

Students are eager to explore future careers and learn more about personal and professional experiences in a virtual platform.

Volunteer Need

Volunteer(s) record a JA Career Speaker video for students to view as part of their school’s digital curriculum. Volunteers will determine the video option: on their *own*, partner with a *co-worker*, or assembling a Career Speaker *panel*, to create a 10-15-minute prerecorded video (length dependent on option selected) using your laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Using instructions in the developed volunteer guide (JA provides) Career Speakers will share their knowledge and experience related to their career path; choosing a career, landing, and keeping a job, and how you have built your career.

Pre-recorded Video Options

Individual Presentation Model	Partner Presentation Model	Panel Presentation Model
<p>Intro Prepare to <i>answer</i> career journey questions Share additional career stories that may not be represented in the journey questions</p> <p>Closing</p>	<p>Both volunteers introduce Determine who <i>asks</i> first question and how to best <i>alternate</i> asking & answering career journey questions</p> <p>Both volunteers engage in closing</p>	<p>All volunteers introduce <i>Presentation option 1</i> - one person assigned the role of a <i>video host</i> to ask volunteers questions <i>Presentation option 2</i> - assign who is asking 1st question & how to alternate asking/answering questions</p> <p>All volunteers engage in closing</p>
<p>Closing & Wrap for all presentation models: Words of encouragement and reassurance to the students, especially during these uncertain times. Celebrate their resiliency and perseverance</p>		



Time Commitment:

Approx. 2-4 hour(s) - includes prep, filming, and uploading your file to Dropbox.

Sample Career Journey Questions

Choosing a Career

What did I want to be when I was in middle or high school? How does that connect to where I am today?
 What education, training, or certifications have I acquired? Do I use them in my daily work?
 How many different types of jobs have I had? Did all of them relate to my current position?
 What advice would I give to my younger self, if I could do my career path over again?
 What is the first job I had, and how did I get hired?
 What did I learn from my first job—positive or negative?

Landing & Keeping a Job

What tips do I have about successful job hunting? What unsuccessful job-hunting experiences have I learned?
 Do I have any guidance on writing a resume, filling out a job application, or other job-hunting skills?
 What do I look for when I hire someone?
 What is my top tip for successful job interviewing? What is the biggest mistake in interviewing?
 Is there anything unique to consider if students want to enter my career field?
 When and how did I come to an agreement about how much to accept in wages or salary?

Building a Career

What does my day-to-day work look like? What do I do? What do I love about my work?
 When I have a decision or problem at work, how do I go about solving it?
 How has my work ethic affected me in individual jobs or over my whole career?
 Have I gotten a promotion or job change that taught me a valuable lesson?
 Where do I see myself in 5 years, and how do I plan to get there?
 What is one mistake I've seen an employee make that had negative consequences?