

# Alumni Panel

## Advice for Students:

- Networking:
  - Maintain good communication with professors and keep networks alive during school & after graduation
  - Consider an informational interview
  - Stay in touch with your SDSU geography network (sign up for the Alumni listerv after graduation)
  - Make a LinkedIn
- Internships:
  - Get one! Take advantage of internships outside of academia
  - Write down all your duties and tasks while interning
- Job Search:
  - Take advantage of the fact that you're a geographer!
    - Allows you to bridge gaps and provide unique perspectives
    - Provides different lenses to problem solve
  - You have a unique skillset- advocate for yourself!
    - Blend of art and science
    - Geographers can look at problems holistically
      - We are able to take vague initiatives and place analytical frameworks around it
    - The ability to create maps is a bonus!
  - Look at current job openings- what skills are you missing?
  - Apply for jobs even if you don't meet 100% of the requirements
  - Consider having a professional edit your resume

### Need help Check out these resources: setting up LinkedIn?

- LinkedIn Profile Checklist
- 'How to Use LinkedIn as a College Student'
- <u>13 LinkedIn Profile Tips for College Students</u>

#### Get in contact with our Panel!

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