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Considering Your Career Options: What Can You Do Today?

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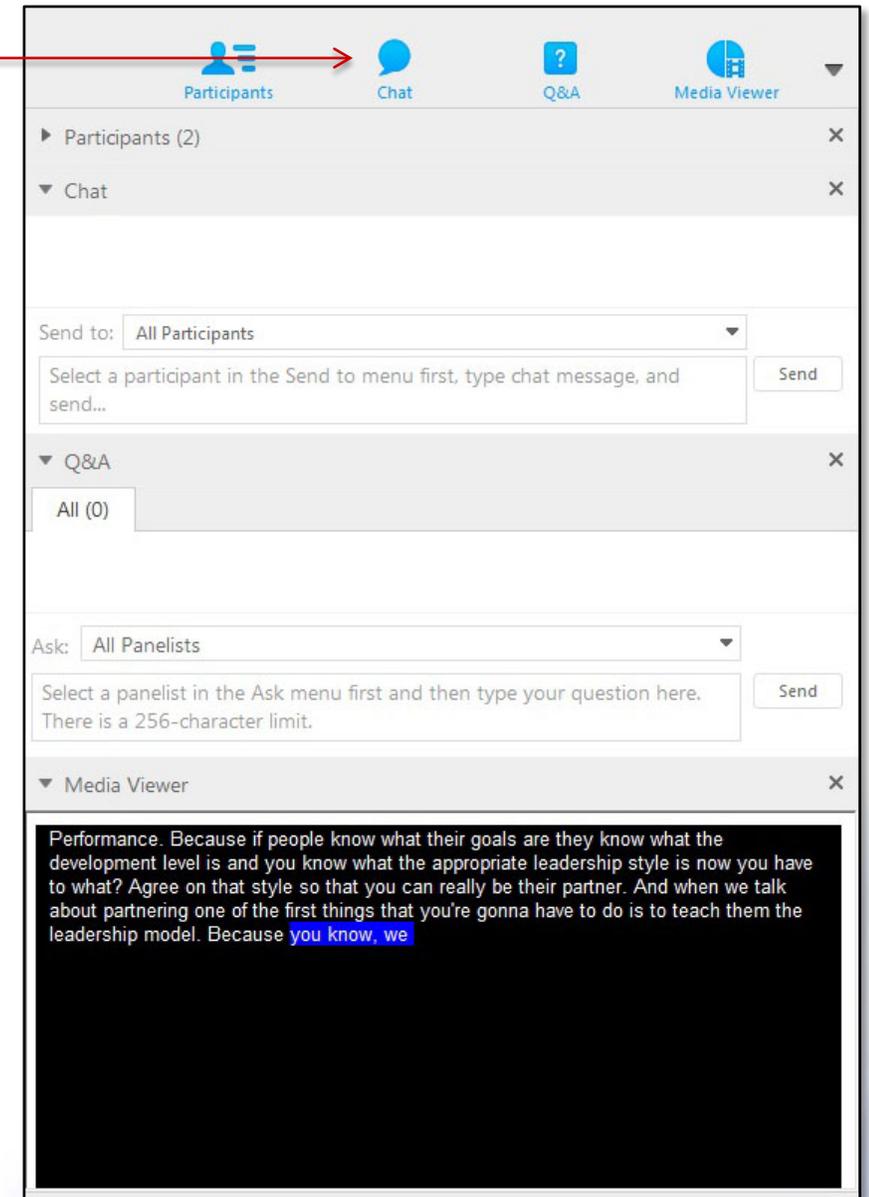
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Session Goals

We'd like you to be able to:

- Identify potential career options
- Access resources for career exploration
- Apply strategies and practices for effective networking
- Identify next steps for engaging in career exploration and development today

Today's Agenda

- The Modern Career Landscape
- Reflection, Research & Networking
- Advice from a VISTA Alum
- Next Steps and Resources
- Q&A

