Abstract: Transitioning from the academic world to the business world can be overwhelming and exciting at the same time. From putting together a resume to the first day on the job, the process feels endless. All of the preparation, the late nights studying, and networking are worth it! There are several key themes that I have noticed along my path thus far and that I continue to follow as I navigate my career. As a somewhat recent graduate, I would like to take this opportunity to explore them with you:

1. Seek out and accept opportunities
2. Manage your time wisely
3. Ask questions
4. Do something you enjoy
5. Continuously push yourself out of your comfort zone

These key themes have led me to be successful in college, graduate school, and, thus far, in the business world.

Bio: I graduated from Susquehanna University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Environmental Science and a minor in Economics. While at Susquehanna University, I was a member of the Susquehanna University Women’s Rugby team. Following Susquehanna, I pursued a Masters of Engineering degree in Energy Systems Engineering at Lehigh University. At Lehigh, I was the first Chairman of the IEEE-PES Chapter and the secretary of the Association for Energy Economics Chapter. After graduating in 2015, I worked as an Energy Intern at Carpenter Technology and as an Energy Supply Specialist for PSEG. Currently, I am an Arc Engineer at PJM Interconnection, LLC, as part of a three year rotational program. The program reaches across the organization and provides participants with a broad overview of the inner workings of the RTO. This coming June I will graduate the program and be permanently placed in a department that aligns with my interests and the company’s needs.