**Mentored Industry Projects**

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| **TIPS**Mentored Industry Projects will result in powerful learning, but don’t stop there! Help your students use their experience to connect with industry professionals and build their professional network. Three questions to get your students started:* How will you keep track of new connections?
	+ Example: Collect and store business cards (old school!)
	+ Example: LinkedIn
* What will you share with potential connections?
	+ Your business card
	+ LinkedIn profile
* Where will you try to build your network?
	+ Social media
	+ Local Chambers of Commerce meetings
	+ Local Workforce or Economic Development Board meetings
	+ Local co-working spaces for entrepreneurs
	+ Our Business Advisory Board meetings
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| **RESOURCES**LinkedIn is the number one tool for professional networking, job seeking, and professional thought leadership. District C has created resources for Teamship coaches and students to help students build their professional networks through LinkedIn. LinkedIn networking starts with building a profile. Then students think about *how* to grow their connections. Sage, a Teamship alumna, built her profile and decided to write and publish an article to bolster her connections.* “[District C: what it is, how it works, and why it's worth your time](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/district-c-what-how-works-why-its-worth-your-time-sage-collier%3FtrackingId%3D7lx9KLq8TSq%252Fw2emQ7I2%252BA%253D%253D/?trackingId=7lx9KLq8TSq%2Fw2emQ7I2%2BA%3D%3D)” a LinkedIn article by Sage Collier
* [Sage’s LinkedIn post](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/sage-collier-784099239_district-c-the-best-investment-youll-make-activity-7031103446950801408-au4I?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop) about the article
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