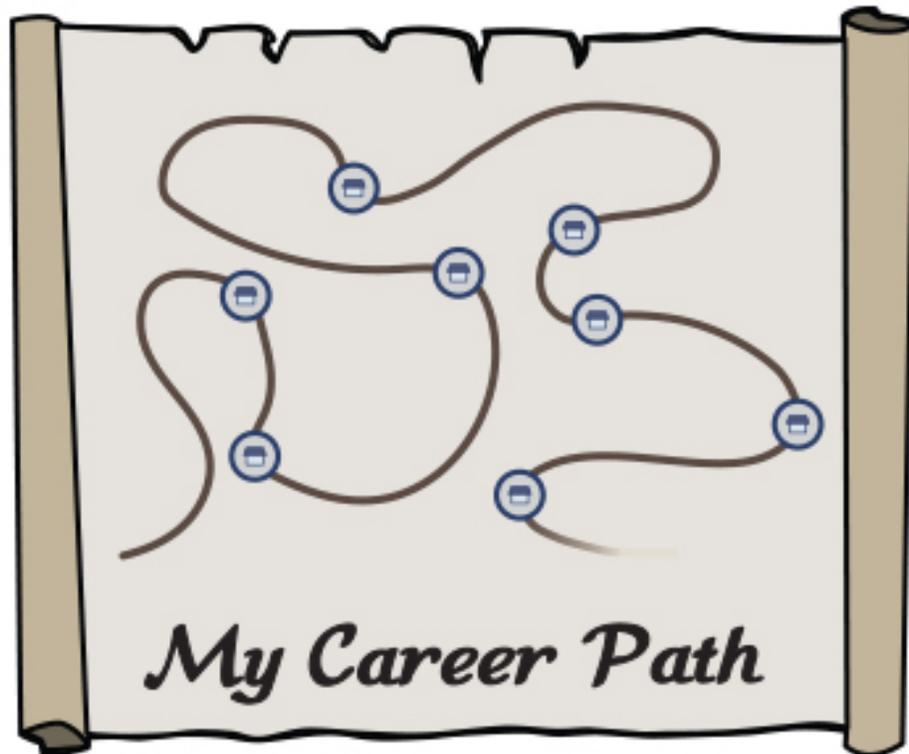


Poll Question



Where are you in your career development process?

The Modern Career Landscape



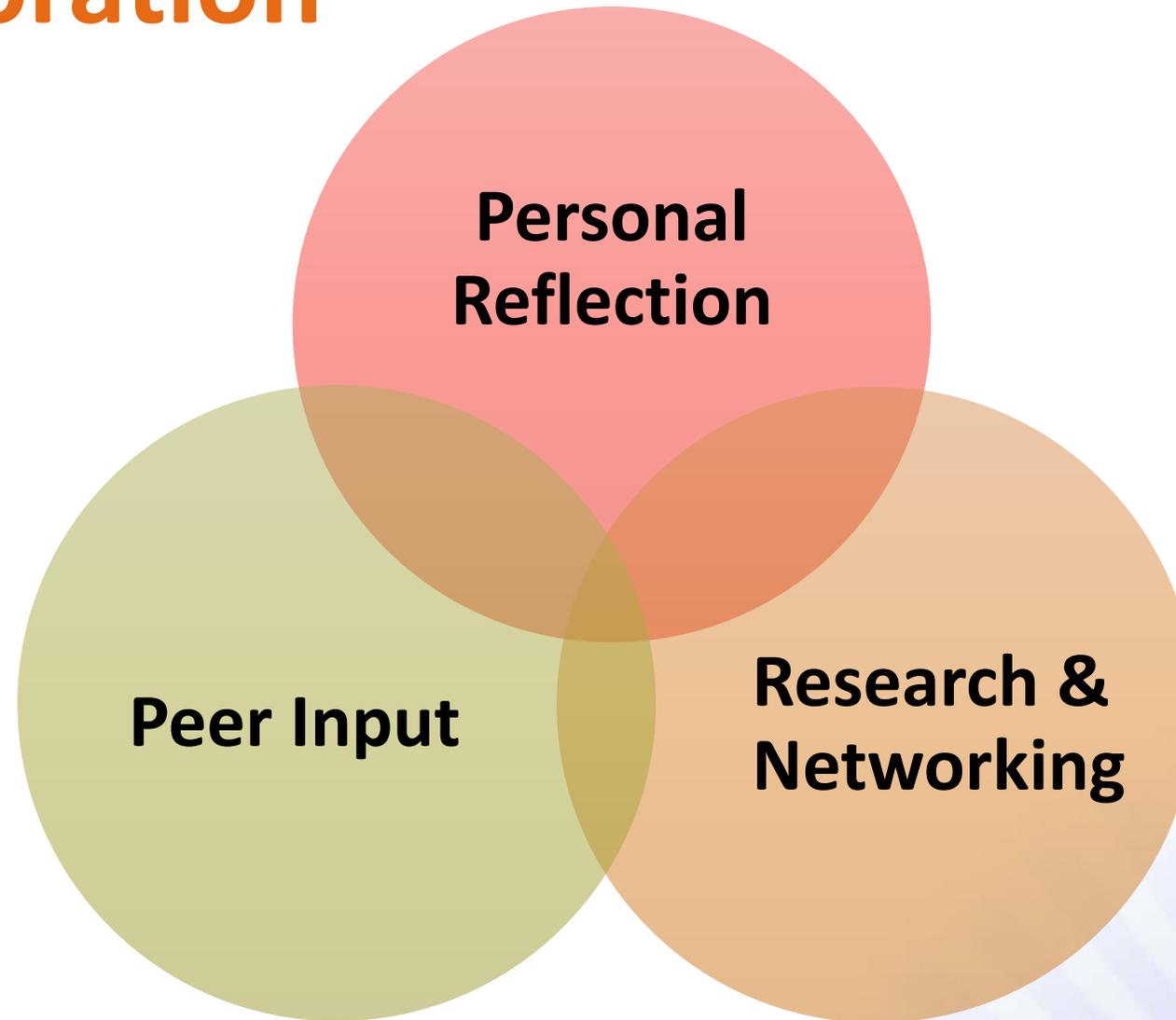
- Career paths are not linear!
- Today's jobs are not for life
- Consider each job to be a stepping stone to the next!

