

SCRIPT – 6 CAREER PATHS

(Background music)

Jack: Kids. They come in all shapes. Either you are a kid now, or you used to be one. I know I was. And sometimes, I'm a kid at heart. Maybe we all are.

Hi. I am Hollywood action film star, Jack Jenkie. You may have seen me as Jackie Plan in my Jackie Plan adventure films. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Just ask me, Jackie Plan.

So, what do you want to be when you grow up?

Kid 1 When I grow up, I want to be a gymnastics coach.

Kid 2 When I grow up, I want to be a herpetologist.

Kid 3 I want to be a football player.

Kid 4 A veterinarian.

Kid 5 A basketball player.

Kid 6 When I grow up, I want to be a writer.

Kid 7 I want to be a magician.

Kid 8 An athlete.

Kid 9 I want to be a baseball player.

Kid 10 I want to be a veterinarian.

Kid 11 _____??

Kid 12 I want to be a teacher.

Kid 13 I want to be a pro football player on the Denver Broncos.

Kid 14 A basketball player.

Kid 15 When I grow up, I want to be an actress.

Jack: But ask them, "What's a Career Path?"

Kid 9 I don't know.

Kid 14 Umm...

Kid 12 Not off the top of my head.

Kid 10 No.

Kid 8 No.

Kid 13 I have no idea. I forgot.

Kid 16 I have no idea.

Kid 7 I don't know.

Jackie: They didn't know about career paths.
And so I decided to do something about it. Because I care, man. (sob) I care, man, I care about kids, man! (sob) When I found out that there were kids out there, see, kids like Bobby here. Bobby, what's wrong?

Bobby: (sob) I don't know about the career paths.

Jack: (sob) You mean, these career paths?

(upbeat music)

Jack: You mean, these career paths?

Bobby: Wow!

Jack: Arts and Communication
Business Management and Technology
Health services
Human services
Industrial Engineering Technology
And the Natural Resource, Agriculture path

Bobby: The six career paths.

Jack: That's right.

Bobby: Mr. Jenkie, what's on the Arts and Communication path?

Jack: Let's check it out, Bobby.

Jack: It's not just painting and talking. The Arts and Communication path is a path that includes writers, radio and T.V. announcers, reporters, dancers, models, musicians, photographers, and actors.

Leilani Haywood: If you want to be a good writer, you need to be a good reader. Hi, I am a writer. And as a writer, which is in the Arts and Communications path, I get to write newsletter articles, and video scripts, and even Web pages. What you have to learn to become a paid writer is: #1: You have to be well organized, you have to be creative, and you have to be a go-getter.

I got started as a writer actually in the fourth grade when my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Fong, stood up and read one of my poems. It really boosted my self-esteem because I was really shy. If you don't read, I don't know how you could be a writer. Personally, I read five newspapers a day. There is definitely a future for writers.

Jack: Arts and Communications. Three little words that say a whole lot.

As a Hollywood action film star, this is one of the paths that I am in, too.

Hey, here's my old friend, Mr. Bobby Bobby-Bobby. Hey, Mr. Bobby-Bobby, what's the big hurry?

Bobby: I am late for a business meeting, Jack.

Jack: Oh, a business meeting. (ha-ha)

Planning things, organizing people, working with numbers. These are just a few positive leadership skills, skills which you'll need on the Business Management and Technology path. Jobs on this path include: hotel and restaurant management, accounting, computer operator, mathematician, stock broker, secretary, entrepreneur, (ha ha) the list goes on and on.

Sherman Brown: Number one, you have got to believe in yourself. You have got to have all the confidence that you can do whatever you set your mind to. And, whatever you do, do the best you can and people will notice. I have to know what every piece of equipment does, and I have to be able to give the right piece of equipment for the right job, and hope that that customer is satisfied with the job that he gets.

I believe that the fact of you need math, you need the writing, and you need to be able to speak to anyone. I mean, you have to have personal skills, and you have to be able to sell yourself. Not being afraid to do what you think is right. That's 99 percent of it. If you do the right thing, the rest of it will follow.

Jack: So far we have seen Arts and Communications and the Business Management and Technology paths. You know, you can do a lot within these paths. But make sure to plan. Because if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

(moaning in the background)

Jack: That sounds like someone moaning. Someone might have hurt themselves. It's my stunt double, Mr. Frankfort. What did you do?

Bobby: I just did a scene where I jumped from a four-story building onto a running horse.

Jack: Well, what happened?

Bobby: I jumped from a four-story building onto a running horse.

Jack: I don't understand, Mr. Frankfort. Did you fall off the horse or something?

Bobby: Listen, Jack, I would love to stay and chat but I'm in total agony. So I'm going to the hospital. And if you think I look bad, you should see your horse.

Jack: My horse!

Jack: The Health Services path. Are you interested in working at a hospital or a clinic? Do you enjoy helping people or even animals who are injured or sick?

Dusty Weaver: Being a veterinarian is a fantastic job. I love it. You get a lot of time to play with interesting animals and meet interesting animals. You meet interesting people. You kinda get the best of both worlds. My father used to walk me down to a farm down the street and we used to go and pet and feed the horses every weekend. And at that point in time I decided I wanted to be a veterinarian. And it just kinda stuck. In the fourth and fifth grade, I was probably the most interested in math and science classes. I would definitely be leaning more toward the Natural Resource and Agriculture path if I was not a veterinarian. A lot of interactions in those kind of positions are the same. The foundation that you create in sciences classes and math classes when you are younger really build as you go through school, through high school, through college. And the interest that you foster in those classes and that you find in those classes really puts you on a career path.

