Facilitator’s Guide

Teaching: The Best Kept Secret
(Champion presentation)
30-minute version

Updated 7/15/22
Pre-Presentation Checklist

Presentation Outcomes

- The audience will have positive attitudes towards teaching as a profession.
- The audience will engage in ideas about teaching as a profession after the presentation (e.g., by reflecting, sharing, and engaging in conversation).
- The audience will feel better prepared to make an informed choice about their career options, including teaching.

What should a presentation look like?

- 5-30 minutes in class; 15-30 minutes in other venues (club meetings, information session, ice cream social; see Reach Students on our website).
- Key message of Get The Facts Out is emphasized: Teachers in the U.S. rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.
- Accurate information about teaching as a profession is provided, including life satisfaction, salary, retirement, and student loan forgiveness.
- Comparison to industry and college faculty is provided.
- Information on teacher salaries and retirement have been updated with local data.

Before you begin

- Update the slides with 1. your logo and contact info; 2. local teacher salary data, and; 3. retirement data.

What should you do as a presenter?

- Create a safe and fun space for students to engage, from the start.
- Share the positive aspects of teaching as a profession that are supported by data.
- Avoid voicing misperceptions about teaching as a profession.
- If students express misperceptions about teaching as a profession, provide fact-based corrections.
- Avoid providing airtime for anecdotal aspects of teaching as a profession (which are often negative and not supported by data).

After the workshop

- If not already done, register your activity in order to receive credit.
- Fill out the self-assessment worksheet to document and plan for next time.
MODIFICATIONS: Place your name(s) in place of “Your name” and put your logo to the right after deleting the “Your LOGO” box.
Outline

• Faculty/Staff presentation: *Teaching: The best kept Secret*
• How to start sharing the facts...

First we’ll have you experience one of the resources, the faculty/staff presentation and follow that with a walk through the resources on the Get the Facts Out website
Today we are going to share facts about grade 7-12 teaching profession as compared to industry and university teaching.
Please complete the pre-quiz

surveyMonkey.com/r/GFOPrePost

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Repairing the reputation of the teaching profession

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Important Note:
Giving both the pre quiz and the post quiz increases the audience learning and retention. The pre quiz provides a roadmap of what will be learned, some motivation to figure out the answers, and with 1. pre, 2. content, 3. post there are three reinforcements of these facts.
When thinking about how the brain works, this helps your audience focus on the ideas you’ll be discussing and it sparks their curiosity. Also it engages them and helps them cleanse their brain of whatever possessed it when they walked in the door. Finally, it helps you see how things went afterwards. Our evaluator will send you your results within a week or two after your presentation.

What to say
I always joke that, “we’re starting by giving you a quiz. This will help you get some idea of the facts I’ll be sharing with you today and after the presentation, you should have the answers to these questions”

Directions:
Because this is electronic, sometimes it’s hard to tell if the audience has finished the quiz and moved on to some other distraction on their device, or if they’re still working on the quiz. In person: I’ve had the best luck with asking them to look up at me when they’ve completed the quiz. Asking people to put their device away when they’re done has not worked well. Online: I ask if they’ll type “done” in the chat.
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What to say
1. Ask the audience to silently rate their lives.

After 20 seconds or so,
2. ask them to talk to their neighbor about what they think might be things that people think about when rating their lives. Please don’t share your rating, that’s too personal, but talk about what you think others might consider when choosing the step they currently stand on. Give less than a minute (this could go on for a lot longer but within 30 seconds or a minute, a lot of good ideas surface)
National Survey

On which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand at this time?

Q1

On which step do you think you will stand about five years from now?

Q2

Best possible life (10)

Worst possible life (0)

Top
7 or greater for Q1 & 8 or greater on Q2

Middle
4 or less for Q1 & Q2

Bottom

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“Lots of survey groups use this type of question to see how people are doing in different parts of the country or the world, or they’ll look at different age groups. When they do this, they combine the results from the two questions weighting the first question the most. The most important thing is to see how people feel now but the 2nd question does provide some indication of their perceived future opportunity and that’s important too.”

“In this case Gallup wanted to divide the responses by job/occupation and they asked this question of 172,000 U.S. workers.”

