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On November 20th City Tech PDC and Public Affairs hosted the DSS and HRA Career Fair, which I attended. This seminar took place at the Academic Complex, 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, room A-105. Arlene Joseph prepared students for communicating with potential employers. However, this seminar felt like a panel-style event, as it provided a one-on-one experience by giving students a chance to interact directly with various employers. For instance, this seminar allowed me to meet Rebecca Frazier, the program director of Road to Success. Additionally, I got to meet James Connelly, the director of youth in education.

This seminar focused on preparing for job interviews, exploring various career opportunities, and obtaining valuable insights about these opportunities directly from employers. Furthermore, I discovered a variety of job opportunities and roles, along with how some of them connect to my degree. For example, DOE offers teaching positions, and after speaking with Derell Meyers and Tachia Mori, I never considered teaching a potential career path to educate others about the fashion and business world. This is important to me because exploring multiple career options allows me to discover a path that truly aligns with my interests and skills, rather than feeling limited to having one choice. This seminar also taught me the importance of asking questions and engaging in conversation, as these can lead to networking opportunities and professional relationships. Networking and professional relationships are essential for gaining insights, receiving guidance, and opening doors to future opportunities.

My degree, which emphasizes building industry connections and mastering interview techniques, aligns well with this professional development program by providing the preparation and guidance needed to excel in the competitive fashion and business industries. For example, networking and professional relationships are relevant, as these industries thrive on connections, collaboration, and the ability to stay informed about the industry. This seminar showed the value of communication, adaptability, and exploring multiple career paths to find one that resonates with my passions and strengths. Additionally, this professional development reminded me to keep an open mind about my career path because my degree provides a foundation that spans multiple fields, allowing me to explore various industries and roles. With its focus in communications, marketing, management, and creativity, my degree equips me with transferable skills that can be applied in diverse settings. This flexibility ensures that I'm not limited to a single career trajectory but can adapt to different opportunities and interests as they arise. By remaining open-minded, I can discover paths that align with my evolving passions and strengths, leading to a fulfilling career.

The most important takeaway from the DSS and HRA Career Fair seminar was the importance of keeping an open mind and exploring multiple career paths. What I would share with my peers is that attending professional development events like this can open your eyes to opportunities you might not have considered, such as teaching in my case. This seminar provided valuable skills, such as effective communication, asking insightful questions, and networking, all which are essential in any industry. It would be encouraging for my peers to approach events like these with curiosity and an open mind, as they might discover new passions or opportunities that could lead them to reconsider their career paths. However, joining events like these can pave the way for personal growth and unexpected career possibilities.

