

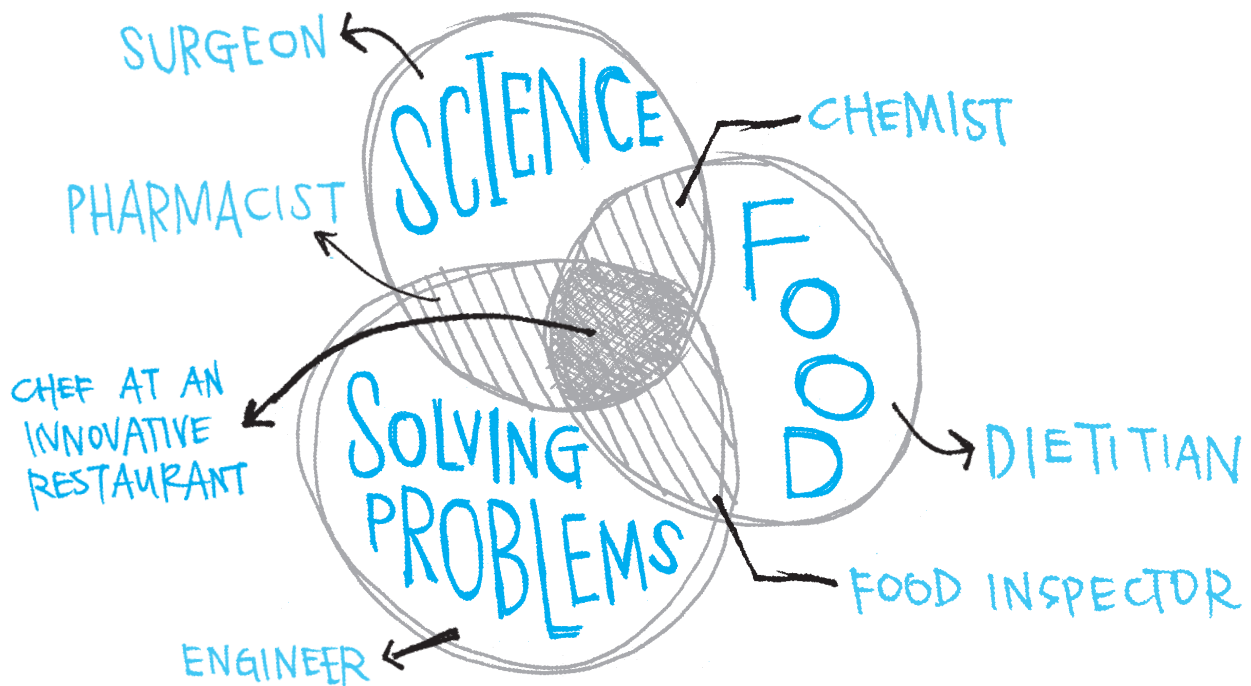
Lesson 3: The Road Map

When we first introduced the concept of defining your own Road, we talked about how important it is to have a Road map — something to help you get from Point A to Point B. While you may take a lot of detours, a Road map will help you get back on track and reach your final destination. When you define your own Road, that destination becomes more meaningful because it is built upon the Interests and Foundation that matter to you.

Creating your own Road map in the Roadtrip Nation sense is not about taking the shortest route possible. It doesn't even look like any map you have ever seen. It is about discovering as much information as you can about yourself and where you want to go. You have to begin with your Set Point, then add your Interests and

include your Foundation. When you combine these elements and see them as a whole, you are creating a solid base of knowledge about who you are. Having that information at your fingertips will make it much easier to make decisions that reflect what matters to you most.

Take a look at the Road map below. Just like you, many of our Leaders have multiple interests — they didn't want to choose just one Road, so they combined their Interests together, along with their Foundation, and built a life they really love. Homaro Cantu is an inventor and loves science, but he also wanted to work with food. Now he's created an innovative restaurant (where there are edible menus!) built around his inventions and his love for solving problems.



"As long as you're passionate and you can find your creative niche, there's nothing that you can't achieve."

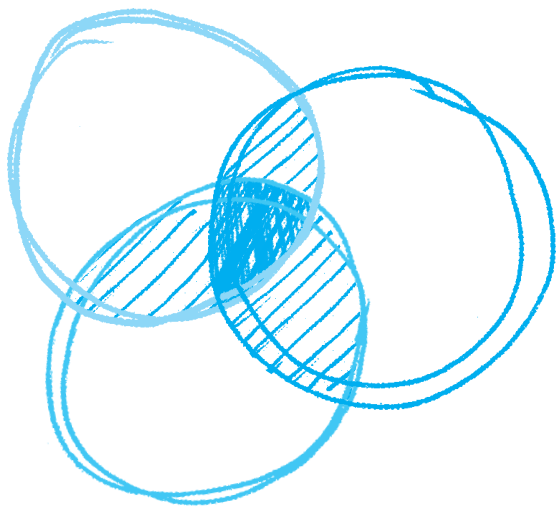
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Homaro Cantu
Chef/Inventor
Moto Restaurant



Now it's your turn to create your own Road map! Fill in the circles in the area below with your two main Interests from page 8 and your Foundation from page 13. Notice that they can exist on their own, but they also work together to create a single unit. Their combination forms something new, larger and more representative of all the parts of you.

