Steps to take if your offer is rescinded

You got the job or internship you wanted, and probably even started to make plans for the future based on that job offer... well not everything always goes as planned, so here are some suggestions for what to do after having your job or internship offer rescinded. Remember to not be too hard on yourself!

1. **Follow-up with the employer.**
   - Take the time to respond to the employer in a polite and professional manner. The way you interact with them is this trying time says a lot about your character. It is important to not burn any bridges that could benefit you in the future.
   - Use this email template to craft your response to the employer:
     - “Thank you for letting me know my offer was rescinded. Naturally, I am disappointed, but I understand these are challenging times for all. I greatly appreciate being selected in the first place, and I look forward to being in contact with [company name] in the future.”

2. **Explore other options**
   The original plan changed, but there are many other ways to make your summer beneficial.
   - **Summer Classes** are a great way to get ahead or lighten the class load for a normal semester. Every summer CEAT offers engineering science courses through in person lectures as well as online.
   - **Research** gives students the chance to put to use the concepts learned in the classroom as well as to expand beyond just the lessons taught in class. Some research is paid and some is unpaid. Find opportunities by speaking with professors in your department or emailing professors conducting research in which you have an interest.
   - **Part time jobs** allow students to obtain transferable skills while also making some money over the summer. Use HIREosugrads.com to search for jobs in, and out, of Stillwater. Other job search sites can also be utilized.
   - **Gain other skills** during this summer by exploring free online classes or other interests you have. Not all skills or development has to be directly related to your degree. Coursera.com is offering free courses in subjects ranging from computer languages to happiness and verbal languages. Employers like hiring people with varied skillsets.
4. **Utilize your resources**
   ♦ Reach out to CEAT Career Services for any questions regarding the job search, resumes, interviews, etc.
   ♦ Stay connected with CEAT Career Services and OSU Career Services to find out what events they have planned so you can benefit from them.

3. **Remember it will be okay!**
   ♦ It is important to remind yourself that despite the unexpected change to your future plans, there will eventually be other job offers and opportunities.
   ♦ This setback is not a reflection on you, but of a bigger situation. You managed to wow the company enough to get an offer, so it is important to remember that this is not your fault.
   ♦ Take a deep breath! Or a few!

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*A message from Alexander Graham Bell:*

"*When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that opens for us. Keep your head up!*"