

Stand Out



You are at BC primarily to learn skills that will help you launch a successful career. What are you adding to your resume that will make you stand out from your peers? Below are some suggestions that will help make you stand out and be a valuable asset to an employer or graduate program.

Project the image that you want employers and graduate schools to see.

- Start your resume now and add your skills as you learn them.
- Be conscientious of what you publish and others publish on social media.
- Create a [GitHub.com](https://github.com) account to publicize your work. Add the link to your resume.

Learn technical skills that employers/grad schools are interested in.

- Become an expert in the languages and tools that are introduced in class. Take what is taught in class a step further.
- Read tech web sites **nightly** to discover new languages, tools and to see what others are currently developing.
 - theregister.co.uk
 - techcrunch.com
 - slashdot.org
 - arstechnica.com
- Learn new languages, tools and skills outside of class. Teach them to your friends.

Help others.

- Answer questions on stackoverflow.com or stackexchange.com.
- Tutor other students
 - Contact Dr. McGregor if you're interested

Code, code & code some more!

- Organize trips and participate in Hack-a-thons and competitions.
 - [Major League Hacking](http://majorleaguehacking.com)
 - devpost.com
 - <http://hackuvas15.devpost.com>
 - [ACM Programming Contest](http://acmprogrammingcontest.com)
 - codechef.com
- Solve programming problems for the fun of it.
 - open.kattis.com
 - projecteuler.net
 - codingbat.com

Build something awesome (preferably with others).

- Buy a domain name and publish a website that serves a group of users.
- Develop an App and release it to the public.
 - [Survival Guide Don't Starve](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.survivalguide) (on the Android Marketplace)
 - [Note Genie](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.notegenie) (on the Android Marketplace)
- Contribute to an open source project.
 - [Sourceforge](https://sourceforge.net) (sourceforge.net)
 - [GitHub](https://github.com) (github.com)
 - [Google](https://developers.google.com/open-source/) (developers.google.com/open-source)
 - [Apple](http://www.apple.com/opensource) (www.apple.com/opensource)
 - [Microsoft](https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/community/open-source-software) (azure.microsoft.com/en-us/community/open-source-software)
 - [Debian Linux](http://www.debian.org) (www.debian.org)
- Start a company!

Join professional organizations.

- The Bridgewater Computing Club
- Association for Computing Machinery (acm.org)
- Women in Technology (<https://beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/wit>)

Solve real-world problems.

- Conduct research on a real problem and publish a paper.
 - [Bridgewater Research Opportunities](http://www.bridgewater.edu/academics/research) (www.bridgewater.edu/academics/research)
 - [NSF Funded Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\)](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu) (www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu)
- Work as an intern.
 - [Bridgewater College's Career Services Office](http://www.bridgewater.edu/life-at-bridgewater/services-for-students/career-services/internships) (www.bridgewater.edu/life-at-bridgewater/services-for-students/career-services/internships)
- Do contracting work.
 - [Amazon's Mechanical Turk](http://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome) (www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome)