

# 6th-12th Grade + College Talking Tips

## Share Your Career Story (with offline activity).

2024-25 School Year

Guest speaker and teacher: review these tips prior to a classroom visit.

Strive to be casual and authentic with middle and high school students.

**\*\*Decide together if your guest is bringing a Show & Tell item.\*\***

Hi everyone. My name's \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm here to tell you how I came to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Business Owner, Manager, Technician, Volunteer, Mayor, City Council Member, etc.*

But first, let's play a round of: ***Tell Me Something I Don't Know!*** Allow up to 20 minutes and make sure the teacher has secured a soft object (like a ball) to toss around. 😎

Have each student (or teams due to class size) search a classroom or library book for an intriguing or surprising Alaska, Alaska Native, or Alaskan fact.

Make a circle and gently toss the object to the first student. That student names their book, shares a fact, then takes a step backward. The object is tossed to the next student, etc. Pace of the activity is determined by class size.

LESSON: There's always something new to learn about Alaska. Find legitimate sources and be curious. Maintain the circle (if it's comfortable to do so) and share *some* of your career story.

1. **Highlight** your first relevant job (paid or unpaid). What age were you? Interesting details?
2. **Share** extracurricular activities you participated in during middle & high school.
3. **Explain** why you chose a specific path: College, Military, On-The-Job training, etc.?
4. **Share** how you came to be in your current role. **Any unusual twists or turns?** Offer a brief description of the primary components of your position.
5. **Ask** for questions. **Discuss** the Show & Tell item if you brought one.

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