Interview involves homework
Research, practice keys

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Are you ready to interview?

Once you have been selected for a job interview, it’s important to prepare properly. That means research the company, practice interview questions and answers, wear appropriate interview attire and, after the interview, send thank you letters to your interviewers.

Research

Learn more about the company for your interview. Knowing as much as possible about the company’s past performance and future plans can make your interview more interactive and will be an advantage in a competitive job market.

Q & A

Practice makes perfect! There are many websites that offer practice interview questions and answers. You can search these websites, but don’t forget that you can create questions and answers with the research you have done on the company.

You can practice with a friend or video your responses to watch and critique yourself. Preparing answers to commonly asked questions will help you analyze your background and qualifications for the position.

Attire

When interviewing for a professional position at a traditional company, it’s always important to dress professionally and to dress in your best business attire, regardless of the dress code of the organization. Stay away from sleeveless tops, short skirts, sandals, for women; khakis or casual pants and sneakers for men.

Thank-you notes

Write a personal, hand-written thank you note within 48 hours of your interview. There are many thank you note templates on the web, but be personal, and be you. That’s what employers are looking for!

Remember the above tips are exactly just that, tips. Be prepared, be yourself and be confident!

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66 Williams Valley seniors prepare for commencement

Students in dual leadership roles, top 2 in class to deliver speeches

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TOWER CITY — Several ladies serving in dual roles will address their peers during Williams Valley High School’s commencement at 7:30 p.m. June 4 at Staffenberg Field at Viking Stadium.

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held in the high school gymnasium in Tower City.

Rachel Ulsh, president of the Class of 2014, Kelsey Miller, who serves as National Honor Society president as well as class treasurer and Mary Radel, who is student council president as well as class historian, are slated to speak to the 66-member class during commencement services.

The valedictorian and salutatorian will not be known until May 29, according to Jolene Smith, senior class adviser. However, the valedictorian is also scheduled to deliver an address.

Other Vikings’ 2014 class officers are Brendan Miller, vice president and Natalie Herb, secretary.

Williams Valley’s graduating seniors chose blue and white as their class colors, lily of the valley as their class flower, “Thanks for the Memories” by Fall Out Boy as their class song, and “All Hail the Magic Conch” as their class saying. They selected the following as their class motto: “In our hands we hold today; in our dreams we hold tomorrow; in our hearts we hold forever.”

The Vikings held their prom on May 2 at the high school with an “Under the Sea” theme.

Several upcoming important dates to remember include baccalaureate at 7 p.m. June 1 in the high school auditorium and Senior Class Night at 7 p.m. June 3 in the high school auditorium.

More online

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