The Career Landscape

Your
dream
job

- 50% opportunity
- 50% preparation

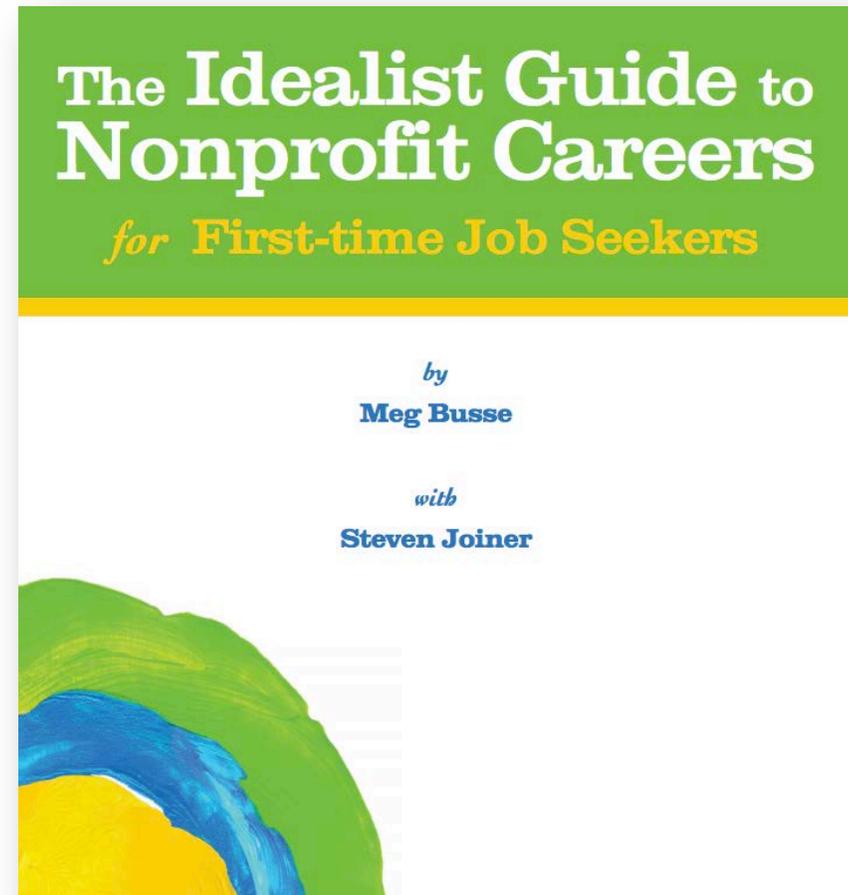
Career Exploration Strategies



Activity #1: Interests and Skills

Personal
Reflection

- Identify your interests and passions
 - What do you find most compelling?
- Identify your skills and talents
 - What are you really good at?
- Don't be humble!

