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Preparing for a successful career

The first part of the presentation will focus on the impact technology has on our world today. How will it continue to evolve and how will our lives be changed? Where are the emerging market opportunities and what technology drives these markets? Why are engineers and scientists so critical to our future?

The second part of the presentation will reflect on career success. How is success defined? What role does an individual play in an organization (how is that role defined)? How is value created? How can one stand out to achieve organizational and personal goals? What competitive factors (internally and externally) need to be considered? What skillsets become more important as one's career advances?

Technology Commercialization

You have a great idea, now what? What does it really take to get a new product to market? Whether you're starting your own company or delivering a product for an established company, there are many challenges beyond coming up with an idea. How do organizations drive new innovation and why do so many struggle with this?