

OUR MISSION

NAF solves some of the biggest challenges facing education and the economy by bringing education, business, and community leaders together to transform the high school experience.



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READY

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ABOUT US

NAF was founded in 1982 as a solution to the financial services companies struggling to fill jobs. Sandy Weill partnered with the New York City Department of Education and John Dewey High School in Brooklyn to pilot a financial services training program for 30 students.

NAF has grown from one NAF Academy of Finance in New York City to hundreds of academies across the country focusing on growing industries including: finance, hospitality & tourism, information technology, engineering, and health sciences.



1 in 5 students don't graduate from high school in the United States, limiting their possibilities for successful careers and the ability to reach their full potential.

OUR IMPACT

117,550

STUDENTS

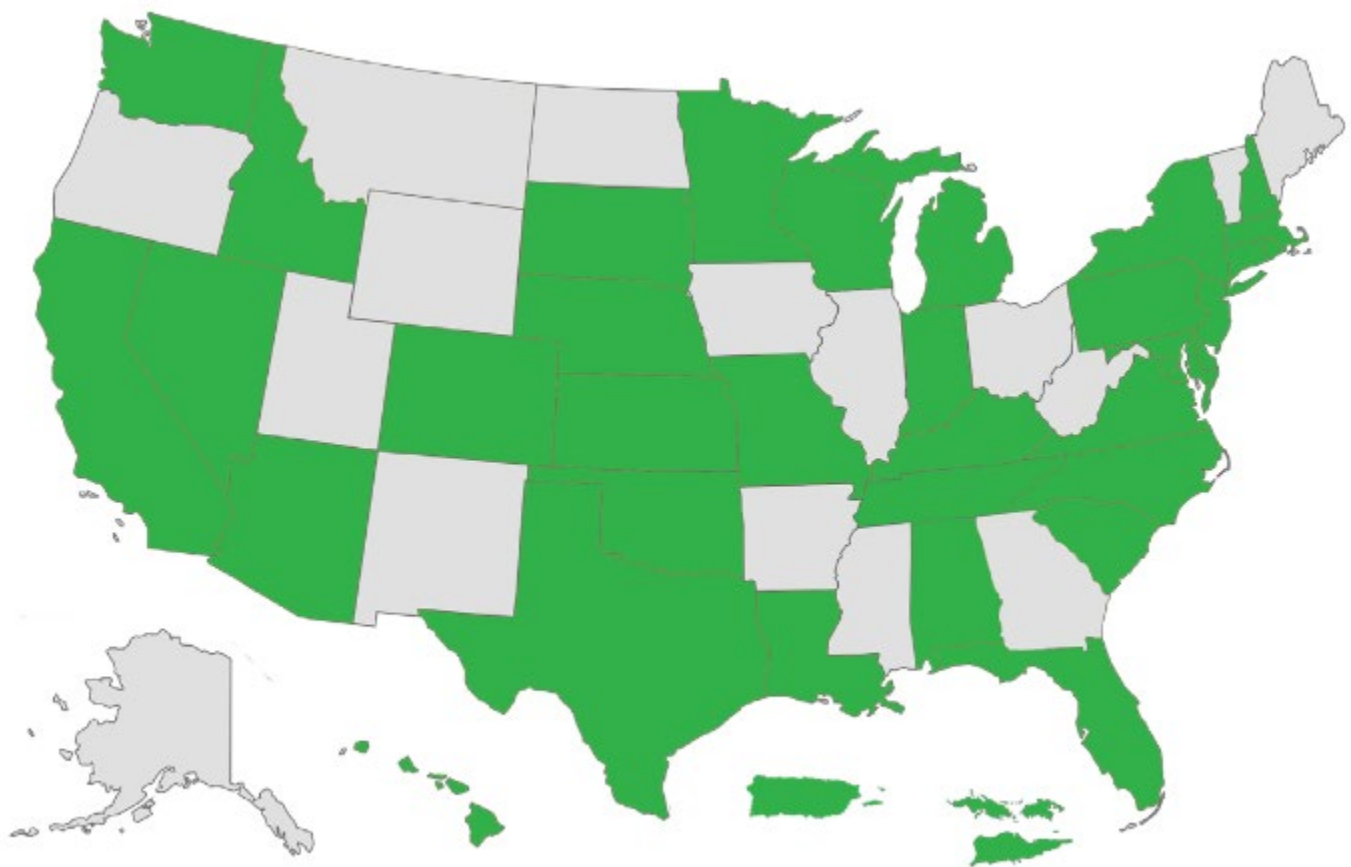
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ACADEMIES

392

SCHOOLS

Finance | Hospitality & Tourism | Information Technology
Engineering | Health Sciences



99%

GRADUATED SENIORS

87%

COLLEGE BOUND

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

NAF, is a national network of education, business, and community leaders who work together to ensure that high school students are college, career, and future ready. We bring the education and business worlds together, by creating industry-focused academies in existing public high schools. NAF's educational design ignites students' passion for learning and gives businesses the opportunity to shape America's future workforce by transforming the learning environment to include STEM-infused, industry-specific curricula and work-based learning experiences, including internships.

To learn more about NAF's work in areas, please contact our communications department to be connected with a spokesperson.



College & Career Readiness



Skills Gap



Work-Based Learning



Workforce Development

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Work-based learning is an instructional strategy that connects what students are learning in class with the world of work to ignite students' passion for learning. It involves interaction with business partners and aligns with intentional student learning outcomes. NAF's approach to work-based learning is centered on a continuum building from career awareness, to career exploration, then finally career preparation.

Career Awareness

- Guest speaker
- Worksite tour
- Career fair

Career Exploration

- Informational interview
- Job shadow
- Mock interview

Career Preparation

- Paid internship





ASSETS

We are all part of the movement to prepare the next generation of future ready leaders and need to serve as brand ambassadors to bring this movement to the next level. The materials available here will consistently and powerfully guide your communications efforts. Click the links below to access our brand resources – including the NAF style guide and logos– and our social media press kit.

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[Brand Resources](#)

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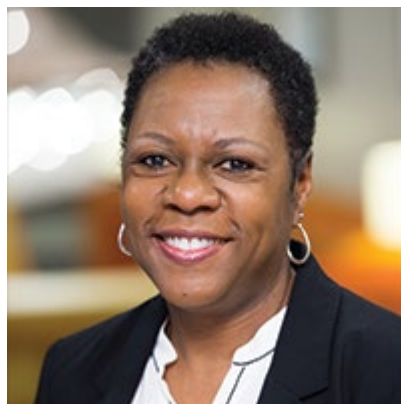
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