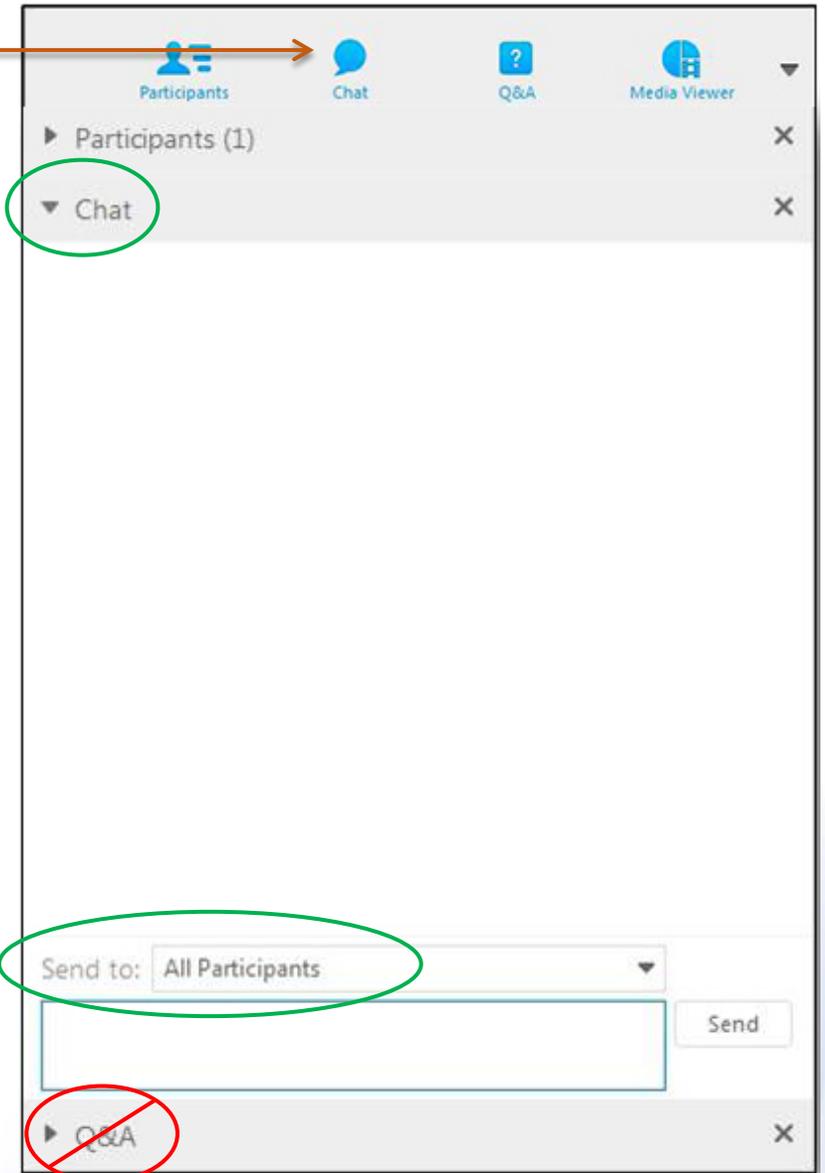


Please Share

What were a few of your top interests and passions?

What are a few of your top skills and talents?

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Activity #2: Your Dream Career

Personal
Reflection



- What would it look like?
- How would you spend your day?
- What kinds of responsibilities would you have?
- What would be your successes? Your challenges?

