

## ACE Career Presentations: Overview, Tips, and Food for Thought

Thank you so much for generously sharing your time, talents, and story with the youth participating in the Alliance Center for Education (formerly Bethlehem Center) summer camp program at Avondale. Below you'll find key information about this opportunity and some questions to jumpstart your career presentation.

### Overview

- **Who:** All career paths/positions welcome.
- **What:** Presentations are encouraged to be an introduction to your career field (more on this below), and approximately 20-30 minutes in length with time for questions from the audience at the end if you are comfortable.
- **Where:** Ideally looking for participants willing to share in person, outside at Avondale under a tent. Virtual presentations opportunities available upon request.
- **When:** Camp will be held on weekdays 6/14-7/30. Presenters are requested between 10-12 and 1-3 daily. We will work with your schedule!

### Planning your Presentation

Firstly, there is no right or wrong here. These presentations can be informal in nature (no fancy PowerPoints required!) and are simply a way to introduce various career fields to middle and high school students as they consider their own future opportunities. The questions below are here to prompt your thinking - you absolutely do not have to answer them all and can take any approach you wish to the presentation.

- What did you want to be when you grew up?
- When/how did you decide to enter your current career?
- What is your educational background? Is this the standard for your field? If not, what are some other ways that folks get into your chosen career area?
- What does a typical day on the job look like for you? What do you really DO?
- What are some of your favorite parts about your job/what gets you out of bed in the morning?
- What is something about your career field that people might not expect?
- What is the most challenging part of the work you do?

One final piece of food for thought. How can you engage the students in your presentation? A simple anecdote, opportunity to weigh in themselves, or demonstration of something relevant to your career may be an intriguing element. Don't be afraid to get creative with these! We are here to support you and will do our best to help set up the space to enable any kind of creative presentation you may wish to deliver.