

# Classroom Speakers Business Partners



## Program Overview

The UpLink Classroom Speakers program connects classrooms to careers by exposing students to career opportunities during their middle and high school years—critical, formative years when career exploration begins. Caring adult volunteers bring real-world relevance to classroom lessons by sharing their knowledge and experiences through in-class presentations. Classroom speakers inspire students on professional and personal levels.

## How it works

Through the Classroom Speakers online database, speakers can post information about their presentations, availability and preferred age groups and school districts. Teachers can then access the database throughout the year to review speaker profiles and book speakers, allowing the matching process to occur online.

## Getting started

- 1. Contact us** at 816.842.7082 to arrange an information meeting.
- 2. Encourage** employees of your organization to participate in the Classroom Speakers program.
- 3. Schedule** Schedule an on-site orientation session for employees from your organization or inform employees of the dates and times of orientation sessions held at the YouthFriends Central office.

**For more information, go to [uplinkthefuture.org](http://uplinkthefuture.org) or call 816.842.7082.**