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1. Announcing new blog updates & features!
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Here are the highlights of the posts since May.

12 = Number of posts promised since May (at least one per week)

21 = Number of new posts since May (average almost two per week)

Bookmark, share, and visit <http://hellorealworld.blogtastic.com/> often!

New categories:

“Behind the Scenes” for those interested in authoring their own work

“Book Review” for those interested in further reading

New articles under the Networking/Mingling category:

Part 3: Keep Your Weak Ties Intact

Part 4: Too Close for Comfort

Part 5: The Hand Wave Goes a Long Way

Part 6: Be Fake Before Offensive

New articles under Once You Are There category:

Ring. Ring. Call If You Want Something Done  
Ask Yourself First on the art of asking questions

New articles under the General category:

- Parents and Your Job
- The Curse of a Good School
- Don't Be Resume Greedy

My favorite non-article posting:

<http://hellorealworld.blogtastic.com/uncategorized/where-the-pre-conversation-could-have-saved-the-day/> inspired by a call with an old friend.

Note: Many non-article postings have not been highlighted.

Old Goodies:

Articles under Networking/Mingling category:

- Part 1: The Most Abused Word
- Part 2: It's a Small World

Top three most popular articles from last quarter:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Facebook, Google, and Your Job
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wish List of Courses They Should Teach
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Freshman 15 (and Your Health) at Work

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2. It's back to school time!  
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Do you know someone who has cold feet about returning to school?

A college student who has forgotten his/her ultimate purpose of going to college to begin with?

For many of us, we went to school to get a good job. However, school doesn't teach us how to get a job or how to excel in the real world.

The best gift you can give your college-aged friend, protégé, or relative is one that lays the foundation for their futures. Give them HELLO REAL WORLD! so they can get a jumpstart on their college and professional careers.

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3. August tip 1: Facilitate your student's reflecting session  
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The most important lesson I learned from my less than ideal experiences is how much influence I have over my work experience. I learned to take preventative measures to ensure that I had smooth transitions into my new assignments regardless of how on top of things my employer was. Your student can come up with his/her own list of preventative measures by doing some reflecting.

Below are the questions I suggest to the student. As the mentor, you can conduct this exercise with him/her, ask him/her to submit answers in writing to you, and make sure to discuss point 5 in depth. If your student was disappointed by his/her summer, do your best to rekindle his/her spirit so that it does not negatively impact the next job hunt, which starts now.

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1. What are your overall impressions of your summer? Positive? Negative? Neutral?
2. What made it positive, negative, or neutral? What went right? What went wrong?
3. What did you learn? While I was expecting to gain a lot of technical knowledge during my first two internships, I ended up learning a lot more about the softer aspects of work. Take note of what you learned in terms of both hard and soft skills.
4. What would you do differently? Even if you were not at fault for something that went wrong, is there anything you could have done to improve the situation?
5. Was there anything that happened that left you confused? Ask a seasoned professional, mentor, or career counselor to help you sort through why a situation turned out the way it did.

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Students should keep a record of these responses to refer back to them when considering an offer and before starting a new work assignment.

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4. August tip 2: Review your student's updated resume  
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The start of the school year is a great time for the student to create his/her first resume or update it with the summer's accomplishments. As the mentor, you can explain why frequently updating one's resume is a good idea and offer to review/critique your student's new/updated resume.

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5. Speaking log. Referrals appreciated.  
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I've given several more book talks and formal presentations since my last newsletter. For the speaking history of my formal presentations and details about my speaking services, please visit <http://www.hellorealworld.com/contact.php>.

These were my favorites engagements...

The most FUN was the hour presentation on "structuring effective internships" to the Coastline Community College One Stop Staff on 7.21.06. The audience's positive energy was contagious!

The most PROFITABLE was the 10-minute talk to my high school alma mater PTSA on 5.30.06

The most INTIMIDATING was the 3-minute talk at a Chinese School graduation in Cerritos, CA on 6.17.06. This was my first time speaking formally in Chinese.

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6. My Amazon30 goal  
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My goal is to get at least 30 Amazon reviews by December 31, 2006. I'm currently at 20 reviews. I would appreciate your positive reviews of my book. With your contributions, I'll be reporting that we've met this goal by the next newsletter installment in November!

As a special bonus, I'll offer a 30-minute free consultation or mock interview session conducted over the phone to the positive reviewer or a friend of the reviewer. Please email [Jengyee@hellorealworld.com](mailto:Jengyee@hellorealworld.com) when you've posted the review to schedule an appointment.

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7. Your feedback appreciated  
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This is the third issue ever of this newsletter. Remember, you can view back issues by visiting <http://www.hellorealworld.com/newsletter.php>. Please share with me via email: [Jengyee@hellorealworld.com](mailto:Jengyee@hellorealworld.com) what is or is not working for you and what you would like to see in future blog entries or newsletters. The next quarterly will be published in November.

Also, if you benefited from the tips in my book, I would appreciate your recommendation to friends and a [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) customer rating!

Thanks for reading!

Till next time,

Jengyee Liang, author & speaker

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