### During Freshman Year:

- Take the StrengthsFinder to identify interests, abilities, and values.
- Explore majors, minors and careers related to interests, values, and skills.
- Read through the FNR Career Services website, including the job board.
- Every week read *Pines & Needles*, the FNR careers newsletter.
- Start developing your résumé.
- Explore the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) website to find out what services they provide.
- Create a myCCO account (https://www.cco.purdue.edu/#myCCO).
- Get involved in student organizations – one related to major and one outside of major.
- Attend the College of Ag and FNR Career Fairs to practice networking and researching opportunities to build experience.
- Register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ for your sophomore year.

### During Sophomore Year:

- Develop a career plan and goals to achieve.
- If haven’t done so, register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ to take your junior year.
- Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
- Update resume and have it reviewed by FNR Career Services or CCO.
- Take an active role in student organizations at the department, college and university levels.
- Attend workshops on résumé writing and interviewing skills while continuing to develop your résumé.
- Develop a basic cover letter to use and customize for specific postings.
- Start build online brand by creating a digital portfolio and ensure social media accounts are professional.
- Review job postings and read the weekly *Pines and Needles* newsletter to become familiar with potential opportunities available in your field.
- Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fairs.
- Research and apply for a summer work experience related to your major area to help build job skills.
### 3 CONNECT

**During Junior Year:**
- [ ] Review career plan and goals, and adjust as necessary.
- [ ] If haven’t done so, register for ‘Career Planning in Natural Resources’ to take your senior year.
- [ ] Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
- [ ] Update resume and digital portfolio, and have them reviewed.
- [ ] Stay active in student organizations and seek leadership positions.
- [ ] Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fair.
- [ ] Explore career and graduate opportunities by looking into undergraduate research projects to enhance experience and assist with graduate school applications.
- [ ] Conduct informational interviews with professionals from my field of interest.
- [ ] Research and apply for a summer work experience related to your major.
- [ ] Network!
- [ ] Develop a list of references - ask faculty, staff, and employers.

### 4 ACHIEVE

**During Senior Year:**
- [ ] Review career plan and goals, and adjust as necessary.
- [ ] Complete a task in myCareerPlan.
- [ ] Finalize your résumé and digital portfolio, and have them reviewed.
- [ ] Begin a comprehensive job search and/or applying for graduate school.
- [ ] Attend Career Fairs, especially the College of Ag Fair and the FNR Career Fair.
- [ ] Participate in a Mock Interview through the CCO.
- [ ] Continue networking!
- [ ] Apply for membership and certifications in the national organization associated with the student chapter.
- [ ] Complete the FNR Placement Survey when received.
- [ ] Plan ways to stay connected to Purdue, the College, and the Department.
- [ ] Walk across the stage and receive degree!

Schedule an appointment with FNR Career Services through BoilerConnect to discuss personalizing your career plan.