

6 Ways To Make the Most of a Part-Time Job

Even if it has nothing to do with your intended career.

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Besides showing your dedication, work ethic, and ability to manage a job on top of being a full-time student, there are a variety of skills you develop during a work-study job worth highlighting to future employers.

1. Teamwork and Collaboration

Employers need individuals who can contribute positively and will bring innovative ideas to share with the group. By interacting with

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your fellow colleagues and managers, you can demonstrate this desirable skill.

2. Effective Communication

Written and verbal communication skills are needed across disciplines. You may find yourself communicating with different groups of individuals: students, staff, community members and visitors. You may also find yourself in a position to create written communication pieces.

3. Leadership and Accomplishments

Leadership doesn't always mean running the show. Perhaps you find yourself in a position training others or picking up additional responsibilities for a co-worker. Focus on the accomplishments you've made in your position and the helpful additions you've made to the organization.

4. Problem-Solving

What do you do when things don't go to plan? It's an important question your future employer may ask. Great employees can think on their feet and have a strategy for dealing with unforeseen issues.

5. Technology

Have you found yourself explaining computer software programs or running social media sites? It may seem like second-nature to you, but your knowledge of technology may very well be a valuable asset to potential employers.

6. It's All About the Connections

You never know when you may cross paths again with the people you meet. Take advantage of networking while at each of your positions. This is simple—talk with people. Talk with them about their families and friends, and careers. Many jobs are found through networking!

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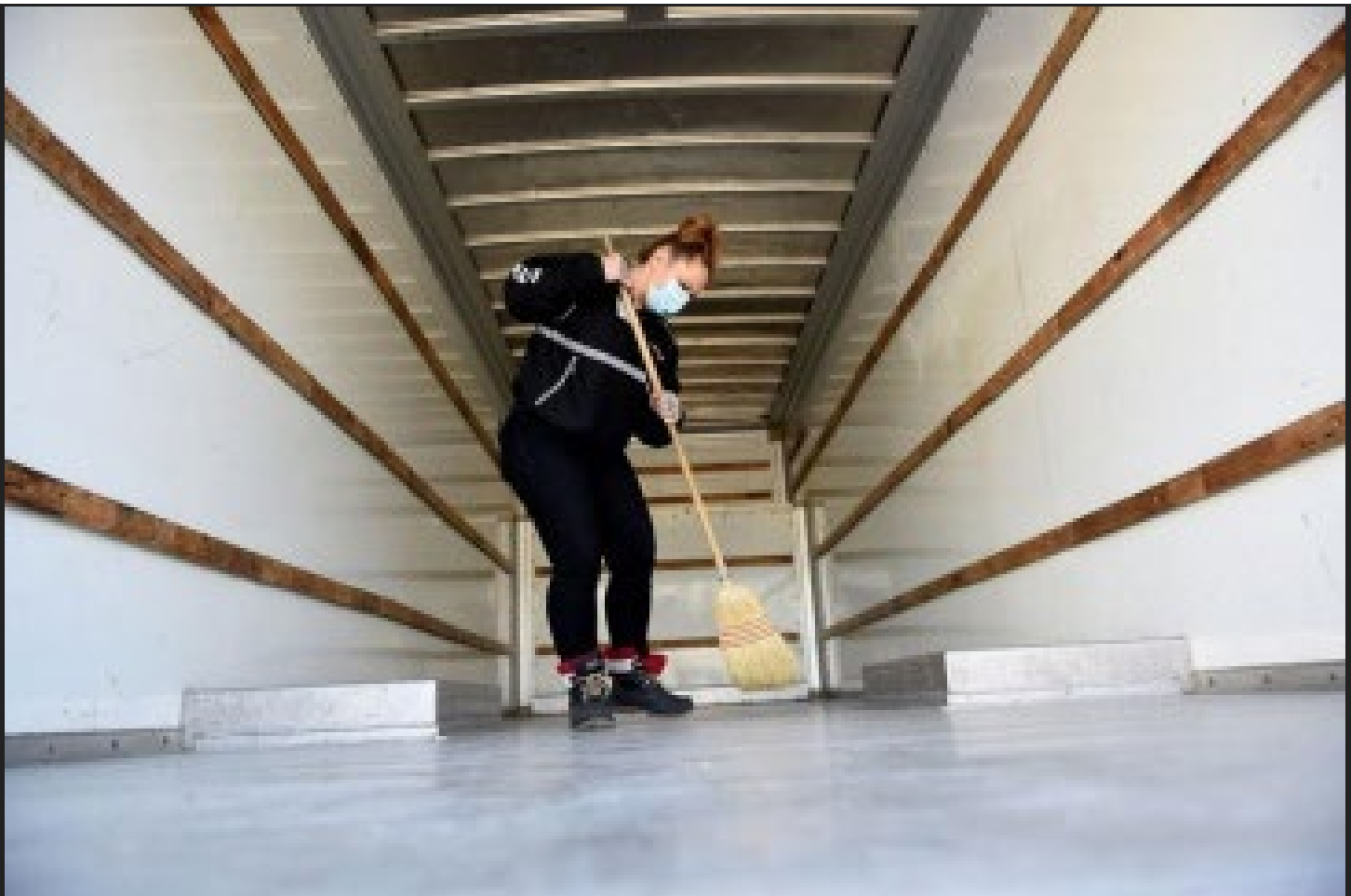
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