“They broke the ladder into three parts. Note that top is a smaller area than the bottom. They look at the fraction who rated themselves at the top and then subtract off those who rate themselves at the bottom to sort of normalize the number. They ignore anyone who was in the middle.”

QUESTION: After explaining the ladder sections, bring up the question about where teachers stand. Often students are thinking about individuals and provide a step. It helps to have mentioned the Gallup survey as I described above. Then ask again “where do you think teachers are in general compared to other professions? Do they rate their lives higher, the same, or lower than people in other occupations?” I’ve seen a huge range of responses from students. Faculty and teachers tend to say higher.

Did you know... 

*Teachers in the United States rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.*

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<td>69%</td>
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<td>Professional</td>
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<td>Nurse</td>
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<td>Clerical or office</td>
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<td>Service</td>
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<td>Manufacturing or production</td>
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<td>Construction or mining</td>
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<td>Farming, fishing, or forestry</td>
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<td>Installation or repair</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
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Percentage shown is the % of respondents ranking their lives at the top of the ladder minus the % ranking their lives at the bottom of the ladder.

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When they analyzed the results by job/occupation group, they find that teachers rate their lives better than all groups, trailing only physicians.”

College faculty, Engineers, and scientists are in the “Professional” category or “Manager, executive, or official” categories.

Note: It may seem like the wording of the title statement could be shortened a bit but our testing finds uniformly positive responses to the above wording and we did not have as strong of responses when we modified the wording.

References:
Teacher Well-being

• Work-life balance
• Student and colleague relationships
• Financial stability

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For the past several years we have been working to understand why teachers rate
their lives so highly. We’ve minded data from lots of different sources and
collected some of our own. What we’ve found is that teachers have

• better work-life balance than other jobs you can get with the same degree,
  • We see this in three areas
    • Flexible summers to recharge and spend time with friends and family
      or pursue other interests
    • Negotiated 3 and 4 day weekends and holiday breaks because
teachers work hard and these regular extended breaks give them a
  chance to recharge. This also allows their schedule to align with their
  kids (if they have children)
    • Students go home between 2:30 – 3:15 (depending on the school)
      allowing for some time to accomplish things during business hours.
  • as you noted relationships with students and their colleagues, and
  • financial stability.
Today we’ll unpack all of this and look at data on each of these areas.
Day-to-Day Satisfaction

Students: relationships and Learning
Work schedule
Teaching is challenging/scientific
Colleagues
Learning new content
Autonomy of the Classroom

- What provides you with day-to-day satisfaction?
- A listing of 60 total items were compiled by STEM teachers.
- These 60 items fell into six categories.

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100% of teachers agreed with each one of these. List them and say them all.
Second: Point out that the student category included a list of over 30 different ways students made the job satisfying

“We asked a room full of science and math teachers to tell us, “What provides you with day-to-day satisfaction?” They were asked to silently write things down. Then we swapped the responses between tables and asked each table to only keep those that resonated with everyone at the table. When we looked at the 60 responses that rose to the top, they seemed to fall into six different themes.
1. Over half talked about their students both relationships with students and watching them learn: the light bulb moment or seeing them grow over the semester or years.
2. Next was their day-to-day work schedule: They can take care of other life things during business hours from 3:30 – 5 which other jobs typically can’t; their work schedule aligns with their kids including holidays and breaks.
3. Teaching is challenging/scientific: ‘Teaching is a science; teachers constantly use their STEM skills as teachers!’
4. Colleagues: - Strong relationships between fellow teachers, “other committed teachers make amazing coworkers and friends”
5. Learning content: Always learning new and emerging areas of my content (eg. physics), “Teaching provides the drive/reason to explore new and challenging areas of my content.”
6. Autonomy of the classroom: Teachers get to decide what happens in their room. There’s a lot of responsibility but it’s nice to be able to make all of the decisions (within basic guidelines) in my room.
**Starting salaries**

Which is closest to the typical starting salary for K-12 teachers in your area?

A. $32,000  
B. $45,000  
C. $52,000  
D. $65,000  
E. $72,000

Ans: C, D or E depending on the district  
[Don’t tell them the answer until the slide with teacher salaries]

Suggested modifications: Update to match data that from your local region. You can find it with an internet search for “teacher salary schedule” and the names of local districts where the students from your program are likely to teach.

