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3 STEPS TO Kick-Start Your Career in 2011

By Amy Wolfgang, M.Ed.



It's a new year and many of us spend this time evaluating different aspects of our lives: our health, our finances, and our career. Below are the 3 most important actions you can take to kick-start your career in 2011!

IDENTIFY YOUR CAREER GOALS

Before you can begin to make changes in your career, you need to identify what you are looking to change. Identify a few career goals that you want to achieve in 2011. Sample goals include:

- Develop new skills in a particular area
- Make a lateral move at your company
- Earn a promotion
- Start a new job in a different industry

Once you know what you want to achieve you can begin the work to make those changes happen.

Action Item: Write down your career goals for 2011. This does not need to be a formal document, but write them down on paper or type them into a document.

GET YOUR RESUME IN SHAPE

When was the last time you updated your resume? For some it was years ago when they last applied to a job. For others, it was only a few months ago. Regardless of when you viewed your resume last, now is the time to review it and make sure it includes all of your latest accomplishments.

Look at the bullet points on your resume and ask yourself the following questions:

- Do they describe your responsibilities or do they focus on results? A good resume focuses on what you accomplished rather than the tasks that filled your day.
- Is your resume attractive to read or is it too dense with information? Sometimes it can be hard to edit your own work.

We feel a personal connection to what we have accomplished and we should, however, we do not need to include every accomplishment for every position we have ever held.

Action Items: Review the bullet points on your resume and make sure your accomplishments jump out. Then make sure your resume is easy to read. Ask others to help you decide what you should and should not keep on your resume.

DEVELOP CONNECTIONS

Finding a new job typically takes more than just applying for a position on a website. You need to tap into the hidden job market by making connections with other

professionals. These connections can often help get your resume on top of the pile in front of the hiring manager. Additionally, knowing people at the company you are applying to can help you understand the culture better and the type of individuals that succeed at that company. Developing relationships now will help you in the future, even if you are happy at your current job.

Are you already using professional social networking sites? Great. Are you utilizing them effectively? Have you recently added connections to your sites? Have you joined all relevant groups on the sites?

Professional social networking sites are an important tool to use in a tech-savvy town like Austin, Texas. Once you are connected virtually, it's time to start making an effort to connect with people in your network. Take them to coffee or schedule a phone conversation. You want individuals to keep you in the front of their mind for when an opportunity comes up. Remember, part of developing relationships is reciprocating. It's a two way street. Think about how you can help the individual you are connecting with and offer that help.

Action Items: Join professional social networking sites and "invite" those you know to join your network. Then search for good contacts to have personal meetings and conversations with.

In a tight job market, you need every advantage you can get. These actions will give you a leg up and lead to a great career in 2011!

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The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

January 2010 Upcoming Events

- **January 11 - Sooper Puppy Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center.** Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with age appropriate life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.
- **January 13 - VIPS General Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center.** Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!
- **January 14 PIE Student Mentor Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center.** Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. District approved mentors meet with students weekly during school hours on school campuses. Along with this two hour training, an application and criminal background check are required.
- **January 25 Junior Achievement Volunteer Training – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center.** The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

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The Cy-Fair Community Band was initiated about three years ago, with approximately five or six musicians coming together to explore their common interest in music and their enjoyment of playing together. They have grown to 33 members who just love to play music and share their talents for the enjoyment they get from playing. They have evolved into an accomplished group of band

members and have recently changed their name to Sounds of Cypress. DeeDee Flores is director of group. By day she is a band director at Plummer Middle School. Her ability has led the group to develop polished performances which they are anxious to share.

This accomplished group is ready to perform for group events. They have a great programme of musical selections. Also, they can tailor their selections to the interests age of your group. Children, teens, and adults will enjoy the music of the Sounds of Cypress Band. For more information, email the director, DeeDee Flores at ddfex@aol.com or call her at 713-410-8051.

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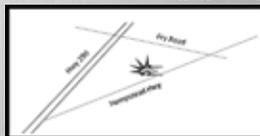
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Our meeting will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Please join us there Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 pm for refreshments and fellowship with other Aggie Moms. Listen to an excellent speaker, learn more about upcoming Aggie Mom events, explore gift items in our Aggie Boutique, win door prizes and book money for your student, and learn more about upcoming scholarship opportunities. **For more information about NWHC Aggie Mom events, check out our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494.**

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The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2011 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 275 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



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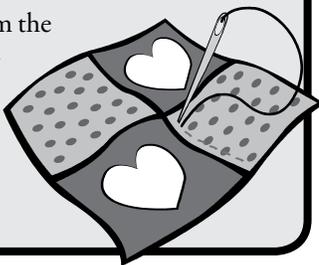
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EVENT: Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking Luncheon

WHEN: January 27, 2011

TIME: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE: Houston National Golf Club
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NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by January 21 @ www.cyfen.org or call Darlene Hajduk @ 713-939-9730.

