

## Dream job walk and talk series workshop

The professional development workshop was about setting oneself up to get the dream job one desires when graduating. The workshop introduces students to the world of careers in financial services and how to navigate the job hunt. Shannon Murphy presented this workshop. Some of the guest speakers at this workshop were Devin Malone, Grace Bernhardt, and Breanna Karl. Devin Malone is a Wealth Management Associate, on track to become a Future Financial Advisor. Grace Bernhardt is a Director of Sustainable Investment. Last but not least, Breanna Karl is an IT Business Analyst. The Dream Job Walk and Talk Series was virtual on July 16, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 12 PM.

What was learned from this workshop is to find ways to improve your learning in the field one is interested in. Also, start networking whether it's LinkedIn, social media, and much more (Bernhardt, 2024). This workshop assists with professional growth because one has to put themselves out there to get opportunities and build relationships to grow and learn in the field one is interested in. Furthermore, it's important to make relationships whether it's class, work, events, etc because this opens connections to other fields one might want to diversify in.

The biggest take away from this workshop is to not be afraid to be uncomfortable in certain situations. Always strive for improvement and strive to learn (Malone, 2024). In order to grow one has to be willing to challenge themselves. To many individuals they fear this thought because they are uncomfortable with the “what if?”. Uncomfortable can be one changing their major, switching their job, or moving out of state; these sacrifices help individuals evolve in their

career. One can use this takeaway in their professional career by embracing unfamiliar, challenging, or uncertain situations as opportunities for growth and learning.

The Welcome to Dream Job Walk & Talk Series workshop enriches the user's education at New York City College of Technology, especially in their Business of Technology of Fashion degree. The workshop, featuring speakers like Devin Malone, Shannon Murphy, Grace Bernhardt, and Breanna Karl, provides practical insights into the financial services sector and business analysis. This workshop complements the academic curriculum by emphasizing continuous learning, adaptability, and the importance of networking—key elements in both business and fashion fields. For the user's specific degree, it reinforces the integration of business strategies and technological advancements in the fashion industry. The focus on relationship management, technical skills, and effective communication aligns with the competencies needed in fashion technology. In terms of graduation and career, the workshop offers guidance on career navigation, networking, and practical tools like TFS, Outlook, and Excel. It highlights the necessity of adaptability and a proactive approach to learning, preparing the user for diverse career opportunities in the fashion technology sector and beyond.

## References

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