NEW! You can request GFO to find data for your area: https://tinyurl.com/data-request
Mid-career salaries

After 15 years of teaching and earning a master’s degree, which is closest to the typical K-12 teacher salary in your area?

A. $45,000  
B. $60,000  
C. $75,000  
D. $90,000  
E. $110,000

Ans: C, D, or E depending on the district  
[Don’t tell them the answer until the slide presenting teacher salaries]

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Use local teacher salary data

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“Here are starting salaries for some districts in our area. You can see that starting salaries range from $45K - $60K. Teachers have a school year contract that is typically 186 days. That means a starting teachers hourly wage is about $34 per hour. Teachers also get paid for any extra work they do outside of teaching classes. I’ll show you more on that in a minute.”

RECOMMENDATION: Please use local teacher salary data. We have found that when you don’t, it’s met with much skepticism and does not help the audience see why teachers rate their lives highly all across the country. You can look on the Teacher Salary Data section of the GFO website for your area: https://getthefactsout.org/teacher-salary-data/ If you do not see your area, please fill out a requestso that GFO can find data for your area: https://tinyurl.com/data-request
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“Here are salaries at Mid-Career for our area. You can see some very sizeable increases have built over the years. This is a combination longevity and loyalty reward. Part is due to experience but also to reward those who stay with the district. “

“The range shown here is for someone who just earned their MA right at Year 15, that’s the lower number, and the higher number is someone who earned their MA a few years ago and have since taken more courses. The higher number is for someone who has taken quite a few more courses 15 -20 over the years since they earned their masters.”

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Did you Know...

At year 15, the middle 50% of teacher salaries ranges between $64,000 and $102,000, nationally.

(Range shown is IQR: 25th – 75th percentile.)

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GFO has collected data across the U.S. from over 400 districts and analysis of this data finds the above. We also dug into NCES (National Center for Educational Statistics) data and found that their data actually shows a slightly higher middle 50% range of $64K - $106K.
Teacher Salaries

+ Extra Pay → Stipends/bonuses

Did you know...

Teachers get additional pay of $1,000-$8,000 per year for optional activities like coaching, running after-school clubs, and tutoring.

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“All of the salaries that we just discussed are “base salaries” Just the minimum teachers receive. But most teachers do more than that. When teachers coach, sponsor clubs, sub for another teacher, tutor, all of that comes with negotiated stipends/bonuses. The middle 50% range for these activities is $1 - $8K per year. Some teachers like to do multiple activities and tell us that it’s not unreasonable to add $12 - $18K to their salary doing these types of activities.”
## Administrator Salaries

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<th>Calendar</th>
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<th>Maximum</th>
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<td>Asst. Principal - High</td>
<td>215 Days</td>
<td>$92,697</td>
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<td>Director – Innovation Programs</td>
<td>248 Days</td>
<td>$103,325</td>
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<tr>
<td>Principal - High</td>
<td>225 Days</td>
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<td>Asst Superintendent – Innovation Center</td>
<td>248 Days</td>
<td>$145,851</td>
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<td>Deputy Superintendent</td>
<td>248 Days</td>
<td>$175,819</td>
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* Classroom Teacher Calendar: 186 days

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“If you would like to help lots of teachers, and therefore hundreds of students per year, by supporting the building and all the teachers’ work in the building, consider becoming an administrator or direct a STEM innovation center. After several years of teaching experience, you can move into administration if you like. These contracts are a bit longer 225 Days is 45 / 52 weeks per year. Plus you still have leave (annual, sick, bereavement, etc..) during the 45 weeks. “

**Side point:** It’s good to have people with a range of backgrounds in administration and it’s less common to have STEM since there are fewer STEM teachers, they are in high demand, and those that are there often don’t have a formal STEM background.
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Starting salary for a BS new teacher shows 25th – 75th percentile from our GFO data mining project of 120 districts near 50 universities working with GFO. Range also includes adding in two extra curricular responsibilities only on the higher end.

Suggested modification: Replace with a local district that your graduates are most likely to be employed. The orange text and bar is added on top of the picture via typical power point tools.
Did you know...

You can get a job almost anywhere in the U.S. or abroad as a science or math teacher.

This Did you know has tested positively across the nation in our user-testing focus groups.

