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LI job fair and advice for graduates

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With college graduations just weeks away, it's time to talk job opportunities and career success.

The Long Island Advertising Club will hold a job fair for prospective interns and freelancers, as part of its effort to keep talent on Long Island.

The fair will take place April 29 at 6 p.m. at Farmingdale State College's Roosevelt Hall. The fair is open to local college students looking for internships. It's also open to freelancers. Area ad agencies and corporate marketing departments have been invited.

For more information go to: www.liac.org

If you're a recent grad looking for a job, you might want to consider some tips for success before the big job interview. Here are a few from Peter Handal, president and chief executive Dale Carnegie Training in Hauppauge.

-Expect the unexpected: Be quick, attentive and flexible from Day One. And tackle new challenges with composure and enthusiasm.

-Project a positive attitude: "You may be overwhelmed or frustrated at first," he says, "but try to remain helpful and optimistic."

-Show eagerness to learn. Listen attentively and ask questions. Search for creative ways to contribute to more productive work.

-Make personal connections. Get to know your boss and co-workers to enhance your work experience.

-Get organized. "Working regular hours, you may not be able to pull the all-nighters you could in college," he says.