



Level Up

Your Programming

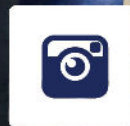


Fresh ideas to re-energize
career readiness activities



A man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing a blue button-down shirt and jeans, is speaking into a microphone. He is pointing his right index finger towards the audience. In the foreground, the backs of two audience members' heads are visible. The background shows a room with a whiteboard, a black curtain, and some papers pinned to the wall.

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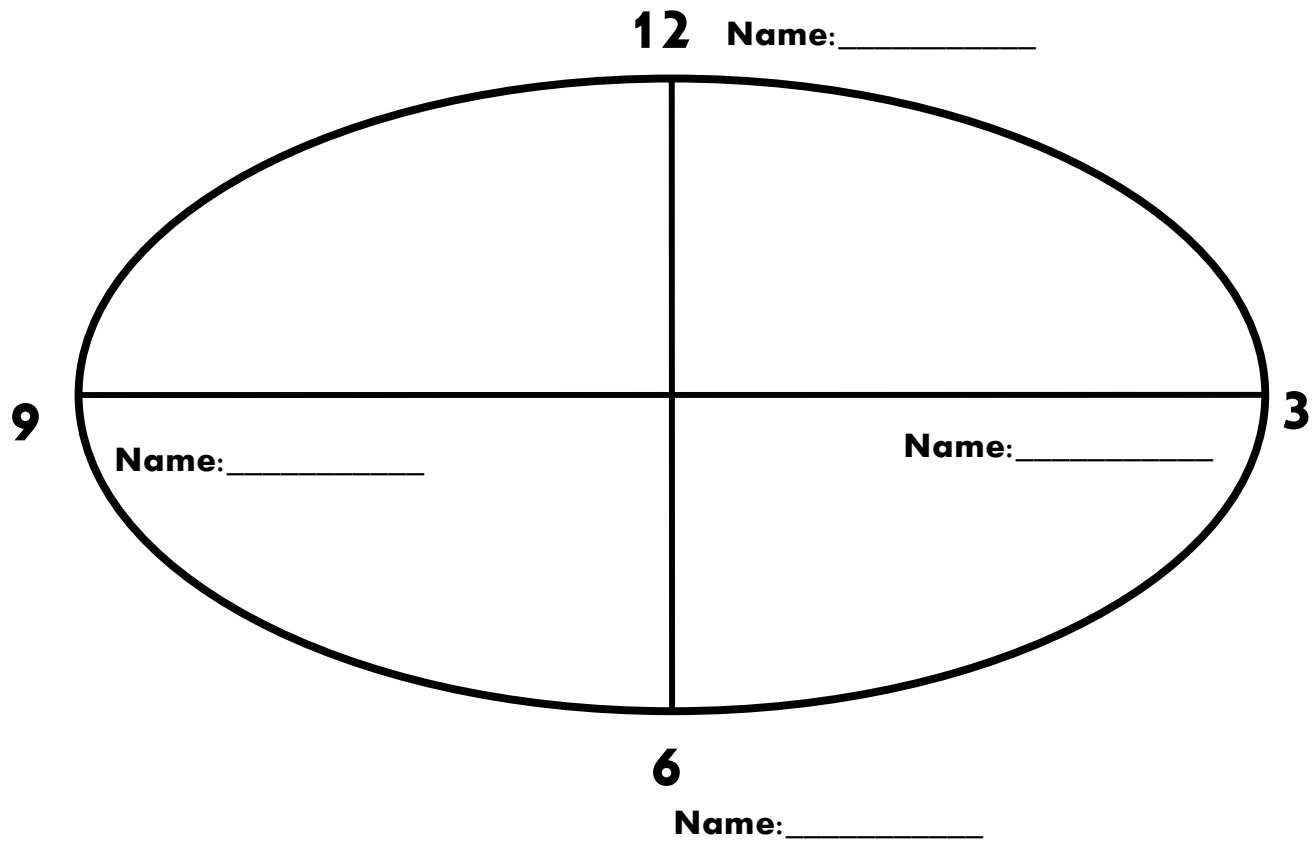
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WHAT TIME IS IT?





Clock Questions



Think of your last career-readiness event or activity.

- (1) What worked?
- (2) What could have been better?
- (3) If you had unlimited funding/resources, how would you level up this activity?





3 Stages

Career Readiness

Discover



Students discover attributes about themselves to align careers with who they are.

