



## Introduction    Congratulations, Graduate!

You are accomplished, educated, degreed, and ready to succeed in life. This transition period from student to professional can be both exhilarating and overwhelming. As your opportunities expand, so do the challenges. *Life After Graduation* will guide you through this process and help you achieve the success you desire.

You've mastered the art of student life: You can write a twenty-page paper in three hours, move all your belongings in an afternoon, and stretch your budget like Laffy Taffy. You've memorized the library hours, as well as every other study area on campus, and learned to eat cheaply at the local eateries. Of course, you also have knowledge of your subject area. You have skills. And chances are, you also have debt.

What you need now is a financial advisor, retirement planner, trusted insurance agent, career counselor, image consultant, marketing manager, and communications expert. And you need all the advice they have to offer as soon as possible. Well, look no further—we've done the legwork for you. We consulted experts in financial planning, insurance, and career development, then distilled everything they had to say about life after graduation into one little book. *Life After Graduation* covers all the relevant topics of this new phase of life—from what to expect of your first days on a new job to even planning for retirement.