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Connecting Worlds: The Transition from Student to Professional

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College life and the 9-5 day job can sometimes seem like two completely different worlds, yet one of the goals of higher education is to equip students for their career journey. What can physics departments do to help students transition from the world of all-nighters and texting to the world of daily commutes and memos? How can physics students improve their chances of landing a job? This presentation will include a discussion of preliminary findings from the Society of Physics Students Career Pathway project, a project looking at the characteristics of departments that are successfully placing students in STEM careers within one year of earning a bachelors degree.