Math and science teachers are in high demand and there are open positions in every area of our nation. The reason for this is that there are middle schools and high schools in every neighborhood in every town in every state. But there are only a handful of colleges and universities that prepare teachers. These universities are just not graduating enough science and math teachers to fill the positions in all of these schools! This is good for you because that means you can decide the area of the country or even out of the country that you’d like to live and find a teaching job within commuting distance. You can’t do that as an engineer. There aren’t enough jobs in this state for all of the graduates here at Mines. People take jobs all over the U.S. College faculty positions are even rarer and there’s a large surplus of PhDs hoping to find a faculty position in that handful of colleges that we mentioned that are not producing enough teachers.

There is also high demand for math and science teachers to teach abroad in English speaking schools. Students often think this is referring to teaching English but it is actually referring to math and science teaching jobs. 
https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/international/edlite-overseas-primsec.html
Indiana, as of 10/27/21

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides 200 high-achieving high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to $7,500 each year for four academic years. In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship.

Government stipends (see below)

The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities is available for minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic individuals) who will participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as a part of their degree requirements during the semester in which they receive it. Students must agree in writing to apply for teaching positions in Indiana and, if hired, teach in Indiana for at least three years.

The Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields is available for students who plan to teach in a high-need field (defined as middle or high school level math, science or special education). Students are eligible to receive the stipend in the term they are student teaching as a part of their degree requirement. Students must agree in writing to apply for teaching positions in Indiana and, if hired, teach in Indiana for at least three years.

The William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship is available to minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic individuals) who intend to pursue, or are currently pursuing, a course of study that would enable them to teach in an accredited school in Indiana. Students must agree in writing to apply for teaching positions in Indiana and, if hired, teach in Indiana for at least three years.

The JUSTINE M. HARRELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is open to a public high school senior pursuing a degree in education. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded for a total of four years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA enrolled in an education curriculum at an accredited college or university in Indiana. Applicants for the need-based scholarship must also meet the income criteria of at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line. Criteria for selection includes academic achievement, leadership in co-curricular activities and community involvement, submission of an essay and recommendations and financial need. A seven-semester transcript is required to complete the application process.

DAMON P. MOORE SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is open to a minority public high school senior who plans to pursue a teaching certificate. The scholarship was named for Damon P. Moore, an African-American educator who served three terms as ISTA president and continues to be a positive role model for young minorities aspiring to enter the education field. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded annually with an option to renew for three consecutive years. Criteria for selection includes academic achievement, leadership in co-curricular activities and community involvement and submission of an essay and recommendations. A seven-semester transcript is required to complete the application process.
Did you know... Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.

Teachers in the U.S. retire at age 59 compared to age 63 for all occupations.

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This Did you know has tested positively across the nation in our user-testing focus groups. MOST STUDENTS DO CARE ABOUT RETIREMENT.

“Teachers in the US retire on average at age 59 **a full 4 years sooner** than the average American. That’s because teachers have state-sponsored pension plans and these have been negotiated over the years as part of the teachers benefits / pay package”
Another way to compare a public school teacher’s **defined benefit plan** to a private company employee’s **defined contribution plan** is to calculate how much money a person working for a private company would have to save each month to have a retirement benefit equal to the Public School teacher’s pension. Using the average rate of return for the stock market over the past 30 years, we can calculate that a person would need to save $21,600 per year for 25 years if they aim to retire at 57 with a pension equal to a typical Colorado school teacher. If the retiree lives longer than the average life expectancy, then they’ll need to have saved more than $21,600 per year or $1,800 per month to have their retirement last through their lifetime.
Math and Science Teaching

Student Interest

What fraction of U.S. students indicate some level of interest when asked:

*How interested are you in being a middle or high school teacher?*

A. 0% - 10%
B. 10% - 25%
C. 25% - 40%
D. 40% - 60%
E. >60%

Added 5/3/20

Poll using clickers or show of hands in person. If virtual Zoom polling or have them throw their answer in the chat
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What to say
We have surveyed nearly 50 institutions across the U.S. for the past four years and find that over half of STEM majors are interested in teaching. The results are similar at every institution. 12% are pursuing certification (to become a teacher), 50% have interest, 20% are neutral (we can’t tell from their answers if they are interested on not interested) and less than 20% indicate that they clearly do not want to be a grade 7-12 teacher. Many of those who are interested indicate that, “I would if [the facts were different] and in fact, the facts are right in line with what students would like to see before pursuing the career.
Summary

- Teachers in the United States rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.
  
