



## **CAREER NEXT STEP PROVIDES CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO ALL ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE DARDEN CLASS OF 2008**

***Darden offers Career Next Step web site to help all admitted students get a jump start  
on their career search***

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia, April 2, 2006.** Career Next Step announced today that the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business will provide the Career Next Step web site to all admitted MBA students to prepare them for their career search whether or not they decide to join the Class of 2008. In addition to being offered to all admitted students, completion of the career development modules on the Career Next Step web site is required for all enrolled students prior to matriculation in the MBA program in August 2006.

"We are excited that the Darden School views Career Next Step not only as an asset to its incoming class, but as a valuable tool for all admitted students regardless of what course they decide to pursue," said Mark Higgins, Chief Executive Officer of Career Next Step. "We believe that incoming MBAs are approaching one of the most critical crossroads of their career, and that deep self awareness is critical to choosing the correct path. The Career Next Step web site is an invaluable tool, as it enables admitted students to learn more about their unique attributes as an individual and how that translates to different post-MBA career options."

According to Everette Fortner, Director of the Career Development Center at the Darden School of Business, "We believe that by providing both admitted and enrolled MBA students with access to Career Next Step, students can complete a critical part of their career search before they enter the extremely time-constrained first-year experience. We firmly believe that Career Next Step is helping MBA students make more informed career decisions that better match their unique profile."

### **About Career Next Step**

Career Next Step is a web-based self assessment and career development service. Using a battery of proven self-assessment instruments, guided results interpretation, and career search best practices, Career Next Step enables individuals to identify career paths that match their unique personal profile. The service is derived from an award winning course developed at the Harvard Business School in the late 1970s and continuously administered at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business over the last 25 years to incoming MBA students. The Career Next Step site was launched for beta testing during the fall of 2005, and is now available for use by business schools, undergraduate universities, corporations, and individual career changers. Additional information can be found at [www.careernextstep.com](http://www.careernextstep.com).

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