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THE COMPREHENSIVE LINKEDIN GUIDE

If you're anything like me, you've spent the last several years here wondering if you have impostor syndrome or you're just too useless for the working world. Every year, 600ish fresh high school graduates are sent away by their families and thrown into an isolated bubble in rural Ohio filled with sleep deprivation, alcohol, and the freedom to make terrible choices. This collection of deer in the headlights, all from a wide range of backgrounds with their own unique life experiences, are united by a common goal: learning stuff. That (understandably) isn't always the way it goes. Some days you're putting the final touches on an essay that you firmly believe is your magnum opus, and other days you wake up 30 minutes before your first class covered in blood for a reason that you can't recall. It's a bit of a daunting task to summarize your entire college experience to a prospective employer in an appealing way at the end of what feels like a four year pipe dream, but I firmly believe that white lies are the solution to any problem that the world throws at you. Here's the comprehensive guide to setting up your Business Facebook LinkedIn page to make it seem like you deserve a salary and health insurance someday.

THE PROFILE PHOTO

This is step one, and will be the first thing any important business person sees when they decide to give you a glance. If you weren't forced to take a professional headshot by a fraternity or sorority (or you were wearing a cowboy hat in every single one), you're gonna have to get creative. Take a selfie at a slight angle that allows people to look straight up into your nostrils, and make sure you're wearing a nice t-shirt that doesn't have any stains on it. If you've been looking like garbage lately, just use your yearbook photo from your senior year of high school.

WORK EXPERIENCE

You haven't been doing a damn thing, but that's ok. Throw that summer gig you had at Arby's on there, but make it sound professional. Refer to yourself as a "Client Services Associate", and instead of saying that you got screamed at through a drive through window by bottom feeders who were moments away from spilling cheese sauce all over their sad little selves in their sad little car in a sad little parking lot thinking about their sad little life, say that you "built loyal clientele through friendly interactions and consistent appreciation". Leave out the fact that you got fired for repeatedly being a no-show by the second month.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Your broad liberal arts education has taught you what globalization is and also destroyed any positive view you may have once held towards the history of this nation, but you likely haven't developed many hard skills. Did you ever have to redo a paper you got a D on? If so, throw "editing" on that list. Teamwork, Microsoft Office, and typing are also key essentials that will be sure to help land you a job. Don't forget to include the language that you took for two years in high school that you've still never successfully managed to have a conversation with.

CONNECTIONS

ANNOY. EVERYONE. Nobody should be safe from your connection request barrage. You may not have professional connections, but making it seem like you do is a cakewalk. Did you find the profile of your middle school best friend's dad who owns his own company? Send it. Some random girl you had a history class with freshman year? Send it. Adam Weinberg? Send it (he'll accept <3). If you keep putting yourself out there at everyone else's expense, your connection database will inevitably multiply faster than a head louse in a public elementary school.

INTERESTS

Here's where those white lies come in. Nobody cares about your interests, and you don't even have any interests that are relevant to the soul-sucking corporate world that you're about enter anyway. If you're an economics/global commerce burnout, add pages like Jordan Belfort's or maybe Goldman Sachs. If you're graduating with a BS, throw some companies on there that you have absolutely zero hope of ever working at (NASA, Google, BP, etc.). Basically, think about the nonexistent dream version of you who has their life together, and add whatever interests you think they'd have. Pretending to care about things is much easier than actually being a well-rounded person.

VOLUNTEERING

You may not think that you've volunteered before, but you can stretch this one pretty far. Have you given blood at least twice before? Congratulations, you're a regular donor to the Red Cross. Ever given your bum of a roommate a swipe into Curtis because they spent the year gorging themselves on seven dollar cinnamon rolls? That's basically a small-scale food drive. Add any things that you were required to participate in but wouldn't have done of your own free will, like picking up trash with your high school bio class on Earth day.

-James Whitney, Complete Fraud

WE ACCEPTED WAY TOO MANY KIDS

MATILDE LEWIS lost an entire toe to the Shorney elevator doors SAMUEL LEWIS wishes he was at Ohio State LINDSAY LEWIS-PERSUE tried to fight a goose at Ebaugh and ended up in the hospital LUKE LIGGETT has poor form CHARLES LITTLEFIELD manages to work in the fact that he drinks into every in-class discussion ZHENGYANG LIU makes a mean chili MARGARET **LLOYD** was responsible for the 2008 financial crisis **CAROLINE LOPEZ** struggles with intimacy YAMILETT LOPEZ spent the summer getting absolutely shredded TRENTON LOUGHERY had their first kiss in the back of their dad's 2003 Ford Taurus JOHN LOVETT opened a show for Doja Cat LINH LUU is currently crying in the fetal position CHRIS LUUS hasn't showered since Aug-O ELIZABETH LYON fell down the ladder to the bell tower PETER LYON has seven hundred dollars in outstanding library fines YUANYU MA is a swanky dresser CRAIG MACLAREN-SWAN gargles mouthwash for way too long COLIN MACLEAN ran out of toilet paper and needs your help AL-EXANDER MACOMBER-STRAIGHT wears black forces PERCY MAGNUS steals rock samples from Olin OLIVIA MAHLER pulls the nuts out of chunky peanut butter JAMES MAHONY has too many bumper stickers MAGGIE MALIN was a theater kid in high school and is desperately trying to reinvent themself LAURA MANRIQUE tried to make mac and cheese with sour cream XIAOYANG MAO is part bee GENEVA MARQUARDT eats the same three meals every day LANDON MARSH binge watched every Criminal Minds episode in three days GABRIELLE MARTIN communicates solely in beeps and mumbling NICOLO MARTINELLI is addicted to Pokemon Showdown TOMAS MARTINEZ nearly choked to death on sea salt and vinegar potato chips LUKE MARTINUCCI owns like twelve scented candles OWEN MATHES hits too many curbs SIMON MAURIN doesn't know how doors work TYLER MAY thinks string lights are an acceptable form of decor LYDIA MAYNOR broke their ankle dancing on a table ADONTE MAYS runs an astrology Tumblr ENYA MCCARTHY wants you to forget about their weird goth phase DIAMOND MCCLELLAN gets wine drunk on Tuesdays MATT MCCLEMENTS can't build Wayfair furniture BLAKE MCDON-ALD has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.23 at any given time WILLIAM MCFADDEN will try to start their own underground fraternity

Stay tuned for more names next week!

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you're made of spare parts, aren't ya bud?