

ENTERING THE WORKFORCE DIRECTLY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE READY GROUP

Students planning on entering the workforce directly after graduation still have work to do to prepare during this time. Here are some of the things I encourage you to do with your time:

GET COMFORTABLE NETWORKING ONLINE

-Create a personal email address for yourself that is professionally appropriate, consider using a version of your first and last name and leave the numbers, funny sayings, and nicknames out. Ex: hhoyt@gmail.com or haleighhoyt@gmail.com.

-Check your social media platforms! Are you presenting yourself in a way that will make you valuable to employers? Now more than ever employers will rely on checking your virtual presence before offering you a position.

-If you haven't yet, join LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) and create a profile that highlights your skills and talents. Make sure you choose a professional picture of yourself for your profile.

-Be prepared to ace a virtual interview or networking experience by practicing with a friend, parent, or Mrs. Hoyt! Practice answering questions and getting feedback on your delivery. Make sure you know how to angle the camera so the person you're meeting with can see your entire face, not just your forehead or your

KEEP AN EYE ON EMPLOYMENT INFO IN THE STATE OF IOWA

website: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/>

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CONTACTS

If you were already in touch with possible employers before heading into spring, follow back up with them. Let them know that you are still interested in employment and ask if there is anything they need you to do currently to be considered for employment. If you had contacts you were planning on using as references make sure you let them know you are still on the job hunt for after graduation so they can keep an eye out for you, also.

REFLECT AND BRUSH UP ON SKILLS YOU CAN MASTER AT HOME

With the time available, you can reflect on what you want your future to look like. Make sure you're positioning yourself in the best way for the employment you want. If your future plans include skills you can practice while safe at home then now is the time, get to work! Remember if you are still considering employment options you can utilize Virtual Job Shadow on any device where you can log into your school Gmail account, under the 9-Box Menu. Virtual Job Shadow has information on thousands of jobs with what skills and talents you'll need to be successful.