IGNITE Worldwide Panelist Visual Aid Guide
2022-2023 School Year

Incorporating 1-2 visual aids into your story will provide an engaging way for students to better get to know you and your job!

- Your visual aids should be an organic part of your story. The IGNITE Panelist Training provides guidance on how to incorporate visuals into your story.
- **For virtual events:** Your visuals should **not** be something you will be screen sharing, but an item you have at home that you can hold up to the camera (ie. the item itself or as a printout).
- **For in-person events:** Visual aids should be visible to everyone across a large room, or something you are comfortable passing around.

**Choose 1-2 Examples**

**Photo/keepsake from childhood**
- This is a great way to show IGNITE students that you were once their age and just like them! Share a photo, a keepsake from school or a childhood hobby, or something that represents a challenge you faced and overcame (like a sports or academic award or a scholarship).
- Print out your photo and hold it up to the camera during your virtual event–this grabs students’ attention!

**Your work uniform**
- Do you have a cool uniform or accessory that you wear to do your job?
- If you dress casually at your job, that can be worth highlighting too!

**A product or project you worked on**
- Show off something tangible you created as part of your job. Did you work on the design or production of a device, object, or clothing item?
- **Note for virtual events:** sharing a website or app is great, just be sure it’s something you can hold up to the screen (ie. as a printout or on a tablet or mobile device). If sharing on a device, please be mindful of glare. Practice ahead of time to make sure what you’re sharing will be visible to the audience.
- A tool used in your job or in a STEM hobby
- This can be something big like a piece of industrial or electronic equipment or a vehicle, or something small, like calipers, a circuit tester, or even a favorite pen!

**Awards**
- Have you been honored for your work? Do you hold a patent? Did you get to shake hands with someone famous.

**Company swag or mementos from jobs or work travel**
- Have you been given products or gifts recognizing your work?
- Have you taken a business trip and gotten a cool souvenir?