Iowa College Aid **INSIDER**

Nail that interview

Whether you're interviewing for a part-time job, an internship or even your first full-time job after college, these tips will help:

Practice! Don't try to wing it. Prepare answers to common interview questions and speak them aloud.

Do your research. Know about the employer and know why you want to work there. Prepare questions to ask of the interviewer.

Turn off your cell phone. Better yet, leave it in your car. Having your phone go off during an interview is unprofessional and disrespectful.

Be confident. Nonverbal communication can be even more important than what you say. Make eye contact, smile and give a firm handshake.

Send a thank-you note. This is one more chance to remind the interviewer about yourself and your qualifications.

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Succeeding in College and Career

"What I wish someone told me"

College graduates talk honestly about the challenges they faced and what they wish they had known before they started higher education. The experiences of these students of color and first-generation students from Iowa can help you succeed, too. Hear what they have to say in this video.

Keep filing your FAFSA every year

Filing the FAFSA isn't a one-and-done deal. You must file for every academic year for which you hope to receive financial aid. Don't forget that the window starts earlier this year: You can file your FAFSA beginning October 1 for the 2017-18 school year.

Get involved on campus

Campus activities can ease the transition into college and help build your resume. Think about part-time jobs, volunteer work, campus organizations and industry-related groups. These are opportunities to meet new people, build real-world experience and create a stronger connection to your school. Just make sure you find a balance between your academic work and your activities.