








Career Presentation

Guiding Discussion Questions

- What sparked your interest in your career field?
- What was the first position you held in your current industry?
How did you go about getting it?
- Who played a vital role in your success? How did they support you? What did you learn from them?
- What were the career steps you took to get to the position you are in today?
- What did you do in your career journey that you would advise young people to do as well?
- What did you do in your career journey that you would NOT advise young people to do?
- What is your favorite part of your job today?
- What employability skills are most important in your industry?
(ie: Attendance, punctuality, customer service, communication, etc.)
- What is the connection between academics and the work you do now?
- What academic subjects do you use in your workplace on a regular basis? How do you use them?

Employability Skills in the Classroom

Demonstrating strength in soft skills is important for young people to obtain. When working with students, you can reinforce these employability values and positive behaviors.

	Value	Behavior	Outcome
	Reliability	Attendance	Employees show up causing reduced absenteeism.
	Professionalism	Appearance	Employees presenting consistent brand image contributing to an increase in sales.
	Positivity	Attitude	Employees displaying enthusiasm and passion causing an increase in overall employee morale
	Initiative	Ambition	Employees going beyond basic expectations leading to improved productivity
	Respect	Acceptance	Employees adhering to policies and rules contributing to a decrease in involuntary turnover
	Integrity	Accountability	Employees are trustworthy leading to less employee theft and shrinkage.
	Gratitude	Appreciation	Employees giving authentic service contributing to improved customer satisfaction.