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1. Newsletter Consolidation

Here is a combined issue of the HRW newsletter in an effort to recover from the drought in publication. For better or for worse, life happened, and I've been preoccupied with restoring my health. I've decided I need to simplify and will leave open the option of consolidating the separate newsletters for the student, employer, and mentor into one. This should help the regularity of these quarterly publications again.

2. Bonus Reading Tip

Bonus Reading Tip: Read with the Intention to Learn

You may be surprised that you do get more out of this book when you read it with an intention to learn. This applies also to your internship, co-op, or entry-level position. You have more control over your situation than you may think. You can make suggestions about the type of work you want to do that will give you the most learning. You can ask to attend training and conferences that will give you more educational opportunities. You can use your non-busy hours to build your relationships with your colleagues and find out about what interesting work they are doing.

For more ideas, refer to Chapter 14: Making the Most out of Your Experience from HELLO, REAL WORLD! A Student's Approach to Great Internships, Co-ops, and Entry Level Positions by Jengyee Liang; www.hellorealworld.com

Now, I have an engineering background, which could mean this book is most appropriate for students with an engineering background. However, even photography or music majors can glean at least one pearl of wisdom from Hello, Real World. It offers many ideas, including the importance of being proactive and of following up diligently, that are universal across industries, at all points in your career journey, and even can extend beyond the professional aspects of your life.

For more reading tips, refer to Chapter 1: Reading Tips from HELLO, REAL WORLD! A Student's Approach to Great Internships, Co-ops, and Entry Level Positions by Jengyee Liang; www.hellorealworld.com

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3. Back to School

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This would be a good time to re-read or pickup a copy of Hello, Real World and come up with some plans on how to approach your job search during the coming year. Remember that you may need to act early to secure certain jobs where the employer will recruit you during the fall for a start date the following summer.

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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4. The Job Search Post Graduation

A friend made the comment, “I don’t know how to find a job now that I’ve graduated.” Actually, it shouldn’t be much different than when you were in school, but the dynamics are a little different. You may need to pay for some of the career center services that came free with your tuition when you were a student. You may have more time on your hands, which can be a double-edged sword because you are not using it as effectively. You may feel consumed by your job search whereas you could be distracted by your other activities when you were a student.

However, some things don’t change. Don’t put all your eggs in one basket. Be creative about how you find that job lead. Networking is important and can help tremendously. Join an online community social networking site and reach out to people, such as fellow alumni. Also, learn to be confident and comfortable with job searching post graduation. You are likely to go through this process many times in your lifetime. I’m only three years out, and several of my friends and I have changed jobs at least once already. By the way, in spite of his concerns, that friend who made the comment landed several offers and is gainfully employed at this time.

5. A Good Boss, Like a Good Doctor

Is your boss truly interested in helping you succeed? Of course, he’ll want you to do good work because that would make him look good, but how far is he going to support you if you start to do really well? A would-be manager once told me on an interview that he would train me to my highest potential even if it meant replacing him or being promoted beyond his level. I sensed his sincerity and was almost sold on the opportunity based on that promise of a good boss alone, but I wanted different work at the time. Similarly, a good doctor wants you to be healthy even if it means you will see him less often.

6. Your feedback appreciated

Remember, you can view back issues by visiting <http://www.hellorealworld.com/newsletter.php>. Please share with me via email: 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 is planned for November.

Also, if you benefited from the tips in my book, I would appreciate your recommendation to friends and a www.Amazon.com customer rating!

Thanks for reading!

Till next time,

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