And by the way, Jack, that horse that you brought in, it's a bull.

Jack: A horse-bull. Wow! Happy endings. They are great, aren't they? But what happens when life doesn't hand you a happy ending? Because, kids, I am here to tell you, sometimes in life you get attacked by ninjas.

(Ninja fighting music and sounds)

Announcer: I am just a little ninja. The Jackie style is just too much for me. I wondered if he learned that on the Human Services career path.

Jack: Law enforcement people, flight attendants, firefighters, lawyers, homemakers, politicians, postal workers, chefs, psychologists, military service branches. These people are friendly, open, out-going and cooperative. Does that sound like you?

Sandra Schiess: To be interested in being a firefighter when I was a child was like believing I could be the kind of a foreign country. Being a firefighter for a woman wasn't even considered something you could be. When I was a kid, school was something that you did. You had to go to school, so you went to school. And I didn't think there was really anything important to what I would be when I would grow up. Oh, when I was a kid, I loved to be in all the sports in school. I loved to swim. I was a very good swimmer. I always enjoyed riding my bicycle, climbing trees, heights didn't bother me. I was always out to be the best and the strongest in anything physical. And then on the entire other end of the spectrum as I child I always loved to read. I actually stumbled into being a firefighter. I actually just saw it in the paper and applied. But it was right for me. And I found that all the things that I had learned, all the way up until then, helped me be a really good firefighter because I always pursued my interests, whatever they were, whether they were physical, whether they were leadership skills, whether they were reading, whatever it was. And when I found the right field, they all came together for me and I was able to be real successful at it.

Jack: As a Hollywood action film star, I can honestly say that I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for good leadership skills, good communication skills, and staying physically fit. I learned these skills. And I learned them from my favorite people on the Human Services path, teachers. They teach us so much, so much, man, 'cause they're teachers. If there's a teacher in the room with you right now, you thank 'em. Thank 'em, man. Because they're teachers. (in off-tune song) Teachers, teachin' all the children... t-e-a-c-h-er, tea- tea- tea- tea- tea-chers.

Bobby: Special delivery for Jack Jenkie.

Jack: What's that you got there?

Bobby: Oh, uh, it's a package.

Jack: Well, thank you.
Heh, it's probably from a fan.

Bobby: Jack, I just can't decide whether I want to fix or whether I want to build or what. Say, what's that you got there?

Jack: This is my old buddy, Mr. Tech-Tech. What do you think?

Bobby: Well, I think you're going to have some real major engineering problems real soon.

(explosion)

Bobby: They are the mechanics, repair people, electricians, plumbers, aerospace engineers, carpenters, and more. They fix and build. When you practice to learn problem-solving skills, you'll see how important they can be. They just might save your life. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, unless you're on the Industrial Engineering and Technology path.

Rob Sapp: Hello. I am Rob and I am an automotive technician in the Industrial Engineering and Technology path. You would be surprised at how many people come in here and think they have a big emergency with their car and need it fixed right now. But that's okay because I like fixing cars and that is what I have always done since I was in the fourth and fifth grade. In the fourth grade, things that were fun for me were taking things apart and putting them back together. Being able to put something back together and make it work better than before it came apart lead me into more complex engines, and it was fun. After high school, I went through a two-year technical college which increased my knowledge on automotive technology. If you are interested in the Industrial Engineering and Technology path, the subjects you should be studying are math, reading, and spelling. The nice thing about being an automotive technician is you never work on the same thing twice. It's always a different problem, and if you look outside there's plenty of cars to work on.

Jack: And now, the sixth career path.

Natural Resources and Agriculture path. A person on this path is outgoing, likes the outdoors, is physically active, a good problem-solver, and likes working with plants and animals. And, like my pet bear, Mr. Fuzzy. Mr. Fu-... Put the head on.

Bobby: Do I really have to?

Jack: Yes!

Bobby: Growl.

Jack: Some of these people are chemists, geologists, farmers, environmentalists, foresters, landscapers, the list goes on and on.

Man: Even on a day like today when it's a little bit cloudy and drizzly, it's still really wonderful to be outdoors. Ever since I was a kid, I enjoyed doing everything I could outside, from camping, fishing, hiking and anything else. That's why I decided to make Natural Resources and Agriculture my career path. What I found when I was growing up is that I was the only one in my family that really had a love for the outdoors. While the rest of my family enjoyed going on vacations in the summer to places like Disneyland or Six Flags, I was always the one who always wanted to go canoeing in Canada or go to Yellowstone Park or something like that. I loved biology and any other natural science that got us into the outdoors for various kinds of experiments or hiking or anything like that. A person in the field of wildlife, such as myself, can select maybe more than one career path. You can go onto Natural Resources and Agriculture career path and go directly into wildlife management, or you can go into law enforcement through the Human Services career path. We have wildlife law enforcement officers who have to check all of the wildlife shipments that are brought into this country. And our wildlife officers have to have the same training as F.B.I. agents, for example. This is one of the most competitive fields that a person can go into today, and you have to work very hard and have a great desire to enter the field.

Jack: You know, you seem to know an awful lot for a kid who didn't know very much about the six career paths.

Bobby: That's a fact, Jack.

Jack: The six career paths. Our work has just begun. There are still other kids out there who don't know about the six career paths.

Bobby: You mean, Arts and Communications, Business Management and Technology, Health Services, Human Services, Industrial and Engineering Technology, Natural Resources and Agriculture? You mean those six paths?

Jack: You know, I have been looking for a partner. Are you interested?

Bobby: You bet I am, and if it's not right for me, I can always change my path.

Jackie: Hey, now that sounds like a sequel.