First Year Seminar students who complete a Current Event activity will be able to:

- Assess current events to explain potential careers related to the topic
- Apply connections between careers and IUPUI majors
- Understand the concept of direct major/career connections and indirect major/career connections

**Q Did you find it hard to connect the current event to more than two careers?**
- Hopefully not! If you need help developing a list, your Career Consultant will assist.

**Q Why or why not?**
- No- because innovation always requires new skill sets. There is no such thing as a career that will always be “in demand”

**Q What implications do you think this has for the**
- Developing a skillset and being marketable is more realistic than choosing the “right” major.

**Qa**

**PRINCIPALS OF UNDERGRADUATE LEARNING**
- Understanding society and culture- analyze and understand the interconnectedness of global and local communities

**DEBRIEF WITH CLASS**

**REFLECTION**
1. Did this activity spark your curiosity in other majors or careers?

2. If you have a major, what questions do you have about your major’s career opportunities?

3. How will you use current events that interest you to help guide your major career exploration?
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Help students realize that the key as a freshman or sophomore is not the find the “right” major for them, but carefully determine the best path over the next few years that fits their values, interests, personality, and skills. This will get them to the first step of many.

1 Jobs and industries are rapidly changing in response to world around us

Your career will not follow a straight path!

Explain to students that an average graduate today will change careers 6 or more times! (not jobs, not titles, CAREERS!!!)

This changing environment has implications for major and career choice.

There is no “golden ticket” like we might imagine from movies or older relatives.

To succeed in the world of work and use a college degree, students must realize there is not “right major,” but instead a set of skills that will continually change. Everyone thriving in the world of work will hone these skills through education and professional development.

Examining a current event, like the one in this activity, and going through the steps to understand the ever-changing industry concept, will help students go through the same process continually throughout their career. This will allow them to figure out the best fields to pursue and continually grow.

2 Steps involved

Distribute Article

Give a brief explanation about where you found the article and any short contextual cues students might need.

Students Read Article

Either assign for homework, or give students 5-10 minutes to read.

Debrief in Class

There are debrief questions on the front of this page. Use these for a class discussion.

Reflect

Assign reflection from the questions on the front. This could be in paper, journal or other form.

3 Themes To Consider

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