**CLC 11 – Assignment Two “Networking and Career Option Reflections**

Networking is our ability to take a pro-active approach to meeting people with the hopes of making new contacts, helping others, learning something new, opening up job / business opportunities, and/or to be able to solve problems together (amongst other things!). Engaging in networks and reciprocal relationships can guide and broaden career-life awareness and options.

**Attend the Moscrop Career Fair on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 during Period 1**

*Please note: If you are a district program student, remind your district teacher ahead of time, and attend the Career Fair during collaboration time (then go immediately afterwards to your district program class).
All students: If you are sick / have an excused absence for this day, see Mrs. Dato ASAP.*

**GOALS FOR WHAT TO DO THE DAY OF THE CAREER FAIR**

Go to your period 1 class. Take attendance. Come to the small gym according to the schedule that will be provided to teachers.

Plan to speak to **at least** three different people that represent three different occupations.

Be prepared to complete a journal reflection on networking (see next page for assignment details)

To do so, you need to ask these types of questions to at least three people:

**Questions in focus to learn about the importance of networking:**

Find out how the guests at the Career Fair feel about networking.

**How** do they describe having been influenced by their network to get to where they are today?

What advice do they have for you?

How do they continue to network?

 **KEYS TO MAKING YOUR CAREER FAIR VISIT THE MOST REWARDING**

* Planning ahead of time who you will want to talk to the most will be key.

You will have a very short period of time with which to engage in conversations.

* + Read guest bio’s and information found online BEFOREHAND (to be provided by Mrs. Dato through the Grade 2020 Facebook page, the Moscrop App (Grade 11- ALL) and the Moscrop website.)
* Have a goal.
	+ What do you hope to learn from / get out of attending the Career Fair? (learn about new careers, learn about the details of the careers you are interested in / network / learn more about the programs and school options you might have / understand how people make decisions about their career-life pathways etc…
* Plan to introduce yourself when you sit with someone to chat.
	+ Say “Nice to meet you … and repeat their name”. Say “Thank you for your time” when you are finished your conversation. The impression you leave is important!
* Do NOT stand around in big groups, or follow a big group of people around. You will MISS OUT!
* Do NOT bring your backpack. It is too busy in the gym, and you want to move freely.

 *Continue to the next page for the step-by-step instructions for Assignment TWO.*

**ASSIGNMENT TWO INSTRUCTIONS: Due Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018**At home, reflect on your Career Fair experiences by doing each of the following:

* In [www.MyBlueprint.com](http://www.myblueprint.com/), create a NEW Portfolio called “Your name’s Career Options”
Example: *“Joe Smith’s Career Options”*
* Click *“Work*”, on the left-hand menu, and then “*Occupations”* to search for the occupation that is the closest match to **each** of the people you spoke to at the Career Fair. *For example, if you spoke to Dr. Baross who is a Genome Scientist, type the word “Genome” into the search bar, and you will get “Geneticist”.*
* Click on the occupation title to see the description and details, then select *“Add to Portfolio”* to add it to your *“Career Options Portfolio”*. Do this for each of the people you spoke to **(you will have at least 3 occupations saved).**

*If you spoke to a school / program / post-secondary student representative, you could search for that program under the “Post-Secondary” tab on the left-hand menu, and add that to your portfolio,* ***or*** *find one of the interesting occupations they represented.*

* For each occupation or school / program added to your *“Career Options”* portfolio, complete a small **2-3 sentence** reflection by clicking “*add reflection*” at the bottom of each occupation/school box.
Focus on answering these questions:
	+ What is the name of the person you spoke to & their occupation title? (it’s important to remember for networking purposes! Get used to remembering names and details!)
	+ Is this career / school / program a good fit for you? **Why / why not? Be specific.
	\*\***Tie the options to your interests / skills / passions / aptitudes. Use your **“Self-Representation”** from Assignment One to assist you in thinking about this. Does it honour the items you put in your “Extremely Important” category?\*\*

**COMPLETE A SEPARATE JOURNAL REFLECTION ON NETWORKING (CAREER FAIR)**

* Click on the Grad 2020- CLC 11 Class by selecting *“Home”* and then *“Classes”*. Select *“Start Activity”* and complete ONE journal reflection (250-500 words) on what you learned about the following:
	+ How did the guests you spoke to at the Career Fair feel about ***networking?***

*Hashtag:* #networkingreflection

* + ***How*** did they describe having been influenced by their network to get to where they are today?
	+ What advice did they have for you?
	+ How did they describe the ways they continued to network?
	+ \*\*What is ONE thing **you will try** doing to help you focus on building *your* network?

**SELF-ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (pass or fail – must meet ALL criteria)**

**Please check off the criteria that you meet, and include this self-assessment by taking a picture of it and uploading it to your “Career Options” portfolio. Call it “Assignment Two Self-Assessment: Networking and Careers”**

* You have created a “Career Options” portfolio
* You have 3 boxes (or more) saved to your portfolio, representing the people you spoke to at the Career Fair
* You have completed a short 2-3 sentence reflection on each occupation/program you’ve added
* You completed the “Grad 2020- CLC 11” Class Activity called “JOURNAL REFLECTION ON NETWORKING (CAREER FAIR)”
	+ 250-500 words
	+ You have answered all 5 questions about networking provided in the instructions
* You have taken a photo of this Self-Assessment criteria and uploaded it to the “Career Options” portfolio