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Career Guidance Session Agenda

Instructions:

- The goal of this session is for both the student and volunteer to share their backgrounds, practice professional introductions, identify areas of professional strength and weakness, and allow time for questions.
- This is meant to be a two-way conversation, not a one-sided interview.
- Feel free to use the suggested questions as a guide, but you're welcome to ask your own questions or let the conversation flow naturally.
- You likely won't get through all the questions, and that's okay—focus on what feels most valuable. Students may also come with their own prepared questions.

Introduction (5 minutes)

- Goal:
 - Create a welcoming environment to get to know each other's backgrounds and establish a comfortable space for open discussion.
- Suggested Discussion Questions (*Student to Answer*):
 - Can you share a bit about your educational background and current career journey?
 - What motivated you to participate in this event, and what do you hope to gain from it?
 - What has been your biggest motivation in career or educational path so far?

Identifying Strengths and Areas for Improvement (10 minutes)

- Goals:
 - Discuss perceived strengths and areas for improvement.
 - Share strategies to leverage strengths in a professional context.
- Suggested Discussion Questions (*Student to Answer*):
 - What do you see as your strengths and areas for improvement in relation to your career goals?
 - How do you currently use these strengths to your advantage?
 - What strategies can you try to improve in areas where you feel less confident?
- Activity
 - Practice a 60-second professional introduction highlighting strengths and value.
 - Offer constructive feedback on clarity, strengths, and areas for refinement.

Q&A (10 minutes)

- Goals:
 - Provide an open forum for students to ask questions and real-world career insights.

- Suggested Discussion Questions (*Volunteer to Answer*):
 - What is it like to work at your company, and what most excites you about your work?
 - What are common misconceptions about your role or industry?
 - Can you share any helpful interview tips?
 - What are some of your favorite networking tips?

Wrap-Up (5 minutes)

- Recap key takeaways:
 - What have you learned during this session? What do you still want to learn? What are you curious about?
 - What small steps can you take in the next week to bring you closer to these goals?
- (Optional) Students may send a LinkedIn connection request with a personalized note about this event or something you discussed during the session.