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RESUME-BUILDING CORNER

OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN
EXPERIENCE THROUGH JOBS,
INTERNSHIPS & VOLUNTEER WORK

1800Flowers in Carle Place is looking for 2 **HR/Business Admin Interns** to assist in managing all aspects of corporate recruiting. Should be able to manage large data in Excel. Send your resume & cover letter to David Alter at dalter@1800flowers.com.

Swimwear Anywhere, Inc. in Farmingdale is looking for a F/T Recruiting/Talent Acquisition Intern to perform searches for qualified candidates, interview applicants, conduct reference checks and more! Paid position. Submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations to Pam Oliver at poliver@swimwearanywhere.com.

For more opportunities, visit:
shrml.org/internship-opportunities

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What I'd Like To Tell My 22-Year-Old Self

As a graduate of the class of 2009 myself and 1,650,000 of my peers entered the job market with a ~~poor~~ dreadful chance of finding jobs in our chosen fields.

After graduation I wrote freelance articles while obsessing over every detail of my resume, applying to every PR job on CareerBuilder and registering with a few staffing agencies. I received my first temp assignment as a file clerk with a process serving company and even though I would be 'just a file clerk' and had no idea what a process serving company did, I walked in the front door in my favorite heels and carrying a copy of my resume neatly tucked inside a folder.

By the end of my 3-hour shift my feet hurt but I had impressed the HR Manager so much that she offered me a temp assignment as her HR Assistant. There would still be filing, but I'd also be writing and organizing and—gulp—recruiting! I had never imagined myself in Human Resources but I said yes without hesitation and on 9/9/09 I started my first "real" job. It was absolutely terrifying and it took me a long time to learn HR basics on-the-job, but I did my homework and caught up to where I needed to be.

Four years later I am an HR Generalist at a marketing company and I think I am one of the few people of the world who can honestly say that I *love* my job. I get to write, create, plan events and use many of my PR skills and I never would have known this wonderful career existed had I not said yes to a temp assignment as a file clerk.

Many of you might pass over entry-level admin jobs because you are "too educated" and that is your choice, but remember one thing—your first job (and second and third) will probably not be your dream job, but you should still be good at it. In fact, you should ROCK that job. It may not always be the beginning of a career but you can and should learn something from every experience and every co-worker so when that dream job comes along you've already gotten your mistakes out of the way.

Basically what I'm saying is to seize the day, seize every opportunity, and get out there and do something! That's how you become an HR rockstar.

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