

# Helpful Hints: Make That First Impression Count!

Keep these tips in mind when you attend **JA CareerIgnite**. Remember that all your future employers are seeking confident, enthusiastic, and dedicated employees. This is a good time to start practicing those skills.

- ❑ **Be prepared for the fair.** Dress for success and wear comfortable shoes.
- ❑ **Look confident.** Smile! Make eye contact and offer a firm handshake. Do not chew gum.
- ❑ **Be respectful.** Be patient, courteous, and respectful.
- ❑ **Pay attention.** Use the person's name right away to let him or her know you plan to remember it.
- ❑ **Communicate professionally.** Speak clearly and choose your words carefully.
- ❑ **Be prepared to ask thoughtful questions.** Use the **Questions to Ask the Guest Speakers**.
- ❑ **Take notes.**