Next, brainstorm and write down the names of any professions, jobs, or educational paths you can think of that combine your Interests and your Foundation. Use the example on page 16 to help you. However you can, imagine how you can combine all three of the circles to create the best possible fit for you. You can work with a partner or check out bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers if you need more ideas.



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-  Professions/Pathways that align with an individual Interest or Foundation
-  Professions/Pathways that combine one Interest and Foundation or both my Interests
-  Professions/Pathways that combine both my Interests and Foundation

What did you discover by combining your Interests and Foundation and creating your own Road map?

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Of the potential careers you thought of, which one would you look forward to exploring most?

Four horizontal lines for writing.

Watch *Roadtrip Nation* Online

The activity on the previous page was a basic Road map to get you thinking about how to get where you want to go. However, a hand-drawn map of a place you've never been before might still leave you a little unsure about the direction in which you're headed. It might help clear things up if you could find people who have been there before you, like Leaders with similar Interests and Foundations who have successfully defined their own Roads in life. Leaders can share their insights about what to look for and how to prepare yourself for your future. Their experiences might inspire you to dream bigger for yourself.

There have been many young people who have hit the Road with Roadtrip Nation, traveled across the country in a Green RV, and have collected stories of how Leaders have created their own life Road map. To hear Leaders' stories about how they made decisions, go to roadtripnation.com/watch. Here you will find the current season's episodes of *Roadtrip Nation*, as well as an archive of past episodes. Go online and find Leaders, stories and inspiration which relate specifically to your personal Interests and Foundation.

The Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive

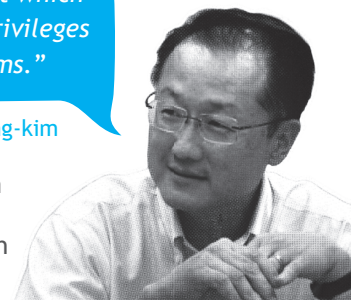
Many Leaders have been featured in episodes of *Roadtrip Nation*, but there are still hundreds of Leaders to explore in the Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive. There, Leaders share thoughts about their Interests and Foundations, as well as their educational and professional experiences. Each has a unique perspective on staying true to their own path, even when it was difficult. You can visit roadtripnation.com/explore and watch clips with Leaders from all walks of life who align with your Interests and Foundation, and who can give you insight and advice as you begin the college planning process.

As time passes and you find new Interests, or if you decide you want to build on a new Foundation, you can always recreate your own Road map. Defining your own Road is all about making your own decisions about what is right for you.

"At some point in your life, you have spent all of your heart and soul following the kind of activity about which you are absolutely passionate. One of the great privileges we have is the opportunity to follow our dreams."

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Dr. Jim Yong Kim
Physician
Partners in Health

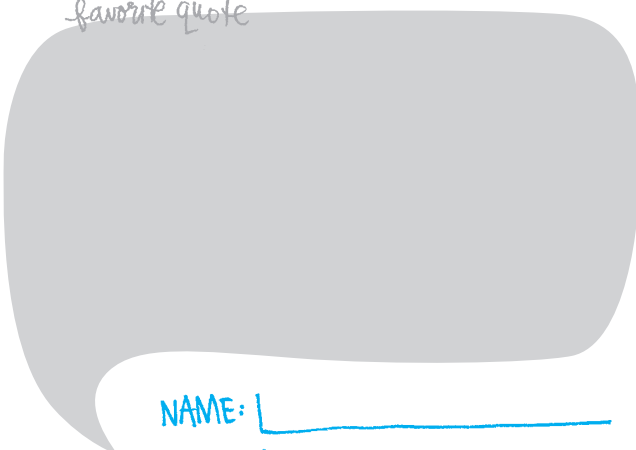


Do an Internet search of Dr. Jim Yong Kim's life story. What different things has he done in his career to get him to where he is today?

To learn more about the Roadtrip Nation story, check us out online in the About tab located at roadtripnation.com. Here you will find out more about our Movement, watch interviews with Leaders featured in our Interview Archive, and learn about other ways to get involved.


Watch an online episode of *Roadtrip Nation*, paying close attention to the Leaders' stories. Then, fill in the graphics below. You can always search the Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive to watch other Leaders share insights about their Roads in life.

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WHO AM I?
WHERE AM I going?
HOW DO I Get there?