

# FIRST STEPS:

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## *Understanding the World of Work*

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# Teaching “Bob”

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One example of countless.

From ELA 7th to  
Career Discovery 8th

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In my Freshman Cornerstone class, we are currently learning about careers, resumes, and job interviews. Thanks to you, I'm able to keep up in the class with an A as my grade 😊 In your Career Discovery class, I learned that I wanted to be a mechanical engineer; I'm still planning on following that path and I've taken a deep interest in learning as much as I can about the job. I love reflecting on what you taught me because you made something that isn't that great to learn about (no offense) into something fun and memorable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

# Student Impact

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- *A Safe Environment to Explore*
- *High School Opportunities*
- *Development of “Today” Skills*

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# School Impact

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- *Occupational Mindset*
- *Core Content Acknowledgement*
- *School and Career Counselor Participation*

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# District Impact

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- *CTE Representation*
- *Program and Pathway Highlighter*
- *Participation Opportunities*

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# Community Impact

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- *Opportunities to participate in schools*
- *New generation of workforce*
- *Passion for career pathways is reiterated*



# Implementation Brainstorm

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*Take the next 5-10 minutes to get with a group and discuss the following topics that best apply to you:*

- Is a similar program available for the middle schools in your district? If so, how could the program be improved upon?*
- How would a similar program benefit your district?*
- How could a similar program be implemented in your middle schools?*



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# Questions?





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