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1. What is professional Development (PD)? How does PD help me in my career?

The Professional Development Center is a student service at the New York City College of Technology City University of New York. The professional development center has one goal and that is to help students with essential necessities for school work, professional advice, resume builder, etc. At the center students are able to speak with a professional who is going to guide him or her through their professional path in order to achieve his or her goals and improve professional skills for future reference. I have been a student at the New York City College of Technology for five years now and although I was not aware of the Professional Development center until my senior year and realized that It would have been extremely helpful to have known more about it when I was a freshman for further help on my career. The professional Development Center could have helped me have a stronger resume to present to employers at job interviews, be able to answer interview questions with a stronger vocabulary and provide a more in-depth answer.

2. What PD have I done so far at The New York City College of Technology?

I was able to attend one of their online workshops called "The Power of Talk: Who Gets Heard and Why" on Tuesday, March 24th from 12:30 to 2:15 PM. During this meeting students were able to find different ways we could approach our supervisors and fellow workmates when we are having feelings of neglect from them or feeling like we are not being respected the way we deserve. My favorite part of this meeting was when every student began to share their experiences at work where they felt like they were not getting the proper respect or recognition they deserved. I shared my experience at KCD Worldwide and how everyone in the company did not respect the interns or recognized us the way we deserved it. In the end I was able to gather up all the different advice from the leaders of the meeting as well as the students.

3. What opportunities does PD afford me by preparing me for my future?

The professional Development Center is able to prepare a fellow student who is looking to pursue a career in the fashion industry by providing me with the necessary advice and guidance needed. I am able to use all the skills learned from their programs and implement them in my lifestyle and career path. Though the teachings of the professional development center I will be able to make better decisions and be more knowledgeable of the industry I am wanting to work in.