

Fisler 2026 Career Day Speaker Descriptions

Student instructions:

Read all of the descriptions below carefully. Which sessions interest you most? You are encouraged to sign up for speakers you have not seen before!

You'll be selecting a total of 5 sessions to attend on Career Day, but one will be a required session in the MPR.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Do NOT sign up for any other sessions at this time!

Grade 3-4: You MUST attend MPR Session (SESSION #1 - 9:00 - 9:20 AM)

Grades 7-8: You MUST attend MPR Session (SESSION #2 - 9:25 - 9:45 AM)

Grades 5-6: You MUST attend MPR Session (SESSION #3 - 9:50 - 10:10 AM)

Keynote Speaker - MPR Wildlife Fish & Game Warden: Anastasia Norris

****Students grades 3-8: Sign up for your assigned time listed above.**

Have you ever wondered who protects animals and nature in the wild? A Wildlife Fish and Game Warden is a law enforcement officer who helps protect wildlife, natural habitats, and people. Wardens patrol forests, rivers, and oceans, making sure people follow laws about fishing, hunting, and protecting the environment. They may investigate pollution, rescue animals, and respond to emergencies in nature. Anastasia Norris has even worked on major environmental cases, including investigating oil spills and protecting ocean habitats. This job combines science, outdoor adventure, and helping others. If you enjoy nature, problem-solving, and making a difference, this could be an exciting and meaningful career path!

Public Safety, Justice, and Service

Police Officer Alex Hong

In daily work, a police sergeant manages a variety of responsibilities. They review reports, assign shifts and patrol areas, and respond to serious or complex incidents in the field. When officers face emergencies or challenging situations, the sergeant may step in to provide guidance and make important decisions. They also mentor newer officers, helping them build judgment, professionalism, and confidence. In addition, a sergeant works to build trust with the community by attending neighborhood meetings, partnering with local organizations, and addressing safety concerns. Through leadership and communication, they support their team and strengthen relationships between the police department and the public

Crisis Support (Social Worker) Lisa Delameter

Has your family or a friend ever gone through a really hard time and not known where to turn for help? Social workers are trained professionals who help people find support, resources, and solutions when they are facing challenges or in crisis. Some social workers focus on specific issues, like helping survivors of human trafficking find safety and rebuild their lives. This can be a very meaningful and rewarding career. If you care about people, are a good listener, and want to help others through difficult situations, social work may be a great job for you.

Public Safety Officers David Lee & Friends

USC Public Safety - USC Public Safety Officers: We are the main campus police, protecting USC students and protecting USC Assets. We patrol the surrounding community, answering calls for service, actively looking for suspicious activity and making arrests when necessary. We proactively engage with the USC students and non USC community members and educate on how to stay safe and vigilant from criminal activity. Learn all about university campus policing!!

Private Investigator Randall Alexander

Licensed investigators are like real life detectives who help solve mysteries. We work with lawyers, businesses, and other people to figure out what really happened in tricky situations. An investigator's job is to find clues, talk to witnesses, and gather important evidence that can be used in court. Investigators might look into accidents, stop theft, or even catch people who are cheating or breaking the law. We must use careful thinking, strong observation skills, and lots of questions to help uncover the truth. (And we have some cool "spy tools" we use, too!)

CASA Advocate Supervisor (Social Worker) Ami Strahan

I work with volunteers who are matched with youth in the foster care system. As advocates, they build strong relationships, listen carefully, and speak up to help make sure each young person is safe, supported, and heard. They work with judges, social workers, and families, and play an important role in helping youth navigate challenges and reach their goals. My job is to support and prepare these volunteers so they can effectively advocate for youth and help make sure their voices are heard.

Medical, Dental, & Health

Registered Nurse Sara Ruiz

Have you had to visit the emergency room or stay in a hospital? If so, then you or a family member have had a registered nurse care for them. I work in the hospital as a registered nurse providing care for people. I specialize in working with people who have strokes and people after surgery. As such I work with a wide variety of illnesses and injuries. I use the sciences of anatomy, physiology, biology along with basic math to care for people. Another perk is getting to help people.

Forensic Autopsy Technician Brianna Sanchez Contreras

Investigators, doctors, and forensic technicians (like me) work together to understand how and why someone has died and what happened. These deaths may be classified as homicides, suicides, or accidents, and many are cases that require further investigation. My job is to assist the medical examiner (doctor) in determining the cause of death by helping collect and document important evidence during the examination. We may collect samples for toxicology testing and carefully preserve information that could be important to the investigation. This work helps bring answers to families and supports law enforcement in understanding what happened.

