

**Vocational Service Projects**  
**District 5190**  
**Rotary Club of : Auburn**  
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**Program Title: Career Speakers Bureau for at-risk students**

**Program Summary:** Build a team of Rotarian's to present career talks to at risk students at Local High Schools. This will ultimately lead to Rotarian's mentoring students and possible follow-up job shadow opportunities.

**Focus of the program:** Rotarian's will be aligned to the six career sectors of:

*Agricultural/Enviromental Sciences*

*Arts/Communication*

*Business/Computer Technology*

*Social/Human/Services*

*Health Sciences*

*Industry/Engineering*

They will present career talks in small group settings throughout the school year, as needed and scheduled by the school counselors. As a result of the career talks some Rotarians will do follow up mentoring and set up possible job shadow opportunities for individual students.

**How is the program best implemented:**

What considerations must be part of the implementation process?

The Rotarians fill out a Speaker Profile on themselves. These profiles are reviewed by a Rotary steering committee and school counselors to schedule speaker times. The Rotarians are briefed / trained on the students they will be addressing. The talks are about twenty minutes in length and ten or more minutes for follow up discussion and questions. The intent is to have a trained group of Rotarians, which the school can call upon, to come in and give various career presentations to the students. Thereby giving the student a sense of direction for post secondary training, schooling or entering the work force. Students would be able to hear from adults in the field, the pros and cons of various careers, the necessary qualifications, working conditions, salary and training opportunities, to name a few.

**Results of the program:**

Currently we have twenty eight Rotarians signed up covering all six career sectors. By mid November we will schedule two presentations at the school site. One is a Comprehensive High school the other a Continuation High school. These first two presentations will be videotaped to use as a training tool for the other speakers prior to them giving their talks. As these career talks become more consistent at the school we will look into mentoring and job shadow opportunities in the spring and summer. As Rotarians we need to build an alliance with the schools and a trust of the student, to develop a meaningful program.