

## JANJ Fireside Chat: *An opportunity to tell your story, inspire our next generation of leaders & provide hope for students—remotely!*

A **fireside chat** is an informal yet structured interview between a moderator and a guest. JANJ's Career-Focused Fireside Chat is a unique opportunity to uncover the speaker's stories and experiences, and can be done one-on-one or with a small group.



### How to record a Fireside Chat

Step 1 - Contact [Stephanie Karpowicz](#) to schedule a **one hour** session over WebEx.

Step 2 - Sign the electronic [JA Media Release](#) form (required for all volunteers).

Step 4 - Review suggested Career Questions and think about your responses—what would you have wanted to hear when you were in high school?

Step 5 - Attend session (approx. 1 hour total)

#### **Session Agenda:**

- 20 minutes prep, run through, technology practice.
- 15-20 minutes to record the Fireside Chat.
- 10 debrief/reflection on the session.

### Career Questions 15– 20 minutes

**Select a few questions to answer during the Fireside Chat recording. . .**

- Introduce yourself and your company or organization.
- Share your “job story” - How many different types of jobs have you had? Did all of them relate to your current position?
- What did you learn from your first job? Do you feel that those skills were transferable?
- Discuss your education path - did it guide you to the career or did things change along the way?
- What advice would you give to your younger self?
- Are there resources or additional information you think is important for students to know if they are interested in learning more about the type of work you do?
- Feel free to add a topic that is important to you. Whether it is the importance of mentorship, work/life balance, reducing inequities, or overcoming obstacles. Someone can always relate!

### How will this video be used?

Fireside Chats are regularly added to JANJ's [YouTube channel](#), giving middle and high school students easy access to learn about the key career clusters, jobs and employers in New Jersey!

All video submissions will be reviewed to ensure they meet the parameters of the particular topic area. Final posting will be at Junior Achievement of NJ's discretion. **Please contact Stephanie Karpowicz with questions [skarpowicz@ja.org](mailto:skarpowicz@ja.org)**