



PIC Career Speakers

Speaking to students is easier than you might imagine. Many students, especially those in Boston's career themed high schools, already have specific career interests. Others with less exposure to specific industries and careers are curious about the breadth of careers available to them.

The length of the presentation is up to you. You may choose to speak to one class on one day, or you may visit multiple classes over time. Whatever your interests and time constraints, the PIC staff can work with you and the school to design the most effective and convenient approach.

Tips

Class sizes vary, but most have about 30 students. The best guest speakers are excited about their careers and run an interactive, dynamic session with students. Visual aids, handouts, and hands-on activities are always encouraged. If audio-visual equipment is needed, presenters are welcome to bring it along, or PIC staff can arrange to provide it.

Below are examples of questions you might ask and points you might cover. Above all, you should focus on the topics most relevant to your particular experience.

- Overview of current job and its responsibilities
- How did you get to where you are today?
 - Any obstacles that you had to overcome growing up?
 - What relevant classes did you take in high school?
 - How did you become interested in your industry?
 - What was your major in college?
 - Did you have any other jobs leading up to this one?
- If relevant, talk about your personal experience in college.
 - What did you like? What didn't you like?
 - Did you have to work your way through college?
 - Did you apply for scholarships? Was it difficult to stay focused?
- What do you like most about your job?
- What do you like least about your job?
- Discuss the importance of work/ life balance to you.
- What are the next steps in your career?