

Resume Writing Workshop Highlights: Insights from Dylan Wilson, Executive Director of Edible Schoolyard Kern County

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Dylan Wilson shares resume tips with BPA students on March 7, 2025.

Introduction

Imagine a room filled with eager students, all ready to soak up wisdom from Dylan Wilson, the dynamic Executive Director of the Edible Schoolyard Kern County. This workshop was more than just a lecture; it was a gateway to mastering the art of resume building. It was the first in a series of sessions on career readiness. While the session primarily catered to Agricultural Business students, it also welcomed others from the College of Business and Public Administration.

Dylan Wilson's Journey: A Tale of Passion and Perseverance

Dylan Wilson's story is nothing short of inspiring. He shared his journey, filled with diverse experiences and relentless pursuit of his passions:

- ✓ **Seizing Opportunities:** Wilson never shied away from opportunities that piqued his interest, even if it meant working tirelessly with only three days off as happened one summer.
- ✓ **Supply Chain Coordinator:** He once managed the supply chain for baby carrots for a regional company, a role that honed his organizational skills.
- ✓ **Following His Heart:** His passion led him to the Edible Schoolyard and the non-profit sector, where he found his true calling.
- ✓ **Leadership Challenges:** Wilson candidly spoke about the difficulties of hiring and firing, emphasizing the emotional weight of these decisions.

Engaging Student Participation

The workshop buzzed with energy as about a dozen students introduced themselves, shared their majors, and discussed where they envisioned themselves in six months. The diverse group included majors in AGBS, Accounting, Marketing, Business Administration, ERM, and Political Science.

Key Takeaways: Nuggets of Wisdom

Wilson's advice was both practical and profound, leaving students with actionable insights:

- **Crafting a Compelling Resume:** Wilson, a self-proclaimed "conveyor of knowledge," stressed that a resume should tell a story and convey a clear message. He highlighted the importance of networking and noted that a resume is often the first impression an employer has of a candidate.
- **Experience Matters:** When hiring, Wilson prioritizes experience. He believes that education showcases discipline and the ability to persevere, while experience demonstrates what can be done with that education.
- **Honesty is Key:** "Do not lie on a resume," he repeated, underscoring the importance of integrity.
- **Precision and Conciseness:** Resumes should be precise and concise, demonstrating detail and impact beyond basic job descriptions.
- **The Power of Keywords:** With hiring managers spending an average of 7.4 seconds reviewing a resume, using relevant keywords is crucial.
- **Additional Tips:** Proofreading, proper grammar, job specificity, and the use of buzzwords are essential for a strong resume.

Conclusion

The workshop was a treasure trove of practical advice and resources for resume writing. Dylan Wilson's insights and experiences offered invaluable lessons for students preparing to enter the workforce. His engaging storytelling and genuine passion left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance. The next session in this series will focus on interviewing tips and takes place on Friday, March 14 from 12-2 pm in BDC 262.