

NAME A FUTURE is a movement to ignite, evoke, and share the pride we all feel as members of the NAF network with each other, our families, our friends, colleagues, and most of all, with YOU. Throughout this Expedition, you will LEAD YOUR LEARNING by fully engaging with the resources and activities. You will be asked to -



- **REFLECT** about your skill sets, learning goals, and purpose
- **STRETCH** your knowledge and Future Ready skills through active learning
- **INNOVATE** and iterate solutions for real-world challenges or needs
- **SHOWCASE** your innovations and learning journey in a dynamic way

PRO TIP: Throughout this Expedition, you may see this briefcase icon. That may be an opportune time to have a conversation with a mentor or local business leader to discuss industry trends, ideate solutions, solicit feedback, and/or present your project. (Speak to your educator for help making contact.)



To become an engineer, I first had to learn what an engineer was. To build the future of my dreams, I first had to name it. We live in an era of ~manifesting~ and as NAF students, we manifest our future success by putting in the work. With NAF, we've got the tools, opportunities, and confidence to first NAME A FUTURE— then make it happen.

Read [the rest of this article](#) about how NAF has helped these alumni #NAMEAFUTURE



PLAY TO WATCH



Check out the video from a NAF alum who is naming her future each day!

We encourage you to utilize our [Expeditions Idea Book](#) as you navigate this Expedition as a resource and space to get your creativity flowing, organize your ideas and research, and share your innovations and reflections.

REFLECT

As you watch the video, think deeply about these questions:

- What are you passionate about?
- What careers align with your passion?
- What do you see your future self doing?

REFLECT

How can the NAF Network help you #NAMEAFUTURE?



As a NAF student, you've probably participated in work-based learning opportunities: learning about and exploring career options and even getting hands on work experience. Review the graphic below of the range of work-based learning engagements and reflect on how your NAF experience is helping you be college and career ready.



Whose expertise can you tap into to learn more about this career? (Think about professionals in your network, existing videos, webinars, guest speaking opportunities, etc.)

NAF Alumni Profiles

After reading these profiles, think about your pivotal Name a Future (N.A.F.) experiences?



Ariana's N.A.F experience:

Toured Twitter offices, triggering her interest in marketing

Made professional connections to Advisory Board members

Took a risk and joined her soccer team

Ariana Peña Ramirez will be attending Monroe College in the fall of 2023 and majoring in sports management and minoring in marketing.



Nolan's N.A.F experience:

Switched to the Academy of Finance to learn more about running a business.

Became a licensed Real Estate agent at 18.

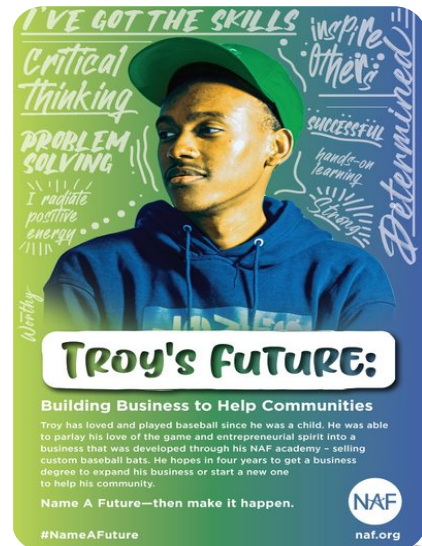
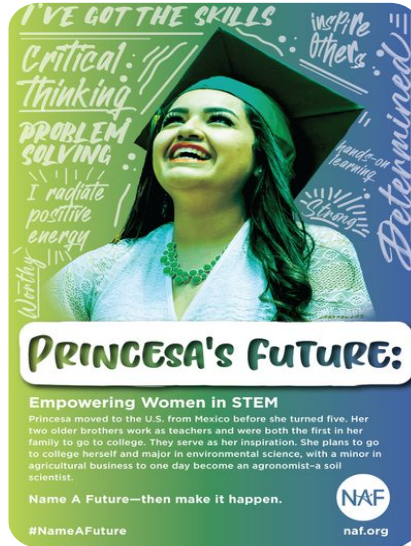
At age 26 became the CEO of his own company.

