Beyond the job boards: Reaching out to your network

It’s fairly simple to fill out online job applications and hope that companies get back to you. Even following up on applications does not always produce favorable results for everyone.

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There are more effective ways to uncover potential internship and job opportunities and one of the best ways to do this is by reaching out to your network. Your network includes your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, professors; you probably get the hint here. Anyone who you have a relationship with is part of your network!

Build your network.
Work your network.

So you may know someone who already works at a company in which you have interest in working for. Additionally, employee referrals are a preferred source of recruiting for most companies searching for new hires.

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Also, companies will usually ask for internal employee referrals before posting an internship or job opening, giving you better odds at landing an interview and a potential job offer.

So this is your opportunity to reach out to your network and see what job opportunities may be out there that you were not even aware of!

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