

THE AMAZING CAREER CONNECTION

Applying Educational Concepts Across Disciplines

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NEED FOR INNOVATION

Transferable skills drive career success
(Robinson & Garton, 2008)

Agricultural education builds transferable skills for all students
(Parr & Edwards, 2004)

Intro courses are often content-heavy and disconnected from diverse careers

Most students in Texas Tech's Intro to Ag Education course are non-majors

Inspired by The Amazing Race, this activity helps students apply teaching concepts across careers

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Prepare**
Clues, schedule, reflection sheet
- 2 Strengths ID**
High5 assessment to establish teams
- 3 Race Day**
4 stations
- 4 Debrief**
Reflection & application to ag ed concepts

RESULTS TO DATE

2 iterations

Iteration	Students
Spring 2024	50 students
Spring 2025	46 students

This showed me that in our industry, we'll collaborate with all kinds of people toward the same goal.

For the first time, I could see exactly how the course concepts apply to my future career in agricultural communications.

FUTURE PLANS/ADVICE TO OTHERS

- Continued incorporation for high-enrollment semesters of non-majors
- An effective tool for helping students make meaningful connections between course content and their own career goals
- Further integrate cross-disciplinary connections and enhance the relevance of agricultural education concepts
- First introduce students to the concepts of formal, non-formal, and informal learning
- Utilize High5 and debrief after the activity

COST/RESOURCES NEEDED

- Puzzle: \$7.50
- Volleyball: \$16.99
- Balloon: \$3.00
- Chair: \$15.00
- Free HIGH 5 TEST Reflection sheet



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