WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Getting Middle Schoolers College & Career Ready

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BACKGROUND

- Work at Sinaloa Middle School in Simi Valley
  - a National School to Watch and CA Gold Ribbon School
  - a Pathways school and partner with Reagan Education Foundation
- Teaching 19 years
- English teacher; Leadership advisor
THE CHALLENGE...

How to get our students thinking about college, careers, and life after middle school?

- High EL population
- Students already doing career research paper in 8th grade English
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EDUCATION & CAREER FAIRE
**PREPARATION...**

- Get a partner!
- Searching for participants
  - PTSA, Rotary, school newsletters, Facebook & social media
- Polling 8th graders
  - Career interests, high school plans, likes/dislikes
- Creating student locators
PREPARATION...

- Use Leadership students to...
  - create signage for participants
  - work during event
  - set up/tear down

- Use PTSA parents to...
  - help with monitoring in gym
  - set up food and gather donations
**PORTFOLIO DAY**

- Giving students a chance to share their learning with members of the community

- Start preparation early! Pull assignments starting in 6th grade/7th grade.
PORTFOLIO DAY

- In 8th grade, compile a set of “favorite” assignments to share
  - Students create resumes to include in portfolio
  - Students practice interview skills in English classes
- Bring community members to talk to students