Enlist Your Inner Circle

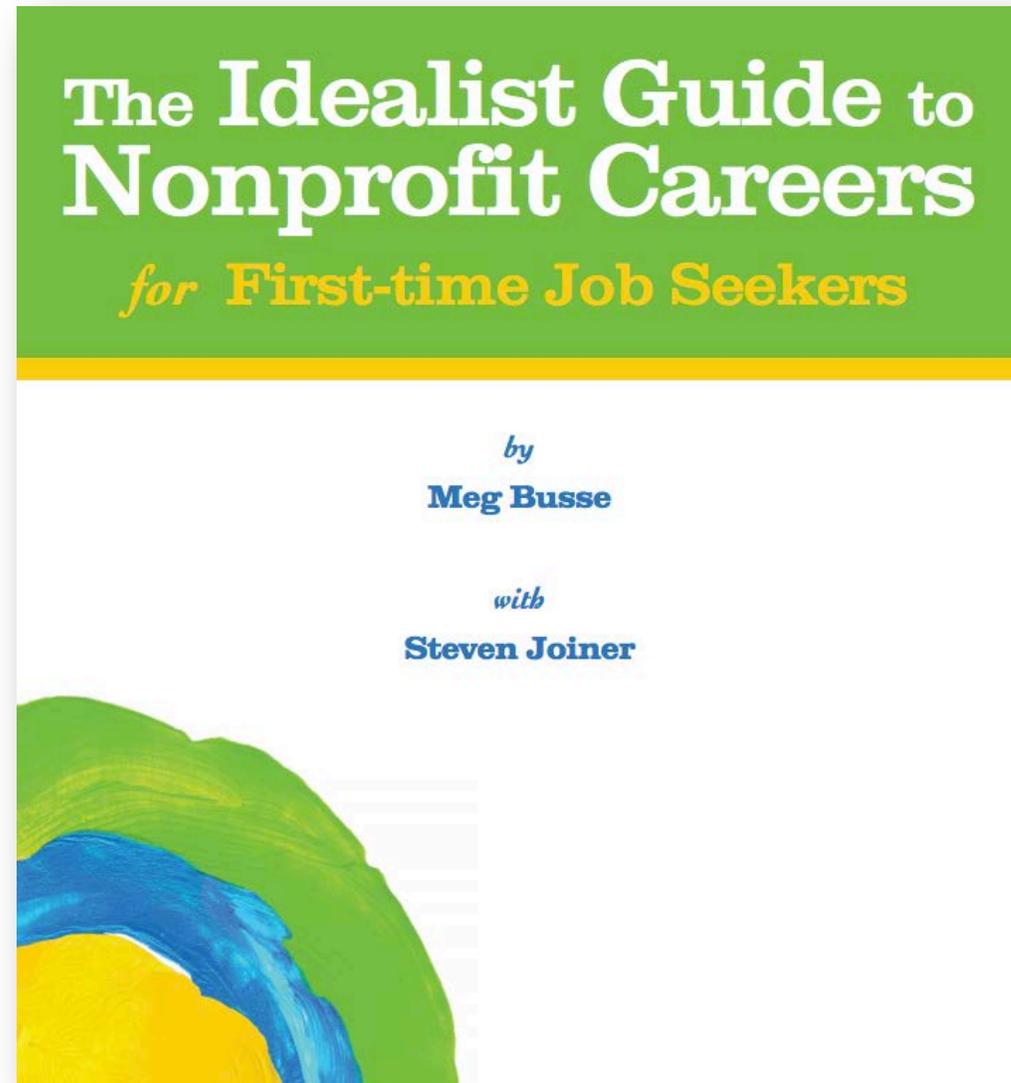
Peer Input

- Start with your peers and colleagues
 - What would they recommend for you?
 - What do they see as your greatest strengths and talents?



