



## Guest Speaker Talking Points

**Guest Speakers:** Welcome to our NISD CTE classrooms - we are excited you are here! Our students have learned about the importance of planning towards their career and personal goals through our career tree program. We would love our students to hear about your career goal journey. Here are some talking points to help you know what would be great for our students to hear. Use these talking points alongside your presentation to help facilitate great conversations with our NISD students.

### ASPIRE

Share with students the experiences you had when you first became interested in this field.

*Talk about...*

- What was your first career choice/focus?
- Why did you choose this field? What interested you?
- What type of internships/work experience did you obtain along the path to your current role?
- What academic knowledge did you obtain that prepared you for your career?
- What professional skills did you already have that prepared you for your career?

### ADVANCE

Share with students the training, certifications, education and journey that led you to achieve your career goals.

*Talk about...*

- What steps along the way guided you to your current role?
- Challenges and Perseverance
- Lifestyle
- Goal Changes
- Dream Vs. Reality
- Certifications
- What academic knowledge did you need to develop to build your career?
- What professional skills did you need to prepare you for your career?
- What jobs did you do along the way that helped progress you toward your current career?

### ACHIEVE

Share with students why you love what you do, how does this career align with your lifestyle goals, personal dreams and expectations.

*Talk about...*

- What are you doing now?
- Now that you are in this role, what surprised you about the career?
- Professional Skills that have helped you achieve
- Next Steps...what is your next professional goal?
- Advice to students that may be considering this career field
- As you reflect on your career, what gave you the competitive advantage to get you where you are today?