

Engaging Students in Fun and Holistic Activities to Understand their Career Self-Awareness



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Diane Walker:

My TRIO Talent Search journey began on Sept 1, 1992. After working as a Guidance Specialist for ten years, I became the director of a newly funded TS Program at NSU TQ, OK. The past eleven years have been spent directing two TS programs serving 1,000 students in 17 target high schools. Over the course of my 30+ year career, I managed two successful programs, created & implemented grade-appropriate curriculum, designed several effective office practices, met & exceeded program objectives, mentored, developed & trained staff to direct their own TRIO Program.

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Kathryn Willhoite:

As an Oklahoman, it empowers me to serve as a Career Development Coordinator for the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education (ODCTE). I currently support Oklahoma high schools and technology centers on working to achieve Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) state requirements for students using OKCareerGuide.org as a free platform. Prior to joining ODCTE, I served as a career coach and academic advisor at Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!) and as a TRIO Talent Search Guidance Specialist for 8th-12th grades at Northeastern State University (with Diane Walker). I enjoy giving back to Oklahoma students and educators through holistic career development.

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Session Activities



- **Careeragories (Scattergories)** — great for any age, particularly 9th & 10th grades – fun activity to introduce students to different careers.
- **Career Values Guess Game** — great for any age, particularly 11th/12th grades and Adult; helps gain understanding of work values.
- **CrowdWords** — great for any age to assist with practice for building power skills such as communication, problem solving, and teamwork! Opportunity for students to hone employability/soft skills. [See link here](#) for more info.

*Ask Kathryn if you would like access to additional career activities