Even with the summer in full swing—flowers blooming and Lake Michigan beckoning—we know fall is right around the corner, and it’s time to get next year’s Calvin Career Center sponsored events on your calendar.

**Engineering & Computing Fair**
Sept 20, 2:00-5:00
Prince Conference Center
*Note early date! Moved earlier by popular demand.*

**Accounting & Finance Night**
Calvin & Aquinas
Sept 26, 4:00-5:30
Prince Conference Center
*Sept and Oct are busy with accounting office mixers and on-campus interviews. Contact Kristy@calvin.edu to participate.*

**Amway Networking Event**
Oct 2, 3:30-5:00
Amici Café, Amway HQ
*Calvin students network with Calvin grads working at Amway and hiring managers. Do something similar at your company! Contact laurie@calvin.edu.*

**Recruiting Trends**
Nov 12, noon-3:00
Prince Conference Center
*Dr. Phil Gardner presents his college recruiting trends research.*

**Internship Training**
Jan 8, 2:00-4:00
Meeter Center Lecture Hall
*Want help starting or improving your internship program? Cindy Brown from Hello West Michigan leads this excellent training.*

**Summer Jobs Month**
February
*We will be hosting employers all month for summer job openings.*

**Employer Conference**
May 7, noon-4:00
Prince Conference Center
*Plans are in the works! Details will be released as the event nears.*

We also participate in the GVSU fall and winter fairs, Teacher Search, Out-of-State Teacher Fair and more! Contact Laurie Lemmen, laurie@calvin.edu, with event questions.
When you first struck out on your own, were you ready to manage your money? How about choose your benefits and retirement plan?

Did you have soft skills needed to perform professionally in the workplace, communicate effectively across cultural differences and manage conflict?

Had you thought deeply about your life, what you wanted to do with it and why?

For many people, higher education provides a solid foundation of knowledge and skills, but some key aspects of successful adulthood are not taught consistently and are learned through trial and error.

According to a 2018 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, only 42% of employers found that recent grads are proficient in professionalism, 33% in leadership, 20% in global fluency, and 17% in career management. These stats show room for improvement.

As a college committed to whole-person development, Calvin began dreaming of a program to ensure our grads are confident in navigating post-college life.

After two years of planning, Calvin LifeWork launched in the fall 2017 as an optional, co-curricular program for incoming first year students. Students who complete the first three years plus an internship get a $3K scholarship their fourth year.

Each month, students explore a new topic. First year topics include resume writing, major exploration, personal budgeting, financial stewardship, conflict resolution and inclusive leadership.

Second year topics include credit and banking, interviewing, navigating career fairs, and developing a job search strategy.

This summer, we’re making changes to programming based on feedback, and we’re putting the finishing touches on the second year content.

With around 75% of students participating, Calvin LifeWork is making a huge impact at Calvin!

Get Involved
We’re always looking for help from employers, with Calvin LifeWork and other programming. Contact Courtney Banks-Tatum, cbt4@calvin.edu, to design what’s best for you. Here are some ideas:

- Informational interviews or practice interviews
- Critique resumes (we had over 600 to review in one month!)
- Speak on your topic of expertise, at an event, class, or student organization
- Sponsor: from providing food at events (thank you Hudsonville Ice Cream!) to funding for program t-shirts
- Interview on-campus
- Set up a display table
- Attend a career fair
- Post your jobs and internships on Handshake, calvin.joinhandshake.com
While the class of 2018 was tossing their graduation caps, the Career Center was finalizing the class of 2017 outcome report. The response rate was 78%. Highlights include:

- 99.4% working or in grad school
- 25% in graduate school, 72% working
- 84% reported at least one internship

**Top Employers** (in terms of numbers)
- Spectrum Health
- Bethany Christian Services
- Plante Moran
- Innotec
- Gentex
- Mercy Health St. Mary's
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
- Kentwood Public Schools

**Top Grad Schools** (in terms of numbers)
- Calvin College
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- Western Michigan University
- Central Michigan University

**Top Locations** (in terms of number)
- Michigan (68%)
- Illinois
- California
- Indiana
- Pennsylvania

**Workshop Wednesday**

**Employer-led Professional Development Series**

Each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30, the Career Center hosts employer presentations on a topic related to career success and personal thriving.

These workshops have spanned a breadth of information, like managing your online presence, public speaking in the workplace, how to make friends, mindfulness and more.

We ask employers to bring in light refreshments and, if possible, giveaways.

This year, we’ll be adding opportunities for employers to interact with Calvin students, such as Friday networking teas and industry-specific panels.

Interested in leading a workshop? Contact Courtney Banks-Tatum, cbt4@calvin.edu.
Did you know?
We produce accounting and engineering resume books and a teacher grad list, and many student profiles are available on Handshake.

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