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## Student Quotes

*"At first I was really lost about my future, but now I have an idea where to start."*

*"I normally don't attend career things at the school but this was a nice change. I enjoyed hearing someone speak about their journey into the profession"*

*"This year I have been fooling around a lot because I don't feel like thinking and trying and failing Gr. 11 doesn't matter. Now I realize I shouldn't back away from challenges."*

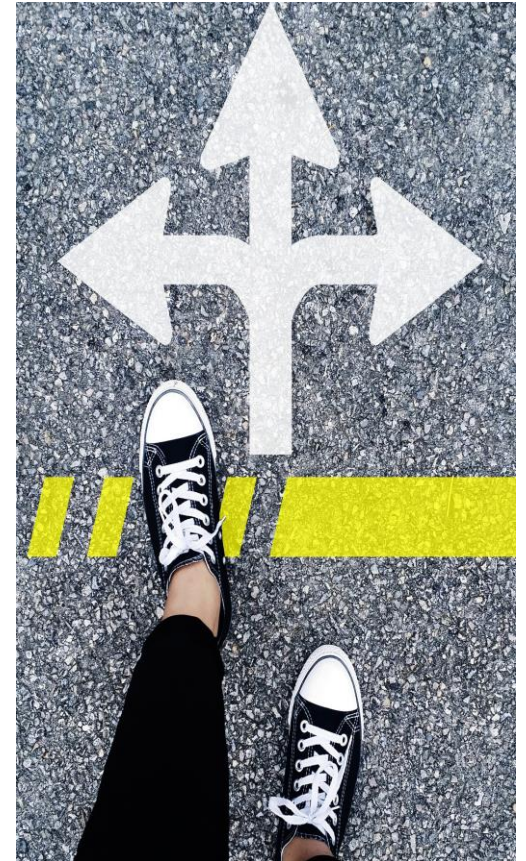
*"Never give up on your dream and its okay to not know what you want."*

Calgary



# The Journey Forward

Every Journey has a Story



In partnership with



United Way  
Calgary and Area



all in for youth  
United for school completion.



## The Journey Forward

The Journey Forward program promotes high school completion by having volunteers share their personal stories and journeys into their respective professions through small, informal discussion groups (5-15 students). Each session focuses on the importance of setting obtainable goals, navigating the world of work, overcoming challenges and self-discovery.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to encourage students to explore an array of career opportunities. The Journey Forward program is not a professional presentation, recruiting event, hiring fair or a way to convince students towards a certain career path. The emphasis will be on how everyone's journey is unique and to encourage youth to think about life after high school. Sessions are facilitated in schools for 30 minutes and take place during an academic period.

*"What's next after high school?"*

## Who is The Journey Forward for?

The Journey Forward program is most suitable for students who are facing barriers to high school completion, need extra support/guidance and motivation to achieve their goals and/or just don't know what they want to do with their lives!



## Preparing for the Journey

The Journey Forward requires a team effort. To best support the program, the school is responsible for delegating a minimum of 2 school staff members (an All In for Youth School Lead + a support) to work directly with the Youth Employment Centre's All In for Youth (AIFY) Liaison. The identified school staff members will be responsible for student recruitment and will work with school staff to identify students that would benefit from attending. Your AIFY Liaison will schedule a volunteer for each session.

## The Journey Forward Checklist

- 5 - 15 students
- 2 school staff members to recruit Students & promote The Journey Forward program
- 1 inviting space to encourage group discussion & participation (Lounge, library, resource area, etc.)
- 30 minutes of class time for the The Journey Forward session
- 10-15 minutes for set-up/clean-up



If you have any questions regarding The Journey Forward program, or would like to book The Journey Forward at your school, please contact your Youth Employment Centre, AIFY Liaison.