We are now accepting sponsorship and vendor registration for the 2011 Cy-Fair Women's Expo on April 28, 2011. More information @ www.cyfen.org. Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



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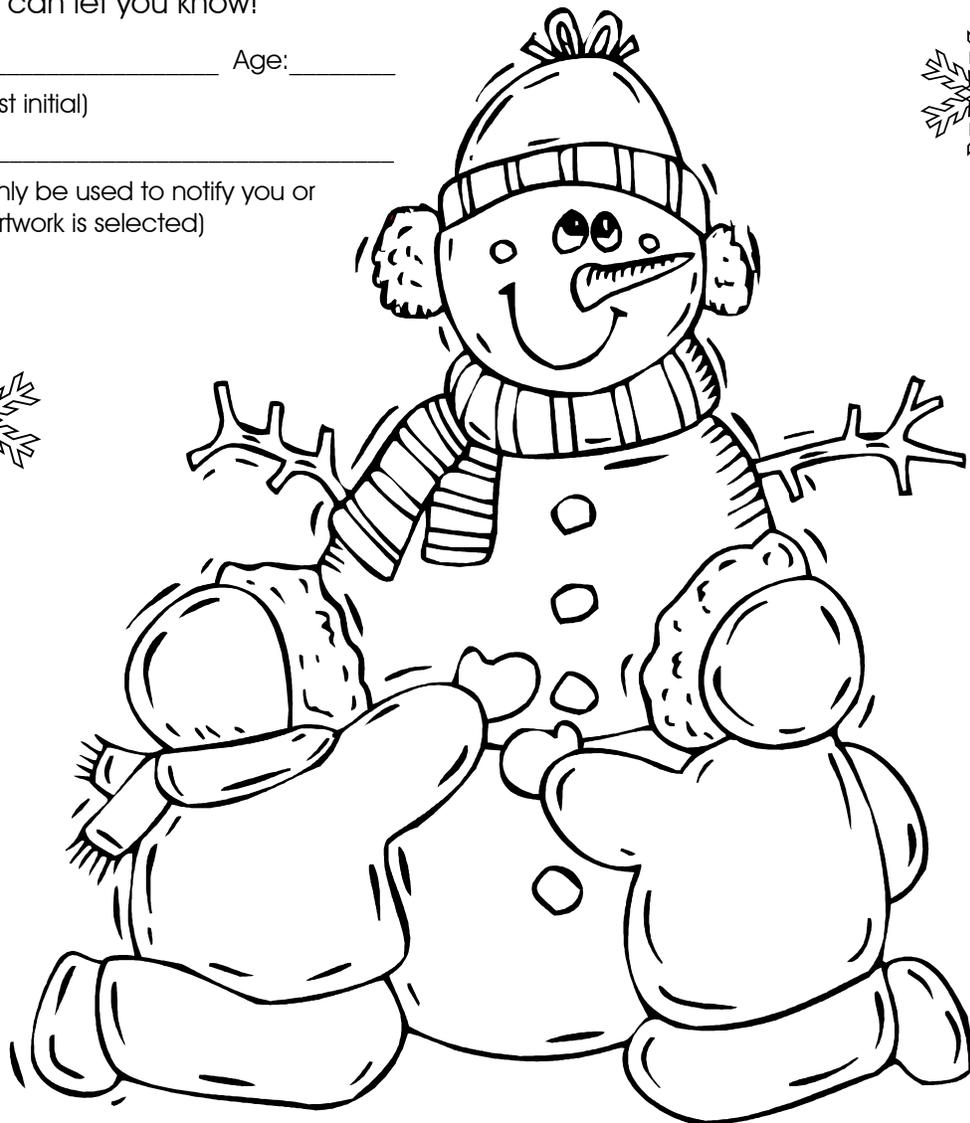
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\$500,000 and above	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$176,000--\$200,000	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
\$151,00--\$175,000	2	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
\$141,000--\$150,000	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
\$121,000--\$140,000	3	3	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	3
\$101,000--\$120,000	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
\$100,000 and below	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	7	5	11	6	4	5	2	4	3
Highest \$/sq ft	\$70.57	\$77.72	\$75.74	\$77.09	\$84.71	\$73.16	\$68.41	\$70.66	\$74.85	\$70.77

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