

# Summary of Opportunities for K-12 Students Spring 2021



Many of our students are looking for ways to engage with businesses this year, but are unsure of how to do so. To address their needs, we've assembled a menu of options. All are virtual, and all are designed to support career learning for students, in both live and asynchronous formats. For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Debbie Pixton at [dpixton@tcfpe.org](mailto:dpixton@tcfpe.org) or Gina Barrett at [gbarrett@tcfpe.org](mailto:gbarrett@tcfpe.org).

## Benefits to Students

- Learn about careers and career pathways from all 16 Department of Labor career clusters.
- Develop an understanding of different post-secondary options that lead to different careers.
- Engage with professionals in a group setting and begin building a professional network.
- Meet Future Ready state requirements for artifacts.

## Opportunities

### Snack & Learns

Students in grades 7-12 and educators are invited to participate in a series of Snack & Learns. These 30-minute sessions provide opportunities for students and educators to engage with professionals in a career cluster of interest or with staff and faculty at post-secondary institutions. All sessions are free and open to anyone interested. Advanced registration for **each** session is required and a media release form is required for the semester. Examples of sessions include:

- Duquesne Light Careers Presentation
- Elliott Group Snack & Learn
- Planning for College in the COVID-19 Era

Register at <https://forms.gle/RFRQBYxx5FgriL1A6>

Student media release form:

<https://signnow.com/s/NVMkgBlI>

### Career Journeys

Scheduling conflicts are not a problem with the Career Journeys library of informal interviews with professionals. Students view videos in the career cluster(s) they are interested in at times that work for them and learn about career opportunities within those clusters they may not have previously known of or considered. Videos can be combined in various ways for educators in any content area to align with their curricula and have students work independently or in small groups. With over 100 videos published to date, there's sure to be something for every student's interest.

- Visit the library at <https://www.theconsortiumforpubliceducation.org/career-journeys/>
- Find ideas and a sample reflection document that can be used as an artifact at <http://www.theconsortiumforpubliceducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Career-Journeys-Materials.pdf>

*These meetings give me insights on different jobs and careers that are available. I've made connections with professionals, which will give me more options when it comes to focusing on a career. The professionals in the meetings are always very interactive, so I'm never afraid of speaking my opinion or how I feel.*

- Student, Clairton Junior/Senior High School

*Career Journeys offers relevant career insight for all learners in brief, easy to understand, videos. The ease at which these virtual career gems can be coupled with existing career programs excites educators. This regional Career Ready program enhances a young persons' intrinsic motivation, growth mindset, and employability skills.*

- Counselor, Yough Senior High School