

SENSIBLE SAGES

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NOTES FOR FORUM TALKS:

The purpose of the talks is to offer the students an opportunity to get a real sense of one of the occupations that might be interesting for them to consider as a career.

We are selecting occupations that, on research, seem to be careers that will resist automation.

To accommodate the “classroom” needs of schools (45 minute periods) , the talks should be approximately 20 minutes long, leaving time for classroom discussion following.

Each speaker comes from a life-time of experience in that field. They can demonstrate that their choice of occupation was an exciting one for them and they are “living proof” that choosing such a career provides emotional satisfaction and pride as well as security and reward.

Personal experiences in some of the more rewarding moments will be the best examples. Describe the steps needed to approach this occupation and what the progress to achievement can entail.

We should assemble visual aids to accompany the presentations. We propose that there will be a speakers rostrum, with a neutral background, space for “props” as needed and projection screens for demonstrations of visual aids.

Following each talk, there will be question and answer time allotted for students and others to converse with the speakers.

The “speaker’s areas” will be lit for videotaping and the final versions of the “talks” will be edited into presentation videotapes that will be suitable for use in other future venues. (i.e. other schools, youth centers, et al). There will be microphones available for the students to use whilst conversing with the speakers.

Together with each presentation, the classes will be provided with notes and links to web-sites that can offer many more insights into the career subjects and how best to further investigate the opportunities to pursue these life directions.