



## RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Framingham State University Alumni

An excellent resource for networking is the alumni finder tool in LinkedIn. This tool allows you to search for and connect with Framingham State alumni. The alumni finder tool allows you to search for alumni in a variety of ways, including by major, where they live, where they work, and other filtering options. To access the alumni finding tool, follow the Framingham State University LinkedIn page and select the alumni tab to search for Framingham State University alumni.

### Career Fairs & Employer Showcases

One of the primary benefits of attending a career fair and Employer Showcases is meeting new people—recruiters, other job seekers, career professionals—to add to your network of contacts. Regardless of your reason for attending a career fair, keep in mind that one of the biggest benefits is the addition of contacts to your career network. Of course, your first priority should be to network with recruiters, but don't discount the other participants at the fair. Be sure to network with fellow attendees. Some of the attendees are your competition, but many are seeking other positions, and the sharing of information and resources can be beneficial, not only at the fair, but also beyond. So, take time to chat with other fair-goers. Also network with fair organizers who may have inside information on upcoming recruitment events, organizations that are recruiting but could not attend, etc.

Don't leave the career fair without a collection of business cards. After the fair, take time to write a quick thank you note to any new network contact you made. Make sure to also connect with them via LinkedIn if you have an updated profile. Make sure to include a note with your invitation to connect to remind contacts how you know them and where you met them. One of the keys to keeping your network strong and invested in your career is by keeping in touch. As with the recruiters, remember to thank them for their time and acknowledge any help they have provided.

Make a list of individuals who are part of your network. Connect with these individuals if they are on LinkedIn. If they are not, reach out to them when the time comes for you to start internship/job searching. Share recent updates with them about your academic studies, achievements, and experience. Inform them that you are actively searching for opportunities and would welcome any advice or resources they can recommend to you.

### Potential Contacts

- Framingham State alumni
- Roommates
- Friends
- Faculty/staff
- Athletic coaches
- Fellow teammates
- People you know from volunteering
- Summer job co-workers
- Job supervisors
- Clergy and church members
- Your parents and siblings
- Friends of your parents
- Friends of your siblings
- High school teachers and friends
- Internship supervisors/peers

**Not sure what to include in your outreach message? Reach out to Career Development and a career counselor can help you put together a message for your targeted audience.**