

Career Panel Guide

FOR OVER THREE DECADES, OUR MISSION HAS BEEN TO HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER NEW PROFESSIONS AND EXPLORE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PASSIONS THROUGH WORK BASED LEARNING ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN IN-DEPTH LOOK INTO PROFESSIONS AND EXPOSURE TO PROFESSIONALS FROM VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS. CAREER PANEL GUIDE

WHAT IS A CAREER PANEL

In career panels, professionals discuss in bite-sized portions about their career and professional development. Typically there are 2-3 professionals as part of a career panel. There is typically a moderator for these events, and students will field their questions throughout presentations.

Example Format

Career Panels generally observe the following format:

Panelist introductions (5 mins)
Panelist Presentation (10 min x3)
Questions (10 mins)

BE DESCRIPTIVE

Students will be more engaged and curious if they have a better understanding of your career and journey. Being descriptive goes a long way in fostering an engaging environment.



COLLABORATE & ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Career Panels benefit from their intimate, bite-sized scale. Students will no doubt be curious, and should be encouraged to ask questions throughout the panel.

Participate

As you will be sharing the stage with a few others, consider collaborating with the other participants in order to foster an intriguing, engaging environment. Perhaps ask questions of your fellow participants, especially if something catches your interest.



TALK ABOUT YOUR CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Most people have a 'favorite' part of their job, or can recall some event that stuck with them over the years. Consider sharing the highlights of your job with the students in attendance.

FOSTER AWARENESS & INCLUSIVITY

Consider speaking to the inclusion of historically marginalized communities as it relates to your professional purview. Your experiences would be beneficial and encouraging for underrepresented students, such as those of color, LGBTQIA+ students, and those with disabilities.

Awareness is key.

PLEASE REACH OUT

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