Senior Year Checklist - Future

☐ Submit your intention to graduate form and check your DegreeWorks
  ✓ The Undergraduate application for Degree (AFD) is available via BU Brain, under the Student tab. Students may submit the AFD provided they have 104 earned credit hours by the first day of classes in the semester they wish to graduate in.
  ✓ AFD's must be submitted by the Withdraw/Grade Change deadline
  ✓ Make sure your degree audit is up-to-date. Meet with an advisor to ensure you are on track

☐ Make a plan - do you plan on working next year or attending graduate school?
  ✓ Remember: Graduate School should not be a backup for unfavorable employment prospects
  ✓ Start talking to different faculty and mentors to get ideas
  ✓ Utilize the Fleishman Center to explore different options
  ✓ Make a schedule for yourself - make sure you know deadlines!
  ✓ Register and prepare for different tests - GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc.

☐ Make sure to check the CCPD schedule for all upcoming job fairs
  ✓ If you plan on attending the Job and Internship Fair, make sure your resume is up to date and that you have a professional outfit to wear. RESEARCH the companies and jobs before attending - being well informed makes a good impression to potential employers
  ✓ If you plan on attending the Graduate School Fair, make sure you know which programs you are interested in. Write down questions before you go
  ✓ Consider your social networking accounts. If found by an employer, are they professional?

☐ Open an Interfolio account with the CCPD
  ✓ Interfolio is a service that can indefinitely hold your references from professionals digitally
  ✓ Directions on how to create an account: http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/faculty/cdc-transitioning-credentials-service.html
  ✓ Establishing references is vital to your career and academic pursuits
  ✓ Determine who you will contact for references and make the effort to meet with them to explain your career and/or academic goals
  ✓ Rule of thumb is typically three references for employment and/or professional school
  ✓ For employment, plan to have at least two references from current or former supervisors
  ✓ For graduate and/or professional school, plan to have at least two references from former or current upper-level faculty

☐ Prepare for Commencement!!
  ✓ Students must submit their Commencement participation form on commencement.binghamton.edu in order to walk in graduation. Check the site for deadlines
  ✓ Make hotel and/or dinner reservations for your family as soon as possible because everything books up quickly, even almost a year in advance!
  ✓ Make sure to purchase your cap and gown as well as graduation tickets. Remember - you only get 6 tickets depending on your school if you do not request more!
  ✓ Have your senior portraits taken for the yearbook
  ✓ Start making plans for living arrangements for next year
  ✓ Make plans to stay in contact with your friends and faculty. Life after Binghamton University will take you far, but the bonds you’ve made during undergraduate will still hold strong!

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