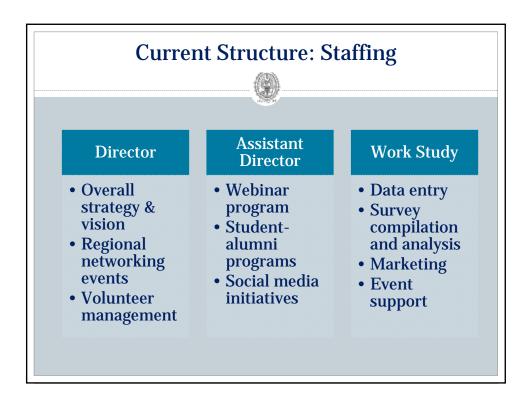
Georgetown Alumni Career Services accomplishes this by providing:

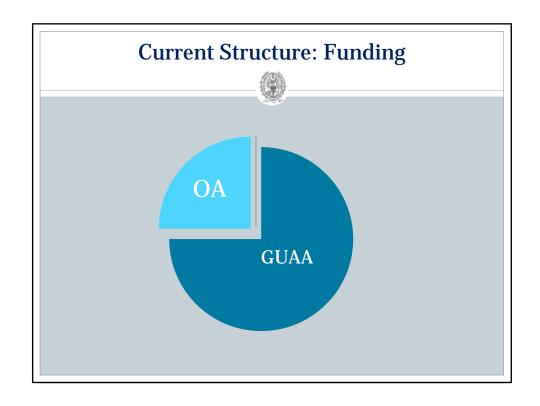
- A strong online, worldwide network of alumni
- Career development resources
- Educational forums
- In-person regional networking events

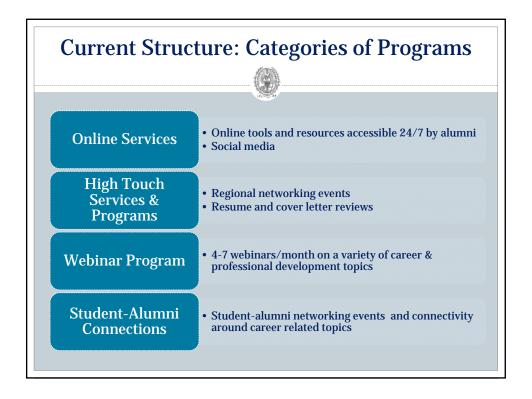
We take a professional development focused approach to career services tackling topics ranging from job search strategy to industry based trends to current events impacting the job market, such as the economic crisis.