Psychologist Dean Leav

Are you interested in helping people overcome their personal struggles? I am a psychologist, and I help people work through challenges such as depression, anxiety, substance (drug and alcohol) abuse, unhealthy behaviors, relationship problems, psychosis, and many other mental health concerns. My job is to listen, understand, and support people as they find healthier ways to cope and improve their lives. I also teach skills and strategies that help people manage their emotions and make positive changes. One of the most rewarding parts of my work is seeing people grow, heal, and become healthier, happier, and more confident in their daily lives.

Finance, Banking, & Business

Financial Planner Sky Tetsuka

Helping people enjoy the blessings of life instead of being worried about money is what I'm passionate about doing. Unfortunately, even people who study the most to get good jobs and then work very hard to earn money will often end up with little. One of the main reasons is because of something we don't get taught much about and most people rarely take the time to learn on their own...how money and financial tools work. I get sad seeing good people sacrifice so much and not

Finance Management Consultant Chi Yun Lee

I advise business leaders such as CEOs and CFOs on how to better manage and grow their companies. Think of my job like being a coach for a sports team—except instead of athletes, I work with large companies. As a management consultant, I help organizations solve problems and make big decisions. One area I work in is strategy, where I help companies figure out how to reach major goals, like becoming number one in their industry. I also help during mergers

Marketing Strategy @ HBO Max Eddie Park

Have you seen commercials for shows on YouTube, Instagram, or billboards and wondered who decides to put them there? That's me! My job is VP of Growth Strategy at HBO Max, which means I figure out the smartest way to spend marketing dollars to get the most people to watch our shows and subscribe. I use data and math to answer questions like: "Should we spend money on YouTube or Instagram?" "How much should we invest to make this show a big hit?" and

<p>get to enjoy more in life, so I decided to learn as much as I can about money to educate and advise others on how to use, save, and grow it in ways that can help them reach their goals easier.</p>	<p>and acquisitions, when one company buys another, to make sure they work well together. In finance, I help companies manage money that moves across different countries and operations every day.</p>	<p>"What will get us the most subscribers for our money?" If you like math, making smart decisions about money, AND helping shows become huge hits that everyone talks about — this is the job for you!</p>
<p>Data Analysis & Customer Experience Dylan Mancillas Have you ever had a really great (or really bad) experience at a restaurant or another place you've visited? My job at Taco Bell is to help make sure every guest has a great one! I look at customer feedback and data to figure out what's working and what's not, then help improve things like ordering, food quality, and speed of service. Sometimes I feel like a detective because I use tools like AI and coding to find patterns and solve problems. I also run tests to see what works best and even get to try new food in our innovation kitchen (plus enjoy favorites like Crunchwraps and crunchy tacos!). If you like solving problems, using technology, and making people happy, this could be a fun career for you!</p>	<p>Apparel Manufacturing David Park I'm a clothing manufacturer. I turn ideas into finished clothing that people wear every day. In this career, someone might help design new styles, choose fabrics, cut materials, sew garments, and add custom details like screen printing or embroidery. Some clothing is made completely from scratch, while other items are decorated with logos, graphics, or names. This work can be done on a small scale for custom pieces or on a large scale for stores and brands. Clothing manufacturers use creativity, teamwork, and specialized tools to bring designs to life. If you enjoy fashion, art, and working with your hands, this could be an exciting career path.</p>	<p>Sales/Account Manager @ Jellycat Louie Delorito Have you ever walked into a store, picked up a super-soft plushie, and thought, "I need this!"? Or spotted the perfect gift because you just knew it would make someone smile? Ever wonder how certain items end up in specific stores? That's where my job comes in! I work for a company called Jellycat, and my job is to help stores choose which cuddly friends will live on their shelves. I team up with shop owners to plan fun displays, special events, and exciting new toy launches—especially for big moments like holidays, birthdays, and welcoming new babies. I also use math and problem solving to figure out how many plushies stores need and when they should arrive, so no one misses out on their favorite friend. It's part creativity, part planning, and part teamwork! If you like providing joy, being creative, working with people, and solving puzzles, this just might be a job you'd love someday!</p>