Career Research & Networking

Research & Networking



Activity #1: Career Tracks



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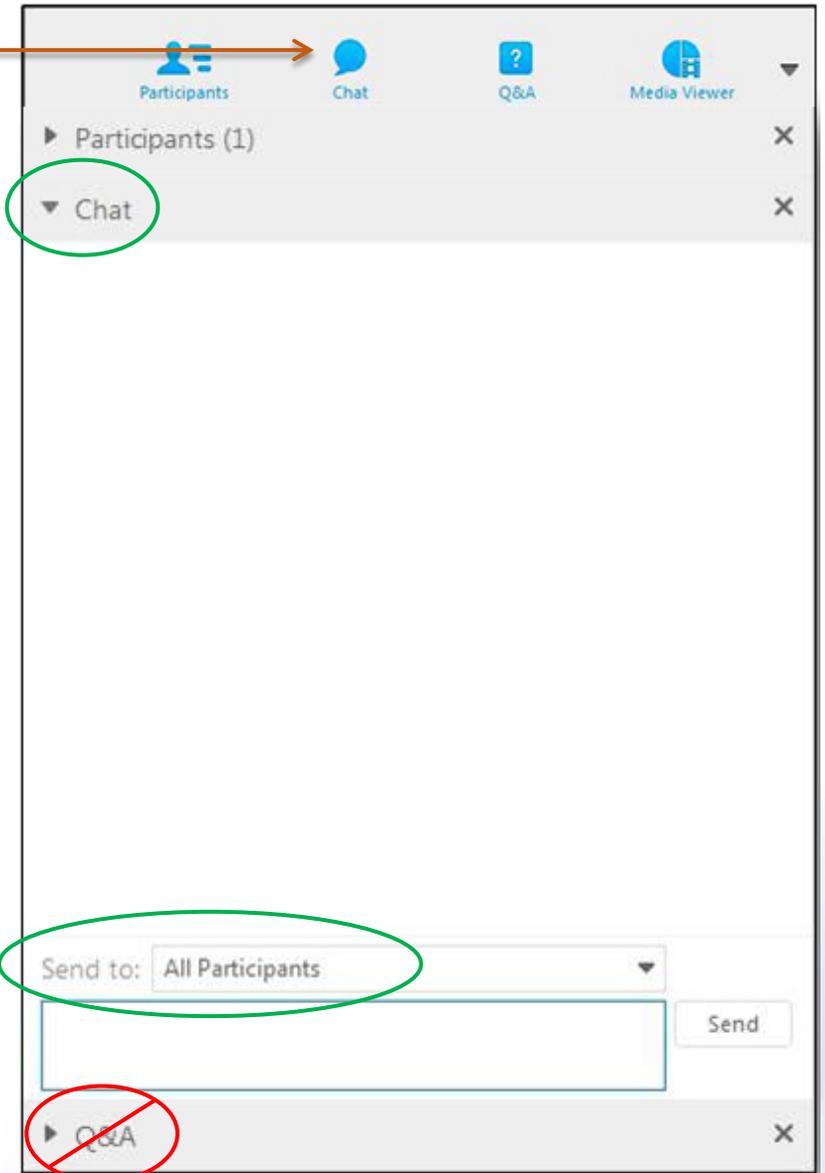
Activity #2: Four Lenses Framework

1. **An issue (and/or value):** a matter of public or personal concern
2. **An organization:** a structure through which individuals cooperate systematically to conduct business
3. **A role:** a function or part performed
4. **A system:** a group of interacting, interrelated, or interdependent elements forming a complex whole

Please Share

What's a word that comes to mind when you think about doing an informational interview?

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Activity #3: Informational Interviews



- Who should you ask?
- How should you ask?

Informational Interviews



- How did you get into this line of work?
- What advice do you have for someone who wants to enter this field?
- What is most challenging or most rewarding about this work?

Activity #4: Get Involved!



- Strategic volunteering
- Board service
- Professional associations
- Online communities

VISTA Alumni Perspective



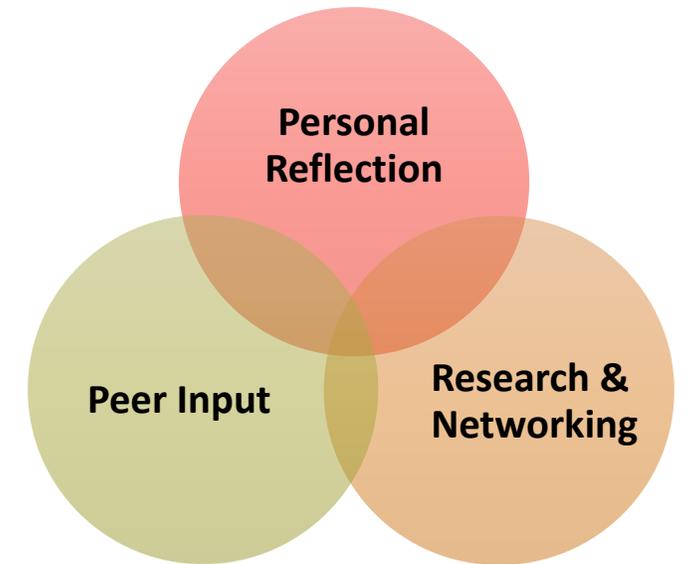
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Summary