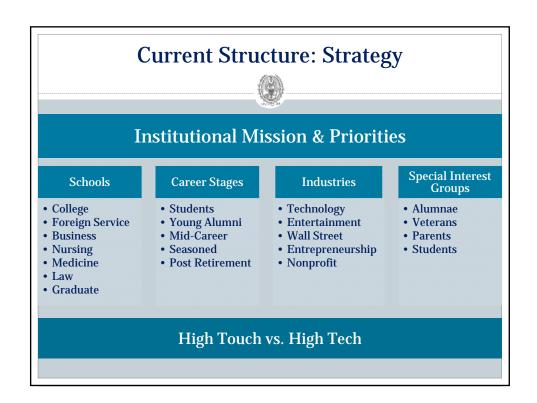


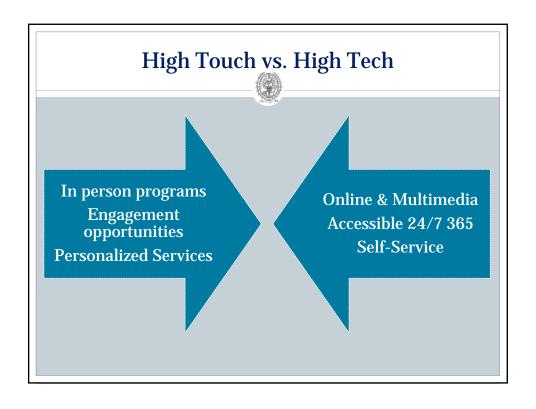


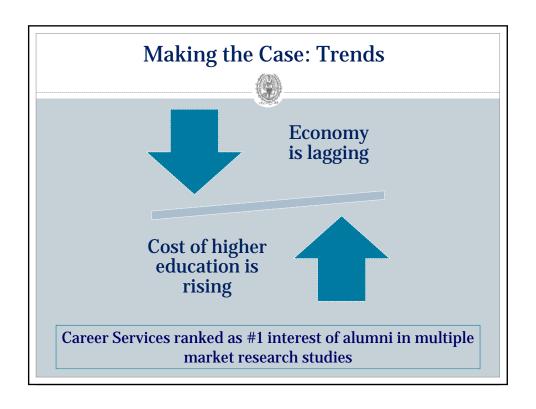


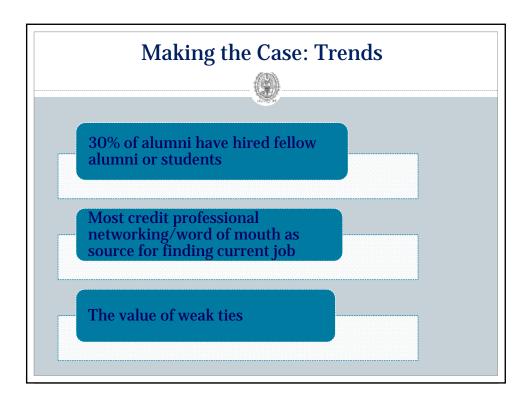


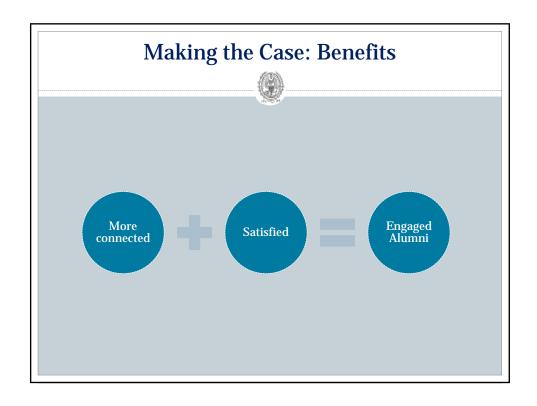


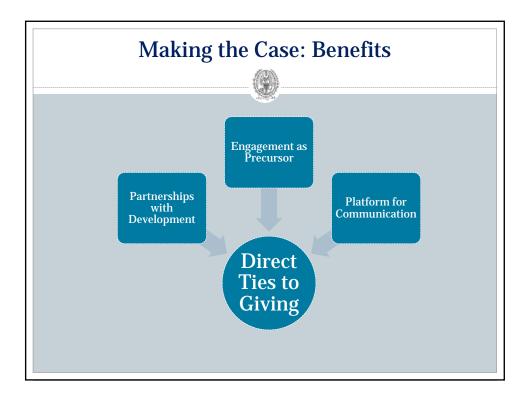












#### Making the Case: Benefits



#### Alumni Career Services + Giving

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# Low Hanging Fruit: Assess Your Resources

- University strengths
- Career Centers on campus
- Alumni population
- Market research

#### Tips:

Offerings will vary depending on your institution size, type, & location as well as where it is housed in the University organization.

Compile resources offered by career centers to alumni in one location.

Alumni career coaches are a quick and easy way to supplement a small staff.



#### Create a Virtual Career Center

- Compile resources in once location
- Utilize vendors as supplemental resources
- Create a Job Search Guide & Web Resource List
- Utilize social media

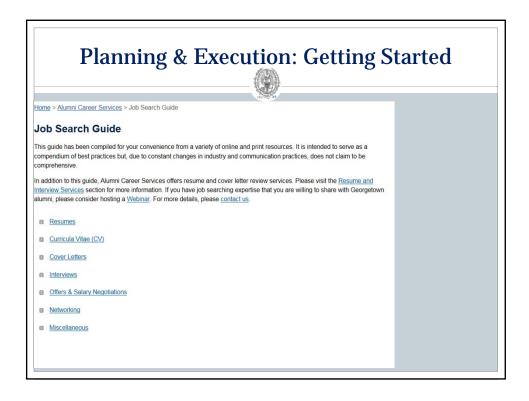
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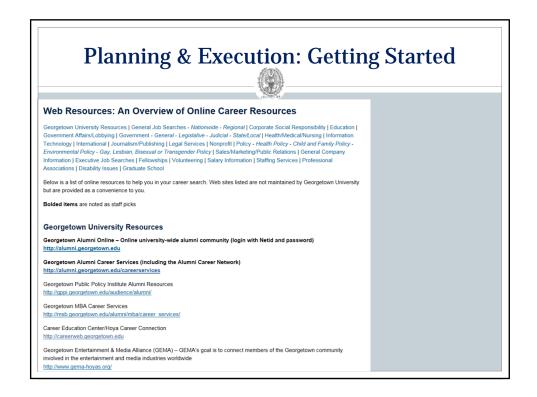
Vendors such as Interview Stream, Career Search, Going Global, Vault, Jibber Jobber, etc.

