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Professional Development: Accenture

The professional development workshop I attended was Accenture 101: City Tech Alumni Spotlight. I found and registered for this seminar through the Handshake app. This seminar was virtual on the Teams application, spanning for about an hr long 6pm-7pm. This seminar was about City Tech alumni talking about their transition from graduating to getting a position at Accenture. Main speakers included; Mercy A, Julio M, Katie S, Rajai G, and Mahalia A.

The main thing I have learned in this seminar is that the transition from graduating college to finding a full time job does not need to be “smooth”. It is completely fine to not be entirely experienced in the job title you're originally applying for when it comes to Accenture. I also learned that it is okay to not know what you want to do after you graduate. Our main speaker Rajai had expressed that when it comes to applying for a job at Accenture they pick candidates who are good in particular skills or participated in school clubs/events rather than looking at work experience. Another thing I have learned is that the resources that City Tech provides such as helping you with writing your resume will help improve your chances of getting a job drastically.

This professional development has helped advance my career because it gave me insight into how jobs tend to hire people. Before going into this seminar I believed jobs would only look at your employment history to look at how much experience you have but it turns out I was wrong. Going forward I think I will try to talk about experiences or skills I have gained through college

to talk about myself rather than my employment history. It will give a chance for employers to see how I was able to actively learn and what new skills I have obtained. I feel learning about this will improve my interviewing skills which I will test out for my upcoming final interview in this class.

I would actually recommend this seminar to freshmans instead of seniors. One thing I regret about being a senior is not participating in a lot of clubs, internships. I feel like now that I'm graduating it will be harder for me to try to participate in events/internships because a lot of companies prefer college students instead of graduates. By showing this to freshmans they will have the opportunity to start participating in events early and help build their resume. I would also recommend this to seniors because you get to hear stories about graduates and how they were able to land a secure job at Accenture without being entirely experienced in their field.