

Introduction to the student:

# What's Ahead?

**Welcome to What's Ahead?** The book includes activities that draw on the information and skills you bring to the classroom. You will enhance this knowledge, develop your on-the-job communication abilities, learn self-assessment and how to identify employment opportunities and career goals, complete a résumé, and practice interviewing for a job. These skills are applicable to all employment and educational situations. As you work on them, you will continue to develop listening, reading, writing, speaking, as well as problem solving, critical thinking, researching skills, and the ability to work in teams.

This book also introduces you to careers in the areas of hospitality, health, skilled trades, computer technology, entrepreneurship, and education/child care. There is job growth today, in the 21st century, for these careers. Learning about them will help you pursue your educational goals and choose a career.

Vocabulary development is an important aspect of all the work in this book. There are stories and readings throughout the book, and before many of them you will see instructions to look for and underline certain words in the story or reading. These are words you need to know as you think about careers and the world of work. Be sure you understand them. If you do not, ask your teacher or look in the Glossary on pages 70 to 78 for simple definitions.