

## What resources are available to help my child find a job or apply to graduate or professional school?

*We received several different answers, which we've included below, because we thought the different perspectives were very valuable.*

- ❖ Duke offers Career Week, when Duke alumni return to campus representing various companies or career tracks, and students sign up for different presentations. The Career Center helps coordinate company interviews on campus, and the staff invites all students to receive help developing resumes, finding internships, and polishing their interview skills beginning freshman year. The director of the Career Center, Sheila Curran, wrote a book called *Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to your Perfect Career*. Definitely read it now, not later!
- ❖ Our sons consulted both the Career Center office and its Web site to begin their search for summer internships and to become aware of upcoming on-campus career fairs. The very comprehensive Web site introduces each career counselor by area of interest, and it invites students to make contact with the counselors, set up appointments, or stop in to become familiar with the available resources. In applying to graduate schools, students are required to meet with a Duke dean who is responsible for preparing students for admission to graduate school and who has built favorable relationships with graduate programs across the globe.
- ❖ Our oldest daughter (Class of 2006) received much guidance from the pre-law advisor, who helped her choose a major, select potential law schools, advise her on L-SAT preparation, and edit her applications. He even contacted law schools about her. (Dean Wilson has been doing the pre-law advising for about 30 years, and we are grateful to him for his calm counsel!)