



## **Competitive Event Prep Chapter 13**

# **Professional Mentor**

### **Identify**

National competitive events presented by organizations like FIRST, SkillsUSA, and TSA are placing increased importance on career awareness. Students are encouraged to explore occupational possibilities and understand the hard and soft skills required.

### **Set Up**

Survey local businesses for a professional mentor who specializes in the career you desire. Contact your professional mentor to set up a meeting or facility tour.

### **Execute**

Shadow your professional mentor for the day. Document what you observe, conduct an interview, and ask for a copy of his or her resume.

### **Evaluate**

Identify the advantages and disadvantages of working in that particular career field. Analyze the advantages and disadvantages relative to hours, salary, security, and benefits.

### **Share**

Compare your findings with a peer who completed the same exercise for a different career. Assess the two professions and communicate your conclusions to the entire class.