

# GAINING EXPERIENCE

## Join Campus Organizations

Statistics show that during freshman year, students who are involved with at least one organization have higher GPAs, are more likely to graduate, and have a more enjoyable college experience. Many skills can be developed through campus involvement, including:

- Communication
- Analytical/critical thinking
- Organizational skills
- Leadership

These skills are transferable and make you a stronger candidate for employment or admission into graduate or professional school. Ideally, you should join at least two organizations during your college career:

1. One that is related to your major, so that you can grow professionally and stay abreast of your future industry.
2. One that is committed to serving the community in some capacity.

## Volunteer

### Why Volunteer?

- It gives you a chance to interact in a real work environment—valuable experience that will improve your chances of future success.
- It allows you to test your vocational skills in the workplace.
- It adds experience to your resume. Employers prize experience in the world of work.
- It gives civic-minded students a way to donate skills and services to organizations within their communities.