

# What is “Ask the Expert” Day?

Students will be given the opportunity to interact with professionals in a variety of careers during "Ask the Expert" Day, **February 2, 2011**. Business professionals are invited to serve as guest speakers in the classrooms to discuss their career and perhaps a particular academic subject area.

## Presentations may include:

- An explanation of your career path
- Personal stories of interest
- Educational decisions
- The joys and frustrations of the field
- Advice for students
- A demonstration of how you apply skills learned while in school in your profession

This program is intended to help students better understand the direct relationship of curricular subject areas to life skills and career opportunities in the workplace.

- You will have 50 minutes in the classroom
- Introduce yourself, your company and your profession
- Prepare a 10 minute presentation, using transparencies, PowerPoint, etc. to explain more about yourself and the education and experience that led up to your current profession.
- Please bring any handouts, materials from your work, annual report, etc. for the students
- Share where you attended for your undergraduate studies, and/or graduate studies
- Bring an exercise or hands-on activity for them to work on that will take about 10 minutes. (Optional)
- Try to incorporate activities with your presentation and end with a Q & A session.
- Prepare to give more information!

## Be prepared to answer these possible questions:

- How long did it take to get your degree(s)?
- Why and how did you choose your profession?
- What are some of your joys and frustrations with this profession?
- What is your favorite and least favorite thing about your profession?
- What is a typical day like for you?
- Do you need more job training after you have completed your education?
- How do you help your business or organization meet its goals?
- What are your responsibilities?
- Why did you select this career?
- How much education do you need for your career?
- What knowledge and skills did you learn in school that you use in your career now?

# R.S.V.P. for the February 2, 2011 “Ask the Expert” Day

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I would love to volunteer!
- No, I will not be able to attend on this date, but please contact me for other opportunities.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am available from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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