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LEAP NEWSLETTER

The Linking Experience, Academics, and Practice (LEAP) program provides students with customized major and career exploration, intensive academic advisement, and access to experiential learning opportunities such as campus-based leadership, community service, and internships. LEAP supports second-semester freshman through their sophomore year. Contact us at LEAP@jjay.cuny.edu and follow us @jjcleap.

Our Voices:
Anthony Cohn, Fraud Examination & Financial Forensics ’24

LEAP student Anthony Cohn went from advisee to mentor, thanks to being part of LEAP. Anthony is currently a SASP (Student Academic Success Program) Peer Success Coach after applying for the position last semester. Anthony wanted to help first year students the same way his SASP Coach, Tyrell, helped him.

The SASP Peer Success Coach application included an interview, and submitting a paper. Anthony reached out to his LEAP advisor to ask questions about the process and discuss strategies for the interview. And he nailed it! Now Anthony looks forward to being a mentor to first year students and credits LEAP with his own professional development through connections and networking with various offices.

Anthony’s interview tips for his fellow LEAP students Breathe, Think before you answer a question, Slow down, and Make eye contact. He also recommends taking advantage of all of the resources John Jay has to offer, like the library, clubs, and tutoring groups. When it comes to classes, his advice is to try to pick courses that meet two requirements.

If you have questions about on-campus positions, interviewing skills, or John Jay resources, reach out to your LEAP advisor or a LEAP Peer Mentor ASAP!

Great job, Anthony!

Industry & Skills:
Julia Bolotovsky, International Criminal Justice ’22
LEAP PEER ADVISOR

With more and more opportunities becoming remote, Zoom
interviews have become a new norm. Although Zoom interviews are similar to in-person interviews, the way in which you prepare for a Zoom interview may differ. Here are some tips and tricks for adapting to interviews via Zoom:

- Practice answering potential interview questions over Zoom. This method allows you to feel comfortable using the platform and gets you accustomed to looking into the camera when speaking.

- Make sure the camera is at eye level. If needed, prop your laptop up with books or whatever is available!

- Minimize the amount of distractions and noise in the background so the interviewer can direct all focus at you.

- If you feel uncomfortable seeing yourself over Zoom, right click on your image on Zoom and select “hide self view”. That way, the interviewer can still see you, but you only see the interviewer!

- Dress as professionally as you would for an in-person interview. That way you not only act the part, but also look the part!

LEAP wishes you the best of luck with all of your interviews this upcoming year! Feel free to reach out to us at **LEAP@jjay.cuny.edu** for help with preparing for interviews, or review our additional resources [here](#). You can also reach out to the [Center for Career and Professional Development](#)!

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**Experiential Learning Opportunities & Resources:**

**Wed., November 10, 5:50pm - Jay Chat - John Jay Alumnus Joseph Mazzella (BS '16), Manager of Cybersecurity Systems for KPMG.**

Joe Mazzella is a Manager with KPMG’s Cyber Security Services practice. He has worked extensively in the information security field in both education and industry, focusing his career on insider-threat risk management. Joe has also consulted on various cybersecurity projects and has taught courses on cybersecurity. Joe earned his BS in Computer Science and Information Security and has multiple industry recognized certifications.

[Sign Up For Jay Chat!](#)

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