# **CAREER EXPO**

**Overview:** Career Expos will connect cohort students with career professionals to provide a broad overview of careers from a variety of career clusters. Students are provided the opportunity to explore the career possibilities from local employers that await them in Oklahoma. These critical careers from in-demand industries will help inspire and educate students of the wide array of careers available within the state.

## Info about station activity:

Design your own Career Expo using sample room layouts and career cluster banners.

#### **Materials:**

- Career Cluster Cards
- Career Expo Gym Setup
- Appointment Clock Handout
- Mentoring Planning Document

#### **Procedure:**

#### Step 1:

Using the Career Cluster Cards and the Career Expo Gym Setup, work with your group to format and set up a sample expo.

## Step 2:

Using the Planning Doc, begin thinking about community partners who might be able to help with your expo.

#### Step 3:

Collaborate with your group to fill any missing booths or career cluster areas.



# **CAREER CAFÉ**

**Overview:** Career Cafés are an opportunity for students to dig deeper into career fields of specific interest to them. These meetings provide a way for small groups of students to meet professionals—either in-person or virtually— who work in career fields that the students want to learn more about. Through the personalized setting, students make meaningful connections while diving deeper into career interests.

## Info about station activity:

View sample Career Cluster survey data and collaborate with your group to find three (3) career speakers that match the needs and interests.

#### **Materials:**

- Student Survey Data
- Career Cluster Table
- Appointment Clock Handout
- Mentoring Planning Document

#### **Procedure:**

## Step 1:

Review the Sample Career Cluster Survey Data.

## Step 2:

Collaborate to select three (3) career clusters that would best fit the date using the Career Cluster Table as a guide.

#### Step 3:

Using your planning document, brainstorm speakers that could match these needs.



## **COLLEGE2CAREER FORUM**

**Overview:** College2Career Forums (C2CF) connect students to postsecondary institutions and career professionals for interactive and hands-on learning experiences. Like campus visits, C2CF enables students to experience a career campus and engage with professionals for real-world career connections.

## Info about station activity:

Brainstorm hands-on experiences students could participate in with expected outcomes and expectations.

## **Materials:**

- Career Cluster Table
- Mentoring Planning Document
- Appointment Clock Handout

#### **Procedure:**

## Step 1:

Using the career speakers you picked for your career expos and career cafes, decide which organization you would like your students to visit.

## Step 2:

Outline actions needed to get students out of the building (e.g. transportation needs and stakeholders needed to be looped in).

## Step 3:

List out your expectations of the visit and what you would hope the students learn.

