

Preparation for Life Beyond Bentley



**How will the real
world be different?**

**How can you start
preparing now?**

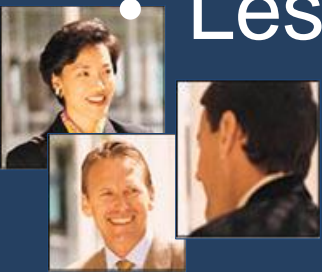
College

- Frequent, quick, and concrete feedback
 - Grades, professor's comments on papers
- Highly structured curriculum with lots of direction
- Personally supportive environment
 - college services, resources, programs
- Flexible schedule with frequent time off
 - class schedule, breaks, holidays



College, continued

- Intellectual challenge
- Choose your performance level: A,B,C grades
- Focus on your development & growth
- Create & explore knowledge
- Individual effort
- Independence of ideas & thinking
- Professors
- Less initiative required



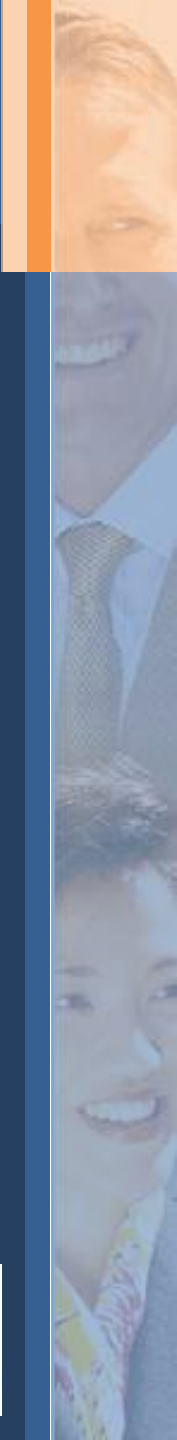
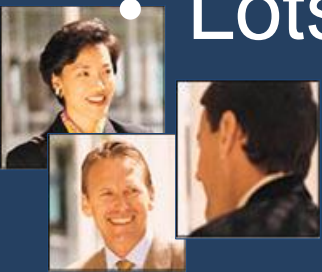
First Year of Work

- Infrequent and less precise feedback
 - Feedback may be during employee review
- Highly structured environment and tasks with few directions
- Less personal support
 - Human Resources may provide some support
- Structured schedule with limited time off
 - Less control of personal schedule



First Year of Work, cont'd

- Organizational and people challenges
- “A” level work required all the time
- Focus on getting results for the company
- Get results with your knowledge
- Team effort
- Do it the company’s way
- Bosses
- Lots of initiative required to succeed



Start Preparing Now!

- Be more disciplined with your schedule:
 - wake up earlier
 - treat being a student as a full-time job
- Try to always perform at “A” level work
- Seek mentors on campus who can give you insight about your career path
 - Visit the Academic Advising Center to pick up a brochure about the Faculty Mentors
- Seek mentors in the workplace, too!