- Start with personal reflection
- Engage your colleagues, family, and friends
- Research and network!
 - Do some research and exploration
 - Informational interviews
 - Volunteer and serve strategically
 - Join professional associations and online communities



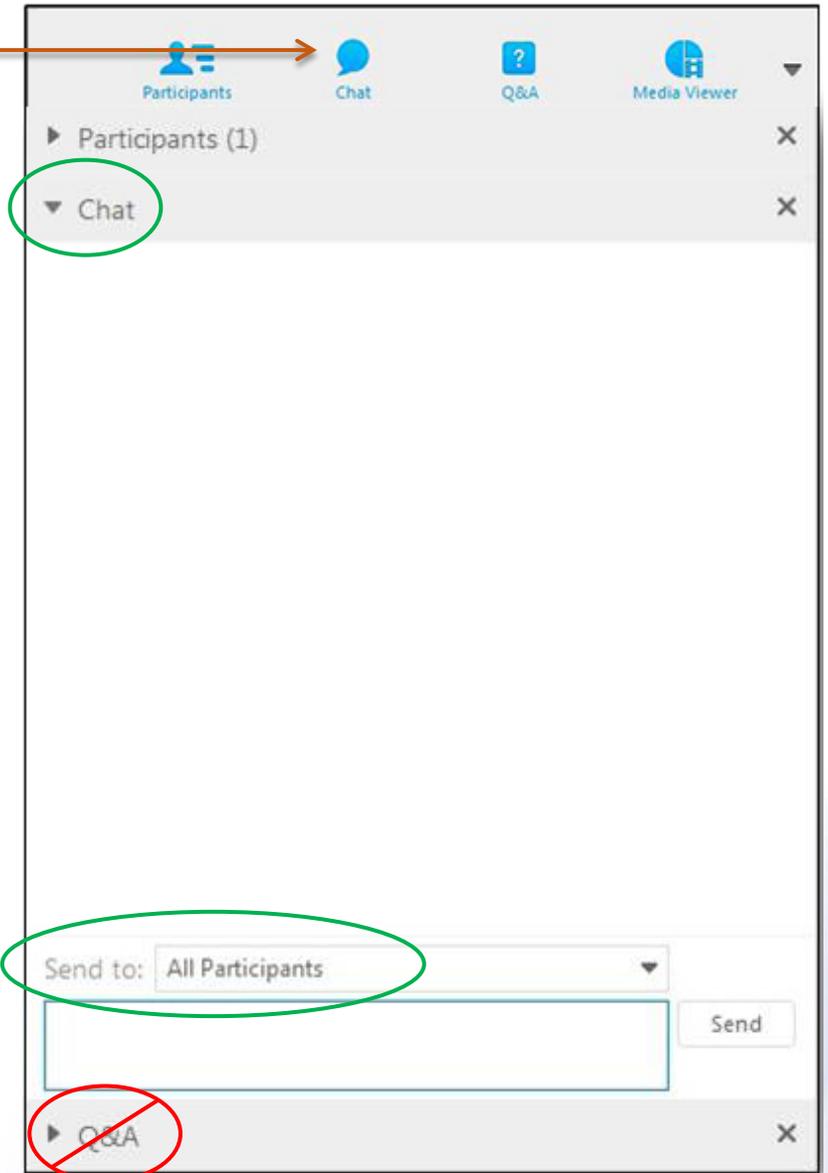
Next Steps

- ✓ Brainstorm your skills, talents, and interests!
- ✓ Choose at least one career exploration activity to complete within the next two weeks
- ✓ Identify three types of individuals or organizations from whom you'd like to learn via informational interview

Please Share

If you're willing, please share one or more of the types of persons or organizations you'd like to connect with...

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Resources

Career Exploration

- Nonprofit Careers Center: www.idealisticareers.org

Job Search Sites

- VISTA Job Board: www.vistacampus.gov/jobs
- Government Careers: www.usajobs.gov
- For-Profit Careers:
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.simplyhired.com
 - www.monster.com

Resources for VISTAs

- Preparing for Life After VISTA:
[www.vistacampus.gov/Preparing for life after VISTA](http://www.vistacampus.gov/Preparing%20for%20life%20after%20VISTA)
- Non-Competitive Eligibility: www.vistacampus.gov/nce
- Employers of National Service:
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- AmeriCorps Alums:
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Questions ?

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