

NAF academy graduates have the skills, career aspirations and connections necessary to thrive in the world of work.

NAF Graduates

World of Work

Creating the supports for positive change are corporate partners, foundations, peer organizations, individual donors to NAF and local businesses and organizations that care about community economic development, all working with NAF staff and board members.

NAF Foundational Supports

NAF's academy design provides a flexible framework for transformation—anchored in proven pathways and adaptable to local strengths—with digital tools and expert coaching to help educators and students turn the high school experience into a space to ensure future readiness.

Ecosystem Support

NAF's support connects and coordinates expertise, resources, and advocacy to advisory boards, employers, and community organizations, amplifying the impact of educators and partners and ensuring student access to enriching experiences and opportunities.

Work-Based Learning

NAF's outcomes-driven work-based learning model supplies educators, communities, and employers with the framework and tools to provide high-quality, career-connected opportunities that enable students to discover meaningful career pathways, develop future ready skills, and build professional networks.

Educator Supports

NAF's curriculum and professional learning opportunities provide teachers with both career-focused instructional content and opportunities to deepen their expertise in delivering it effectively, enabling students to build knowledge and gain hands-on experience for their future careers.

Alumni Engagement

NAF's alumni network provides mentorship, partnerships, and leadership opportunities that enable NAF graduates to expand professional connections, gain real-world insights, and access career pathways—strengthening communities and advancing economic mobility.

School Community Key Contributions

NAF elevates the work of school communities in establishing strong career-connected education programs of study that include coordination from educators and community members to create a variety of work-based learning opportunities for students. Schools work with NAF to monitor student-level data and reflect on NAF academy progress through a quality assessment.

NAF fosters an ecosystem of support and success through relationships and feedback with educators, employers, and community members.

Ecosystem



THEORY OF CHANGE

School Communities

NAF career academies are small learning communities within high schools, brought to life by student interests, school district goals, and community vision. Educators select from focus areas including engineering, finance, health sciences, hospitality & tourism, information technology, or additional career pathways.

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