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# Career Center News

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## Back to the Adriatic Coast

by: Nia Vaitai



Park University embraces diversity, and those who come from various countries around the world carry with them a plan for life after graduation. For graduating senior, Nebojsa (Eko) Janovic, he prepares himself to take his education and experience back to his home country, Montenegro.

As a Business Administration: Finance major, Janovic is currently a finance intern at Cerner Corporation where his supervisor, Joe P. Price, is teaching him more about the business field and about the company.

“Within a few weeks of working with my supervisor, I learned more about the company and the finance department,” says Janovic. “I love the feeling of being able to produce something for the company and its customers. It’s a step in the right direction to a better health care IT industry.”

Janovic learned about the position with Cerner through Internship Coordinator, Traci Klasing. He sent his resume and cover letter to her and then it was forwarded onto Cerner. Once they took a look at his resume, they called him in for an interview and Janovic took his first step into a new experience.

“It was my first interview and thanks to Traci and Layne (Prenger), I got the job,” says Janovic.

First interviews can be frightening, but Janovic had no fears.

“Students need to remember that companies care about your personality,” says Janovic. “They want to know you have confidence, dedication, believe in teamwork, and are responsible.

“Just relax because you don’t have anything to lose in an interview. If anything, it gets you more exposure and you can make future contacts or recommendations.”

Janovic’s experience with Cerner has more than prepared him to return home and help build his family business. Montenegro is becoming a market for tourism and the opportunity for investors is high.

“I plan to return home and play professional volleyball for a few years,” says Janovic. “In a couple of more years, I can network and hopefully get my name exposed. I want to help improve our family business.”

His dedication and aspirations will help this young man reach his ultimate goal of success. For students seeking internships and preparing to enter the work force, Janovic says, “Network in your city and make contacts. Students should use the Career Development Center and the school for more advertising. An internship is just a probation time to watch and learn from others already in the field.”

As you prepare to get your summer internship or job, remember Janovic’s advice, “Relax because you have nothing to lose. It’s a great opportunity to get more exposure and network.”

Networking is always a benefit to one’s career so start making your contacts and begin your career. For most students, graduation comes with the hopeful prospect of finding a job. However, what most people don’t realize is that locating the ideal job can take up to six months. The best way to ensure a stress-free and effective job search process is to start early. For your assistance, the Career Development Center can offer help and information as you travel down the road to success.

### An Interview with Mark Dau, Commerce Bank, Human Resources

by: Shakir Valiyev

Commerce Bank is a growing commercial banking entity that recently expanded into the Tulsa and Denver markets. Commerce serves businesses as well as individuals from 360 locations in 5 states and has received numerous awards over the past decade.

Mark Dau, Human Resources Officer, recently visited Park to recruit our students. “We have a very good summer internship program which offers students an opportunity to work at Commerce in information technology, finance, or banking operations. Every summer we hire a different number of students. Summer internships lasts two month. After two months of experience, they are given the opportunity to make a presentation that explains what they did and learned from their internship.” It is a great opportunity! For additional information please go to [www.commercebank.com](http://www.commercebank.com)



## Dr. Johannes Paskelian - Assistant Professor of Finance by:Shakir Valiyev

Johannes Paskelian is originally from Lebanon and has been teaching finance at Park University for the past two years. He did his undergraduate work in Lebanon and earned his Masters and PhD in Finance in New Orleans. Professor Paskelian loves teaching and helping people. “Park University has smaller class sizes and it helps me to get to know students better and that is why I chose to teach at Park”, Paskelian shared.

Professor Paskelian is passionate about his chosen career field. “There is no limit to what you can do and finance is the best aspect of business,” professor Paskelian says. The whole world’s economy is based on the financial market and if you want to be competitive you should become a member of a financial organization. For example: If you want to be a Personal Financial Advisor and you have earned a CFA designation, then you have more of a chance to work in that capacity than someone who does not have it. CFA is a Chartered Financial Analyst. Especially if you want to go into the investment field, then you need a CFA designation. This designation is given to investment professionals who have successfully completed the requirements set by the globally recognized CFA Institute. To get CFA designation you have to pass three rigorous exams over at least three years.

In addition to the CFA designations, Professor Paskelian thinks the most important thing for a personal financier is ethics.

When Professor Paskelian talked about finance companies he mentioned that the largest company’s headquarters usually are in big cities such as New York, Chicago, and London with Dubai becoming a major player in the past 4 to 5 years. Locally, he recommended State Street as “one of the best companies in the Kansas City area and one of the big players as they hold big money.” For more information about State Street go to [www.statestreetkc.com](http://www.statestreetkc.com)

### **Student Stressor: Job Preparation for Graduates**

By: Lavinia Vaitai – *Lead Career Specialist*

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There are four basic steps necessary to start the job search process which includes:

1. Preparing and reviewing your resumes and cover letters
2. Finding and researching companies where you’d like to work
3. Knowing and understanding behavioral interviewing
4. Networking through family members, friends, colleagues, and professors

Resumes and cover letters are extremely important and must be informational and error-free. There are handouts in the Career Development Center and online, with guidelines that may help you write them effectively. Additionally, if you’d like to have your information reviewed by a Career Counselor, send them to Layne Prenger or Traci Klasing.

Researching the company is also an important task in the job search process. It is critical that you know pertinent information about the company and what it is they promote, want, or need, as well as how you can be an asset to the organization.

The next step in job preparation is understanding the interviewing process. Being mentally and physically prepared for an interview is imperative. The Career Development Center provides mock interviews in the office to help students have a better understanding of what goes on in an interview and what they can expect.

One of the key elements to obtaining a job is being able to market yourself and utilize networking. According to The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), 76% of employee hires are obtained from networking. Networking through family members, friends, colleagues, and professors is a great way to “get your foot in the door” and start your list of contacts.

For more information regarding the job search process, upcoming events, and career information, go to [www.park.edu/career](http://www.park.edu/career) or contact one of the Career Counselors:

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