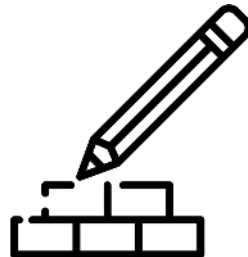


Explore

Students explore careers that align with those attributes



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Build

Students build the skills & knowledge needed to excel in their chosen career

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MY CAREER JOURNEY

INTERESTS

Activities, topics and subjects that spark your curiosity

discover

WORK VALUES

MONEY

REALITY CHECK

Education Quest

HOW MUCH MONEY IS ENOUGH FOR ME?

TO COVER ALL MY BILLS COMFORTABLY	
TO COVER ALL MY BILLS, LIVE COMFORTABLY, AND ACCOMPLISH SOME OF MY BIGGEST FINANCIAL DREAMS?	

STRENGTHS

THE HIGH FIVE TEST

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MY CAREER JOURNEY

explore

CAREER INTERESTS

WHAT PEOPLE AND EXPERIENCES DO YOU NEED TO EXPLORE YOUR CAREER INTERESTS?

PEOPLE EX. PROGRAM STAFF, CAREER MENTOR, TEACHERS

EXPERIENCE EX. INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS, JOB SHADOW, INTERNSHIPS, CAREER CLASSES, ONLINE RESOURCES



KNOWLEDGE FACTS AND
LESSONS LEARNED

The 3 major subjects I need to learn
for my career are...

SKILLS THE ABILITY TO DO
SOMETHING WELL

The most important skills needed to
be successful in my career are...



Level-UP the Learning

Stage	Traditional	Level-UP
Discover		
Explore		
Build		





Menu of Ingredients

of leveling-up



- Energy
- Competitive Games
- Organization
- Purposeful Events
- Have a backup
- Incorporate Stories
- Timely
- Culturally Relevant
- Location



discover WORK VALUES

1. **Work-life balance** (Flexible hours, time for family/hobbies)
2. **Creativity** (Opportunities to innovate and express ideas)
3. **Job security** (Stable, long-term employment)
4. **Helping others** (Making a positive impact on people/society)
5. **High salary** (Earning a lot of money)
6. **Leadership** (Managing teams, making decisions)
7. **Freedom** (Freedom to work independently)
8. **Prestige** (Respected, admired career)
9. **Variety** (Different tasks, no routine)
10. **Learning & growth** (Continuous skill development)





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Reflection



What is something you've take away that you're planning to apply from the conference?

