

DGS counselors recognize it is hard for teenagers to figure out what they want to do for the rest of their lives. In an effort to expose students to learn about more careers, we offered a virtual career speaker series. See below for recordings of some of our sessions. Each session is roughly 30 minutes and includes an overall description of their career path, current role, and answers to general questions.

Brad Tietz - Vice President of Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Brad advocates and works at all levels of government, but particularly the State of Illinois and City of Chicago, to achieve and support pro-business policies that support Chicagoland businesses, including our over 1,000 members from every sector.

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Brad Whitacre - Insurance Consultant/Paramedic

Former Bond Trader, Former Critical Care Flight Paramedic and now owner of an Insurance Agency. Sometimes a career path is a little crooked.

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Scott Gbur - Senior Account Executive - Group Ticket Sales, Chicago White Sox

Scott has worked with the Chicago White Sox since 2006 in various capacities. For the past 9 years he has coordinated events of all sizes from 20 people to 2000+.

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Jennifer Ganser - Assistant Director of Community Development, Village of Lombard
Curious how development happens? Why are all the manufacturing businesses located near one another? Why are buildings closer together in downtown areas? Who decides where businesses go and where residential is built? Jennifer does this and more at work! After DGS, Jennifer graduated from DePaul University with a bachelors degree and University of Illinois at Chicago for her masters degree.

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Matt Johnson - Attorney

Summary - Matt has been a civil trial attorney in Chicago for the past decade, involved in all stages of litigation from drafting to litigation through jury trials. He has represented both Plaintiffs (people filing a lawsuit) and Defendants (those being sued), and can talk about his experience in the Chicago Court system in both State and Federal Court. He is also a certified arbitrator for the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program. He is also the Head Muay Thai and striking coach for TDC Mixed Martial Arts in Chicago, IL.

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David Rasho - Business Owner - Access 2 =Insight, LLC

Several years ago David left his job and started a business helping big companies use data about their customers to improve marketing performance. The early days were very rough (we got sued and lost a lot of money) but they've grown from 8 employees to 35 and they've really enjoyed the journey!

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Cathy Jama - Executive Vice President/Commercial Real Estate Broker

Cathy works with small businesses who have commercial real estate needs in office, retail and industrial spaces. She has been in commercial real estate all of her career and it started when she worked at McDonald's Corporation as a real estate paralegal and then transitioned to development manager.

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David Biede - Vice President, McDonald's Global Business Unit

As the VP, David oversees global potato sales to McDonald's. Additionally, manage all financial, marketing and HR efforts of the team, while managing cross-functional groups responsible for supply chain, innovation and manufacturing.

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Chris Wheatley - Marketing Technology Manager

Chris has had multiple positions related to Marketing with Groupon, JP Morgan Chase, and now works at LGIM America as the Marketing Technology Manager. He leads the firm's digital campaign efforts and manages the marketing platforms.

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Yoichi Momozaki - Principal Nuclear Engineer/Senior Engineer

Momo wanted (still does) to be an astronaut, but no adults around me could give him any advice. He is not an astronaut (yet!), but enjoys being a researcher.

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Lori Prokes - Director of Environmental Services, V3 Companies, Woodridge
Poli Sci undergrad at Valpo, Law degree, Practiced environmental law, which lead to regulatory compliance, to environmental consulting. Can speak to jobs in geology, environmental science, sustainability, corporate social responsibility including ethics office and diversity & inclusion - and law - both with a firm and corporation.

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Winlynn Lin - Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Winlynn is a mental health therapist in a group private practice. She works with children as young as 5 to as old as 100 on many different issues from emotional and mental well being to life changes/transitions to parenting. She has also worked in a variety of different settings such as in hospitals, in residential treatment centers, in community mental health centers.

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Leigh Ann Wild - Registered Nurse, Professional Development Coordinator, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

She has been a nurse for 10 years. For eight years, She worked as an ICU nurse caring for critically ill patients. Currently, she works with nursing professional development, where she runs the Critical Care Orientation program- a series of classes for nurses new to the ICUs and Emergency Department at Northwestern.

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Colleen McShane - Dentist

Colleen is a general dentist and works in a group private practice in the west suburbs. She sees people who need fillings, crowns, root canals, dentures, extractions, and implants. She has worked as a resident in a hospital and has done several medical/dental mission trips.

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Katie Misek - Katie Misek - Physician Assistant

Katie is a physician assistant working in Emergency Departments. A physician assistant is a healthcare provider trained to diagnose and treat illness in collaboration with a physician. She sees patients along anything from fractures and lacerations to heart attacks and strokes.

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