WHAT IS PDP?
The Professional Development Planning (PDP) Seminar is a weekly class held during the first few weeks of the semester. It is co-taught by a member of the Schar Student Services and Career Services team. The seminars are designed to give students the skills necessary for both academic and professional success during their time at the Schar School.

WHAT IS CLIFTON STRENGTHSFINDER?
Read about it on their website. Don't worry, you won't have to pay.

IS THERE MORE THAN ONE PDP CLASS?
Yes. PDP is held at the beginning of both the fall and spring semesters. During the fall, the class is geared towards academic success, teaching such topics as personal strengths, money management, goal setting and resiliency. During the spring, the class is geared towards professional success, covering such topics as networking, interviewing, resume and cover letter writing and references.

WHO CAN REGISTER?
The class is open to all masters and PhD students in the Schar School. However, the fall semester class is geared towards full-time graduate students and graduate students who have recently completed their undergraduate studies. The spring semester is geared towards all students.

DO I GET CREDIT FOR THIS CLASS?
No, at this time the PDP course is non-credit bearing.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE PDP?
The fall PDP class is focused on success during your time in graduate school. If you have little or no post-undergraduate experience, we strongly recommend you take this class. In the spring, students who have taken the class say they feel better prepared to handle the often taxing process of job hunting. You can gain valuable skills that can give you a competitive advantage when looking for a job or internship.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER?
Head to the PDP website: schar.gmu.edu/pdp