

"Mapping" a Route Forward: A Discussion with Geospatial Professionals

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In this panel, a diverse group of geospatial professionals will come together to discuss the many paths available after graduating from high school or college. Whether attendees are considering further education, entering the workforce, or exploring specialized fields within geography and spatial analysis, this session offers an opportunity for attendees to receive grounded advice from those who have navigated similar crossroads.

Panelists will share insights on building a career in both public and private sectors, leveraging technical skills, and finding mentorship and community within the geospatial field. The panel is not a one-way conversation, but an interactive session that encourages attendees to ask questions, share their thoughts, and learn from one another. From internships and certifications to graduate school and industry applications, participants will leave with a clearer sense of direction and a realistic understanding of how to translate their education into meaningful professional work.

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