

# INTERVIEW WITH YOUR BOARD OF ADVISORS

## The Interview with your Board of Advisors is useful for:

- Learning how others would describe your career path and professional development
- Gaining insight from those who are important and close to you
- Utilizing the insight you gain to make major and career decisions
- Exploring career paths and learning about specific positions in your professional interest

## Directions:

1. Select 3-5 people with whom you spend the *most time with*. Try to select people that know you from different times or places within your life (i.e., work, school, home-life, church or faith-based activities, volunteer roles).
2. Schedule a time to meet with each of these individuals separately (either in-person or by phone/Skype/FaceTime).
3. Ask each of these individuals the same three questions (see below).
  - a. In your opinion, what do you believe would be the best fit position for me and why?
  - b. Based on your interactions with me, what are my strengths and weaknesses?
  - c. Based on your experiences with me, are you able to tell what I am passionate about? If so, can you tell me more about why you believe this to be true?
4. After interviewing each person, reflect on the questions below.

## Things to Think About:

- What did you learn about yourself in this process?
- How do others view you? Is it more positive or more negative than you view yourself? What does this mean?
- What positions might be the best fit for you, now that you have considered your Board of Advisors' opinions? Who had the best advice?
- How do you "brand yourself"? What do you want to do to further develop your brand?

If you would like to talk to someone about this activity or need additional resources, **Career Services** is available to all students! Check out our website to make an appointment or to see upcoming events and workshops: <http://www.careers.vcu.edu>