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SPEAKERS DEMONSTRATE IMPACT OF MATH KNOWLEDGE ON CAREERS

In an effort to support the career education goals established by the district, West Allegheny Middle School math teacher Dana Burrows arranged for two individuals to share their math-related career experiences with her eighth grade classes.

Tony Chiappetta, former Navy Lieutenant on the USS Maine submarine, who now works as a nuclear engineer, presented information on his education at the US Naval Academy and his experience working with nuclear energy. He also gave examples of instances in which he relied on his math skills to do his job. Brian Rosenson, FSA, who is an actuary, also described the type of work he does. Citing real-life situations, he explained how actuarial science relies on math skills as well.

Earlier this year, the students each researched a math-related career and developed a formal presentation to demonstrate what they learned. The guest speakers reinforced the importance of math in a variety of career fields.

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