Science, Technology & Engineering

<p>Veterinarian Dem Waken Do you love animals and wonder what it's like to work in a veterinary hospital? As a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) which is a fancy way to say animal nurse, I help doctors care for sick and injured animals by performing medical treatments, monitoring anesthesia during surgery, running lab tests, and making sure pets are comfortable and safe. I also serve as the Head of Business Development, which means I help grow our hospital by building community partnerships, educating the public about veterinary medicine, and creating opportunities for future veterinary professionals. My job combines science, compassion, and teamwork to help animals live healthier lives. If you're passionate about animals, medicine, and making a difference, veterinary medicine might be the perfect path for you!</p>	<p>Electrical Engineer Raymond Cataluna Generating, distributing, and delivering electrical power to places like businesses, schools, and homes is no easy task. Before using electricity and before construction, it all starts with electrical engineering. As a Power Electrical Engineer for Valero Energy, it is my job to design and maintain the electrical infrastructure for the Valero refinery in Wilmington, CA. If you're interested in math, science, innovating, and solving problems, then this may be a career worth considering.</p>	<p>Clinical Research Monitoring Manager Hema Sukhija Have you ever wondered how new medicines are tested before they reach patients? That's where my job comes in! I'm a Senior Monitoring Manager at a pharmaceutical company, and I help oversee clinical trials by managing the team of Clinical Research Associates (CRAs) who make sure studies are run safely and correctly. I work to ensure we have the right people in the right places so new treatments can be tested efficiently while protecting patient safety. If you enjoy science, organization, and teamwork, a career in clinical research could be a great fit for you!</p>
<p>Cosmetic Chemist Susan Raffy Have you ever thought about the person or people that create or invent the skin and hair care products that you use everyday? For example, shampoo, toothpaste, acne medication, sunscreen, makeup and other bath and body products. I studied chemistry in college and then trained in the personal care products industry at a pharmaceutical company. I help new brands bring their unique ideas to the marketplace. My company is called a "contract manufacturer" which means that we make products for other people and other brands, we do not have our own brand. We sell to the businesses that sell to consumers like you.</p>		

Creative Industries/Education

<p>Feature Film Storyboard Artist Marc Vena If you're an artist, there are many careers right here in Southern California's Entertainment Industry. I have worked as a Storyboard Artist in the film industry for the past 30 years. I illustrate every action and special effects sequence in a film along with creating concept art and key frames for each production I work on. I've been able to travel all over the world and work with some of the most talented people in the entertainment industry, like Jon Favreau, John Woo, James Mangold, Brad Bird, Sylvester Stallone, Lawrence Kasdan, Kevin Costner, Sam Raimi and Robert Redford.</p>	<p>Hollywood Stuntman Marc Shaffer Have you ever seen an action scene in a movie or a live action show with stunts at a theme park and said to yourself I'd like to look into that career? I have been a stuntman/stunt coordinator for 25 years and have choreographed hundreds of scenes for TV shows and movies such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "National Treasure". Stunt people are pro athletes that get paid to perform in various productions. Come out and see me and possibly be picked to perform a small sword fight. It'll be a blast!</p>	<p>Film/TV Visual Effects Art Director Thang Le Have you ever watched a movie and wondered how alien worlds, fantastical creatures, or futuristic spaceships were created? I am a Visual Effects Art Director and Concept Artist, and for the past 20 years, I've helped bring films like Star Wars, Transformers, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to life! If you love drawing, designing, or creating art on computers, come join me. I'll be showing you my process and a glimpse into visual development for film, television and animation.</p>
<p>Creative Director Ryan Mahar If you are creative and curious about how you might use creativity in a career I can share my most recent adventures with you. Discover how I am using AI to make short films – from scripts, to voices, to characters, to music. I'll share the fun tools and processes I use on a daily basis to make art, make films, and have fun.</p>	<p>Content Creator Eunice Park Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a content creator? For the past five years, I've worked with brands like Skinceuticals, Solawave, Vegamour, Sulwhasoo, Cymbiotika, Yasso, GoMacro, and Clio—creating videos, photos, and ads you see online and on social media. I'll take you behind the scenes of how I come up with ideas, film content, and attend influencer events. I also write a newsletter called The Momager Edit, where I share what it's like managing my three kids in modeling and creative work. Come with your questions and let's have fun!</p>	