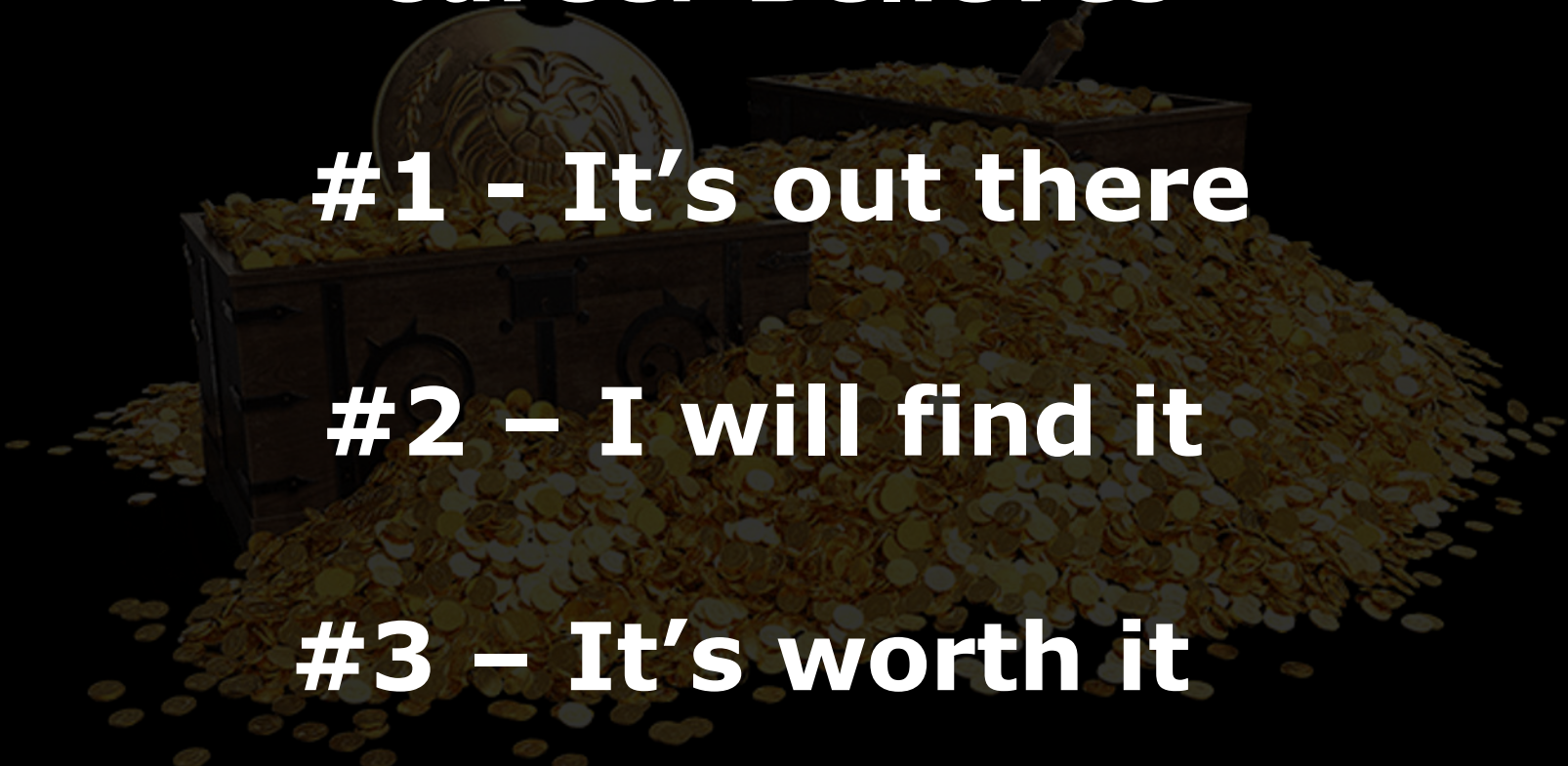
Something I still want to learn





Mel Fischer

Career Believes

A treasure chest overflowing with gold coins, with a large pile of coins spilling out onto the floor. The scene is set against a dark background, emphasizing the golden glow of the coins.

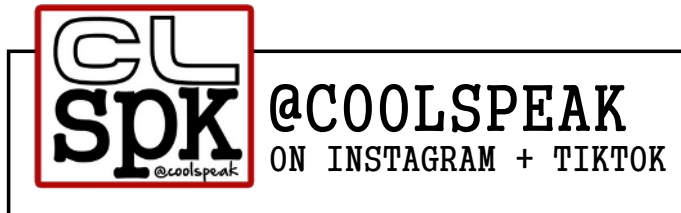
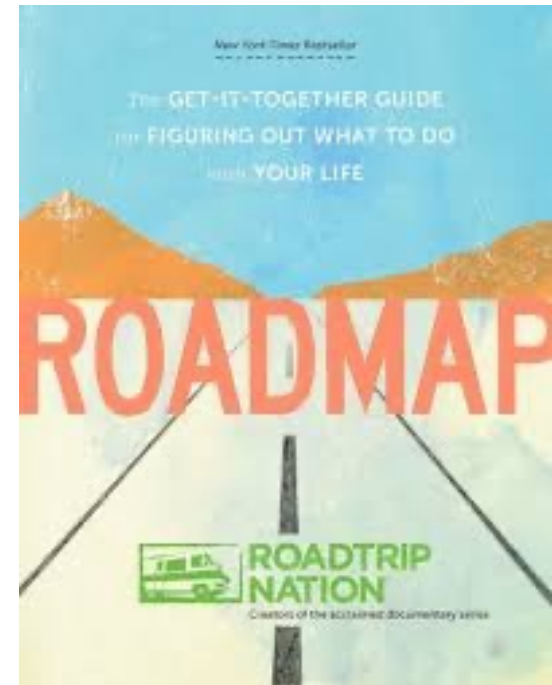
#1 - It's out there

#2 - I will find it

#3 - It's worth it



ROADTRIP NATION



Presentation PPT & Worksheets

<https://coolspeak.com/waypoint/>



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Juan Cangas is a CoolSpeak speaker and career readiness coach who helps students turn challenges into opportunities by making purpose-driven decisions about their future. From personal experience to powerful keynotes, he equips youth with the resilience and skills to lead, grow, and thrive.

Download presentations, handouts, and resources from recent conference presentations.

- [Slides: Level Up Your Programming](#)
- [Resource: My Career Journey](#)



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