  - Starting pay ~$50K (9-month, base salary)
  
  - At year 15, the middle 50% of teachers earn $64K - $100K (9-month salary)
  
  - Retire at age 59 on average with a pension.
  
  - There are student loan forgiveness programs for math and science teachers.

  - You can get a job almost anywhere in the U.S. or abroad as a science or math teacher.

Summarize the benefits.

Suggested modifications: Update the starting and mid career salaries with data from this current academic year from school districts in your area where students are most likely to get a job (usually this means the nearby big districts)

Update the Retirement info with stats from your state or replace with “Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.”
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Project Motivation

Teachers rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians

Start Celebrating the Positives of the Profession!

- If the only narratives/stories out there are negative, that’s what will get picked up.
- It’s important to also share the positives of the profession to provide some much-needed balance.

Get the Facts Out
Repairing the reputation of the teaching profession

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How to Get the Facts Out

GettheFactsOut.org

- Presentations Faculty/Staff
- Presentations Students
- Data Handouts
- Teacher Salary Data
- Videos
- Posters, Brochures, and Flyer template
- Strategies and Tips

To change perceptions it is critical that either sense-making or story-telling occurs.
- Presentations (as provided)
- Conversations using the data handouts

2/4/22
Get the Facts Out has a range of research-based, user-tested resources for you to use. All of these are modifiable and designed for you to add your branding, contact info, and local teacher salary and retirement info. GFO will help you get this local data.

Even though we have posters, the Teacher’s Life by the Numbers Infographics and other literature, we have learned that these alone are not enough to change perceptions. For students, they often work well since students have fewer strong views on careers. However, with faculty, K-12 teachers, the general public, often they have strong ideas that are not consistent with the facts. In those cases, its’ very important to engage in sense-making or story-telling. We have found that even our shortest (15 minutes) Teaching: The best kept secret! Presentation, is effective with these audiences. However, an hour conversation without data handouts, is not. It’s especially not effective to try and discuss these things on Facebook© I’m not kidding, I’ve tried.
We also have a Facebook Group where we share updates, memes, and it’s a place you can ask a question and the community will respond.
Register as a GFO Champion

Get the Facts Out.org/gfo-Community
- One-on-one support
- Box of GFO SWAG
- Local Salary Data
- Four levels of Champions
- Earn points for each activity
- List on your CV & annual faculty update

Updated 5/3/20
Explain learning goals of workshop
Presentation Feedback

Teaching: The Best Kept Secret!
Benefits Compared to Industry and University

Register your presentation
- Link and instructions provided before the presentation in the slide deck
- Pre/post survey embedded in slides
- We will email your results!

2/4/22
The pre/post that I used today is in all of the slide decks online and you are welcome to use it. Our External Evaluator will analyze the data immediately after your presentation and send you the results!
What Makes a Big Impact?

- **effect size of 2.0 and 55 - 60% Average normalized gain on the embedded pre/post**
- Presentations by a variety of people are effective (i.e., not just project staff).
- Utilize best practices
- Multiple years of testing with a range of audiences

2/4/22
What we find is that both GFO project staff and Champions, faculty such as yourselves, see normalized gains of over 50% and a typical effect size of 2.0. Those are big gains. These slide-decks took years to develop and they are working well with a range of audiences.
Data Handouts

- Include data to support the key facts about the profession
- Designed around typical student conversations and misunderstandings about teaching
Poster Series
Teacher Salary Data

- Information by county
- ~100 locations to date
- Created by request

https://tinyurl.com/data-request
Strategies and Tips

- How to Reach Students
- Taking the Next Step
- Tested Messaging
- Share your passion with your students

Add any other questions for your program

Use this time to brainstorm recruiting ideas now that (hopefully) the faculty/staff group is on board with their students choosing this profession.

Suggested modification: Add any other questions that would be helpful for your program.
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Register your presentation

Become a **GFO Champion**!
This will allow us to:
1. Give you credit for the presentation
2. Place you on our GFO map!

Thank you so much!
Also don’t forget to submit a presentation reflection