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- Think about people you have met through previous positions, conferences, events or professional organizations. Make a list of these individuals you can follow up with regarding your job search.
- Think about your life and people you know—do you belong to a church, temple or mosque? Do you attend functions sponsored by your apartment or condo community? Do you belong to a community organization or club? These are all potential ideas for networking with folks who share a common interest with you.
- Volunteering is a great way to help the community and build your network. Find an organization in your community or through the internet and spend time helping others. You can also meet others in the process, who share the same interest in volunteering as you.
- Classmates, Professors, Advisors, Staff—For recent alums, another opportunity to network! Remember, your classmates are your future colleagues. As you talk to them, share ideas and work on projects together, you are building your network. Similarly, have you had a professor who inspired or challenged you? Let them know that! Volunteer to help them out with any research. Ask them questions related to your professional areas of interest.
- Don't exclude your spouses, friends or family members—they can be great a great resource to introduce you to potential people who can be a part of your network.
- Campus events including those sponsored by Career Development Center—every semester, there are events such as Career Fairs where employers come on campus to potentially find the right fit for their organizations. Get in touch with the Alumni Relations Office and get involved.