



We help High School students plan and prepare for their future – the future that’s best for THEM.

We offer the Clarity, Confidence and Connections to build their best tomorrow.

- ♦ **Focused Futures:** Guides socioeconomically disadvantaged seniors through defined activities to develop foundational job skills, build confidence, and transition to meaningful post-secondary education, training, and career opportunities.
- ♦ **Xcelerate Workforce Pathway:** Enables workforce-bound seniors to learn about higher-paying entry-level jobs with benefits, visit local companies with job openings, and build the skills and connections needed to be competitive job applicants.
- ♦ **High School Ambassadors:** Empowers students to bring their voices to our planning, serve as a bridge to their peers, and build professional development skills and first-hand job experience.
- ♦ **Career-Focused Mentoring:** Connects students with mentors in partnership with the ACE Mentoring Program and the Real Estate Awareness & Diversity Initiative and guides students to explore careers, create resumes, practice mock interviewing, and build personal finance skills.
- ♦ **Fund Your Future:** Provides 1:1 financial aid application support to students in Focused Futures, Xcelerate & Ambassador Program to complete financial aid applications, review aid and scholarship awards, and complete the necessary steps to receive the aid.
- ♦ **Future Connections:** Aims to help all students identify their strengths and interests and connect them to careers, create a professional resume, research jobs of interest and related education and training requirements, and learn crucial personal finance skills before graduation (in development).



Programs

- ♦ **Skillshops:** Out-of-school-time workshops that teach college and career readiness, financial literacy, soft skills, and other critical topics.
- ♦ **Individualized Support:** Career Coaches offer 1:1 coaching tailored to each student's needs, including resume support, mock interviewing, job searching, college planning, etc.
- ♦ **Career Closets:** Gently-used professional clothing is available for students.
- ♦ **Virtual Reality College and Career Exploration:** Virtual reality headsets with college and career exploration and public speaking software are available at each Future Center.
- ♦ **Gold Standard Online Resources:** SuperStrong® Interest Inventory Assessment, Career Edge and Next Gen Personal Finance programs are available to all students and integrated into programs.

Services & Resources

- ♦ **Connect to Careers Events:** Enable students to interact with local businesses and their employees, explore jobs, and use these experiences to make meaningful career choices.
- ♦ **Career Nextpeditions:** Brings students to a local company to meet with employees and learn about the different departments and current job openings.
- ♦ **Networking Hours:** Connects students to representatives from local businesses for informal discussions about their jobs, companies, and personal journeys.
- ♦ **College and Vocational/Technical School Tours:** Builds students' interest in and awareness of post-secondary options.

Events

