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Aligned to the following standards:

CS.05; CCSS.SL.9-10.1; CCSS.SL.9-10.2; AG5; CRP.04; CRP.07; CRP.08; CRP.10

Career Quest

Part 1

Directions:

Rotate through the five different career stations around the room and fill out the activity sheet below as you visit each station.

Interactive Career Stations

You will rotate through **five career exploration stations** to help you plan your future. For each station, follow the instructions and take notes on the tasks and questions provided.

Station 1: Goal-Setting Hub

Task: Write a SMART goal for your future career.

SMART Goal Definition: A SMART goal is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound.

Write your SMART goal below:

- **Career Goal:** _____
- **SMART Goal:** _____

(e.g., "I will enroll in the John Deere TECH Program by Fall 2026 to become a certified John Deere Dealer technician.")

Goal Card Placement:

- Place your SMART goal on a note card and then tape it on the career road map poster at the station.

Station 2: Pathway Exploration

Task: Research different career pathways in the agriculture industry and the careers in that pathway that interest you.

Instructions: Use AgExplorer.FFA.org/career/ to explore different careers in the agriculture industry. Write down the following:

1. **Career Pathway 1:** _____
Career in that pathway: _____
2. **Career Pathway 2:** _____
Career in that pathway: _____
3. **Why these careers interest me:** _____
(Write a few sentences about why these careers appeal to you.)

Station 3: Career Skills Café

Task: Identify the top five skills for your chosen career.

Instructions: Write down the **five most important skills** needed for your career of interest. These skills can be both technical and soft skills.

1. **Skill 1:** _____

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2. **Skill 2:** _____
3. **Skill 3:** _____
4. **Skill 4:** _____
5. **Skill 5:** _____

Bonus: Discuss with a partner how these skills will help you succeed in your chosen career.

Station 4: Experience Planning Center

Task: Plan your next steps to gain experience in your career field.

Instructions: Spin the Career Wheel three times and write down the action item that you land on. Reflect on how this action will help you prepare for your career.

- **Action Item From Career Wheel:** _____
- **How this connects to my career goals:** _____
(Explain how this action will help you move toward your future career.)
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Station 5: Explore the John Deere TECH Program

Task: Learn about the John Deere TECH Program and its opportunities in your state.

Instructions: Research the John Deere TECH Program using the materials at the station. Write down the following:

1. **What the program offers:** _____
2. **Opportunities in my state:** _____
3. **How this program can help my career goals:** _____

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Part 2

Directions:

Now that you’ve completed all five stations, use the career blueprint template below to consolidate everything you’ve learned and plan your next steps.

Career Blueprint Template

1. Career Goal

My Career Goal:	Why does this career interest me?
What is one short-term SMART goal you want to accomplish in the next one to two years to help you toward this career?	What is one long-term SMART goal that will help you in the next three to five years to move forward in this career?

2. Skills: To succeed in your chosen career, identify and list the top three skills you need to focus on developing.

Skill	Why this is important for my career
<i>Ex. Teamwork</i>	<i>I will be working with other people and need to know how to work with people who are different than me.</i>
1.	
2.	
3.	

3. Education and Training Path

Required Education and Training: What are the educational qualifications needed for this career? This could include high school courses, certifications or college degrees.	Programs and Opportunities: What specific programs, training or apprenticeships do you need to attend to reach your career goal? Consider programs like the John Deere TECH Program, internships or apprenticeships.

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- 4. Networking Plan:** Building relationships with people in your field is essential for career growth. Identify key people or organizations that can help you along the way.

Who do I need to connect with?	How will they help me?
<i>Ex. John Deere Dealership</i>	<i>They will help connect me with the John Deere TECH Program.</i>
1.	
2.	
3.	

- 5. Practical Experience Plan:** Gaining hands-on experience is crucial for building your career. Plan how you will gain experience in your chosen field.

What internships or apprenticeships can you apply for in the next year to help you gain practical experience?	How will this help me?
What extracurricular activities or clubs can help you build skills related to your career goal (e.g., FFA, robotics club, volunteering)?	How will this help me?
What job or volunteer experience can help you develop relevant skills for your career?	How will this help me?

- 6. Financial Plan for Education:** Consider the cost of the education and training you'll need to pursue your career and how you plan to finance it.

Estimated Costs of Education/Training	How will I pay for it?

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Reflection Questions:

1. What do you think will be the biggest challenge in reaching your career goal?

2. What will keep you motivated to stay on track?

3. What do you think your first step should be in working toward your career?

4. When can you take that step?