

**Career Connections**

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GUEST SPEAKER REFLECTION

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| Guest Speaker Name: Nicole Zabinski |
| Role/ Title: Buyer at Burlington |
| Company/Organization: Burlington |
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1. Three key take-aways from today’s guest speaker’s presentation.

* Burlington is a great program to reach your goals, they’ll help you get to where you want to be.
* CO-OP was a very valuable experience and regardless you’ll learn something weather it’s what you don’t like or what you do like.
* Having those experiences and those internships on your resume will benefit you in the future when you’re applying to jobs.

1. Skills/ Talents – what skills do you need for this career path? Are there any special talents needed?

* A skill you need for this position is determination. Nicole showed a lot of passion and determination about where she once was and where she is currently at. A talent of hers was keeping her Linked In as updated as possible and gaining experience along the way throughout school and through Burlington!

1. What leadership qualities does this guest speaker have?

* A leadership quality Nicole displayed was confidence and honestly. She admitted her CO-OP was not her favorite and talked about what her day at work looks like and what she might do in each week. She was very knowledgeable about what she was working on and a few of her responsibilities at Burlington.

1. Based on what you heard from this speaker, what next steps will you take to start building toward your career in fashion?

* The next steps I will be taking towards my career is gaining that experience outside of school and doing my best to try and land an internship. More specifically an internship that matches with my interests and passions so I can gain as much as I can throughout the experience.

1. Questions you still have? (Must have 1 question)

* What about your past CO-OP’s would you do differently next time if you had the chance?

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| Guest Speaker Name: Shabeela Shafeek |
| Role/ Title: Central planner |
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1. Three key take-aways from today’s guest speaker’s presentation.

* She was originally a finance major in college and then wanted to go into more retail and was able to achieve that through Burlington and her degree.
* It takes a lot of collaboration at her job to plan accordingly and make good decisions.
* You don’t have to stick at one position within this industry. You have the freedom to kind of find yourself and find what you like. She originally started as a merchandising operations purchase order coordinator and is currently working as a central planner. Especially at Burlington she was able to explore her options.

1. Skills/ Talents – what skills do you need for this career path? Are there any special talents needed?

* A skill Shabeela displayed was her ability to communicate and understand what is needed by her. Since she jumped around a few different positions, she has a lot of range in experience and that takes a lot of knowledge and patients. Her talent of being able to work in so many different areas of the workplace.

1. What leadership qualities does this guest speaker have?

* A leadership quality Shabeela has was her ability to adapt to any environment. She clearly proved that by going through her last 10 years of work experience at Burlington. I found it impressive she adapted to such an environment with a finance degree as well.

1. Based on what you heard from this speaker, what next steps will you take to start building toward your career in fashion?

* The next step I will be taking towards my career after hearing Shabeela guest speak, I will be more open to where and what I am doing for work. I will go into every opportunity, internship, job, interview, and so on with an open mind.

1. Questions you still have? (Must have 1 question)

* Where di you see yourself in the future when you were a finance major? What were some of those original goals you set? And what moment did you realize you wanted to enter retail? Was it Burlington?