

# Teacher Guide: My Career Journey



In JA My Career Journey, a virtual volunteer shares a video testimonial about his or her career journey highlighting education background, interests, career, and work experiences. These videos are targeted for students in middle and high school covering work-readiness concepts. A career exploration project is provided to offer a deeper dive into careers.

## Objectives

- Identify personal skills and interests through career assessments
- Students gain exposure to career clusters and careers in a specific cluster
- Formulate opinions and decisions about career options
- Investigate various careers, education level needed, salary, skills, etc.

## Presentation Outline

Volunteer videos are 5-10 minutes in length and include questions at the end. Fillable PDF's are available for students to download and submit to your drop box or send in an email. Allow 2-3 class periods to do the pre-video, videos, and post-video opportunities. If you opt to do the career exploration project allow for another 2-3 class periods. In total allow 4-6 class periods, however this can vary based on how deep you want to go with the students and how much time you have to complete the curriculum.

### Suggested Options for Posting Video Links

- Post all videos and have students choose 1-2 videos to view in each career cluster area that interest them
- Post all videos from one career cluster area for a career cluster focus during a certain week or day
- Options can vary based on educational need, interest, and time

### Before Posting the Video Presentation

- Teacher encourages students to identify their own skills and interests (accessing JA My Way, Naviant, Indiana Career Explorer, or any other career interest inventory assessment). Look at the JA My Way link to see the financial literacy and career readiness opportunities available for students to explore. This can take approximately 20-40 minutes for students to explore.
- Teacher reviews career clusters and prepares the students for the career videos

### During the Video Presentation

- Virtual speaker gives a testimonial about his/her career journey
- Students listen to the speaker and formulate thoughts or opinions (notes page available in a fillable PDF)

### After the Video Presentation

- Students will answer questions regarding the presentation (provided in a fillable PDF document)
- Additional follow-up questions are provide for posting on a discussion board or any other engagement platform
- Optional career exploration project is provided - this will take 2-3 class periods to complete
- Students can click on the link to send a volunteer a question, this allows for students to interact with a professional in an interested career area
- Students will complete a post-assessment provided in a link on the student webpage

**Please provide your JA contact with student participation numbers and complete the teacher survey.**