Preparation for Life
Beyond Bentley

How will the real world be different?

How can you start preparing now?

From Bowling Green State University Career Center
http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/career/page20465.html
• 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
• 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
• 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!