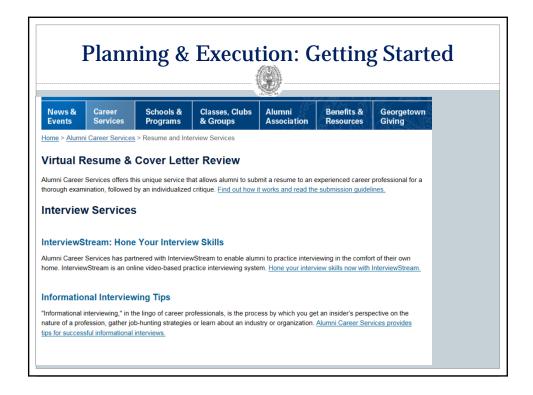
Maximize resources by sharing costs and contracts with other centers.

Do a call for alumni career coaches to list on your site.











#### **Gather Additional Support & Funding**

- Do benchmarking & market research
- Create a plan
- · Get buy in from key stake holders
- Pitch to Alumni Association or other potential funding bodies

#### Tips:

It's okay to start small... Proving ROI may lead to additional funding in the future

Look at the Alumni Career Services Network.



#### Market Research

- Gathering market research already collected at your institution
- Doing your own market research specific to alumni career services

#### Benchmarking

- Penn State University
- Lehigh University
- Brown University
- Stanford University
- George Washington University

Looking at various models for Alumni Career Services while keeping in mind the unique needs of your institution and alumni population.

#### **Planning & Execution: Getting Started**



# Create a Sustainable & Strategic Program Portfolio

- Industry focused networking events
- Soft webinar launch
- Infuse career into signature events
- Partner with regional clubs
- Resume reviews

#### Tips:

Maximize events and programs through partnerships.

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#### **Grow Your Program**

- Increase events
- Volunteer integration
- New program launches
- Increase funding
- Increase staffing

#### Tips:

Continually build your case through metrics and measurement of impact.

Be creative in terms of staffing: student workers, consultants, term positions.

#### **Planning & Execution: Campus Partners**



#### **Partnerships Across Campus**

- Career Centers
- Development Colleagues
- Alumni Relations Colleagues: Class & Club
- Student Groups
- Campus Initiatives & Centers
- Academic Units

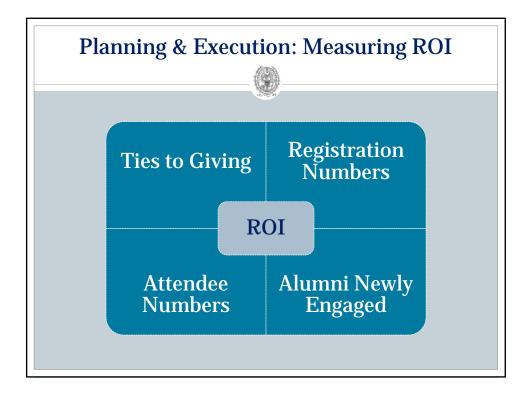


# Planning & Execution: Engagement



#### **Engaging High Potential Alumni**

- Collaboration with Development Officers to identify prospects that have interest towards career volunteer opportunities
- Develop and execute (together!) plan of action to engage prospects through meaningful volunteer opportunities that maximize their time spent
  - **Webinar presenter**
  - × Keynote speaker on panel
  - x Student and alumni networking event attendee
  - × Mock interviewer



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#### Other Measures of ROI & Success

- Satisfaction surveys
- · Young alumni engaged
- Students engaged
- Cost per person engaged

#### Portability: Strategic & Sustainable



#### **Maximizing & Leveraging Resources**

- Starting small, building bigger
- Utilizing alumni expertise
- Creating en masse events for maximum impact
- Focusing on key constituencies, themes, and University mission

#### Portability: Strategic & Sustainable



#### **Maximizing & Leveraging Resources**

- Maximizing partnerships
- Systematizing processes, protocols, procedures
- Utilizing free or cost effective resources



# **Final Questions?**

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