Nolan Connor graduated from Suffolk Community College in 2015 with an Associate's degree, Business Administration and Management.

REFLECT

Take a look at the #NAMEAFUTURE student posters below and think about these questions:

- Is your story similar to any of theirs?
- Are there any words or phrases in the background image that resonate with you?
- What might your poster say?
- How could these posters inspire your peers to #NAMEAFUTURE?



[GET YOUR #NAMEAFUTURE POSTER TEMPLATE HERE](#)



OPPORTUNITY ALERT!

Share your story by answering one of our questions below on social media, by recording a video, or putting it in the post caption. Be sure to use the hashtag #NameAFuture and tag us @nafcareeracads!

- What's your #NameAFuture story?
- Who helped you #NameAFuture? Give them a shoutout!
- How do you help NAF students #NameAFuture?

 **STRETCH**

To help you #NAMEAFUTURE, engage in learning through your own initiative to expand your ideas.

- Learn how other young people have named a future by [watching their stories](#) or using the [Roadmap tool](#) to plan your future.
- Plan to find a mentor, a person with experience to guide you in your personal and professional life. (Is there an academy advisory board member, community leader, or employer who can support your learning journey?)
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Google
Applied Digital Skills

Learn job-ready skills from anywhere with Google's video- and project-based lessons, free of charge.

No tech experience is required. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

- Learn about what a vision board is and how to [create a digital version](#) with Google Drawings in this Applied Digital Skills Lesson.





INNOVATE

As you continue to #NAMEAFUTURE, think about what you can create to serve as a reminder of your aspirations:

Take this [career quiz](#) and then create a [visual roadmap](#) to your future.

Create an e-portfolio that documents your #NAMEAFUTURE journey and update it as you hit milestones.

Create a [vision board](#) (digital or physical) that illustrates what you will accomplish in the near and distant future.

Collaborate with your peers to create a #NAMEAFUTURE movement that inspires your whole academy or school to name their future.

Create a movement at your school or community to amplify this industry or the skills sets needed to succeed in your chosen field. You can start a chapter for a Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) or professional organization to get your peers and yourself immersed in a field.

Conduct an [informational interview](#) with someone who can help you name a future.



PRO TIP:

If the choices above don't appeal to you, you can create-your-own or generate ideas by exploring biographies on company websites or sites like LinkedIn.



Is there a mentor or industry partner who can discuss their #NAMEAFUTURE story to support your innovation? How can you gather mentor feedback as you iterate and innovate?



SHOWCASE

Share your #NAMEAFUTURE creation with the world in one (or more) of these ways:

Why not plan a showcase where you and your peers can share presentations with the whole school, at a parent night, or for a panel of industry professionals?

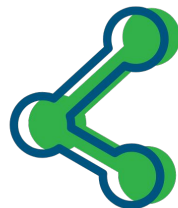


<p>GET SOCIAL</p>	<p>Share your story by answering one of our questions below on social media, by recording a video, or putting it in the post caption. Be sure to use the hashtag #NameAFuture and tag us @nafccareeracads!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's your #NameAFuture story? • If there is someone who's helped you #NameAFuture, give them a shoutout! • How do you help NAF students #NameAFuture?
<p>MAKE AN IMPACT</p>	<p>Display your (and your peers') #NAMEAFUTURE posters on your academy's social media, in your classroom, or around the school.</p>
<p>PUBLISH IT</p>	<p>Publish your career quiz results, roadmap, vision board, and/or informational interview on a personal blog, e-portfolio, social media, or video.</p>



PRO TIPS:

- Share your innovation with a mentor, advisory board member, potential employer or younger students to inspire them as they #NAMEAFUTURE.
- Not interested in options from our Showcase menu? You can present your creations in a format of your choosing.



STUDENTS, SHARE YOUR INNOVATION!

NAF would love to see your creation! After you get your educator's permission, submit yours [HERE](#). We may highlight you on social media!

(We WILL NOT share your work without your educator's and your approval.)