

Education Today

Online Means On-Track To Success

(NAPSA)—Paul, a seventh-grader in Arizona, is learning how to run a restaurant from a chef in Chicago.

Thirteen-year-old Lisa is getting advice on a career in journalism from a magazine editor in New York.

Anthony, 500 miles from the nearest zoo, is "shadowing" a zoologist in Ohio.

All three are learning about careers without leaving home or school.

With Virtual Job Shadowing, students can visit the Internet to explore a day on the job of more than 40 different professionals. The initiative provides young people with an up-close look at the workplace.

"More than a million students will spend a day with a work-place mentor as part of job shadowing. Thanks to our sponsor, monster.com, many more will now be able to participate through Virtual Job Shadowing," said Stuart Shapiro, executive director of the Job Shadow Coalition.

In addition to career advice shared by various professionals, www.jobshadow.monster.com provides access to interactive career exploration tools. The "Major to Job Converter" shows students how academic majors translate into job descriptions. The "What Are Your Strengths and Weaknesses" quiz lets students assess their work abilities. Educational games, such as "Office Frenzy," provide an insightful and fun look at multitasking and prioritizing at work.



School children learn about the world of work at any of 40 different jobs following a volunteer professional for a day via computer at www.jobshadow.com.

Schools nationwide learn about Virtual Job Shadowing through a mailing from the American School Counselor Association. For more information, a poster and a curriculum for teachers, see www.job shadow.org.

Virtual Job Shadowing is sponsored by Monster.com and the National Job Shadow Coalition, which includes America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, Junior Achievement, and The Society for Human Resource Management.

Find your shadow today

Visit www.jobshadow.org for:

- A detailed state-by-state list of contacts
- A how-to guide
- Online training
- Virtual Job Shadowing

Or call 800-373-3174 to order free materials.

