Welcome back! Set some goals and start your search

Welcome back to UIC and welcome to all new engineering students on campus! The fall semester is off to a quick start in the Engineering Career Center (ECC).

At the request of students and employers, we moved the Engineering & Computer Science Career Fair to the fall and have many employers that will be on campus leading up to the fair. We are also hosting resume review sessions and LinkedIn workshops. (See Events section below)

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