

# February

# BE CAREER-AWARE

## February is Career and Technical Education Month

The path to a career is a journey of many small steps that includes awareness, exploration, and ultimately preparation. Stephen Covey once wrote, "Begin with the end in mind". Where do our students see themselves in 1 year, 5 years, or even 10 years? Knowing their end-goal, can help students take that first step. In celebration of this month's theme, below are 6 simple strategies for increasing career-awareness that put students first.



### 1 Connect with your students on a personal level

- Greet students at the door (ex. by name, secret handshake, fist bump, a smile)
- Relate to students in some common area (ex. food, music, sports, movies, books)
- Attend extracurricular activities

### 3 Identify a student's interests or talents

- Facilitate classroom activities such as conversation and magazine reading
- Listen and pay attention to side conversations
- Collaborate with other teachers to find out more about the student

### 5 Ask questions of your students

Are you involved in any clubs, sports, or community activities?

Do you have a special interest or talent?

### 6 Utilize resources

on campus and online such as Career Cruising, CTC, and the Department of Labor

### 2 Share your own educational experiences

Where did you go to college, technical college or military? Why did you make that choice?

What did you think was challenging?

### 4 Share your authentic career journeys

How did you end up in your career?

What do you enjoy about your job and what do you find challenging?



Culinary Arts in action at the student-run bistro in the AISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center.

## Six Simple Strategies

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