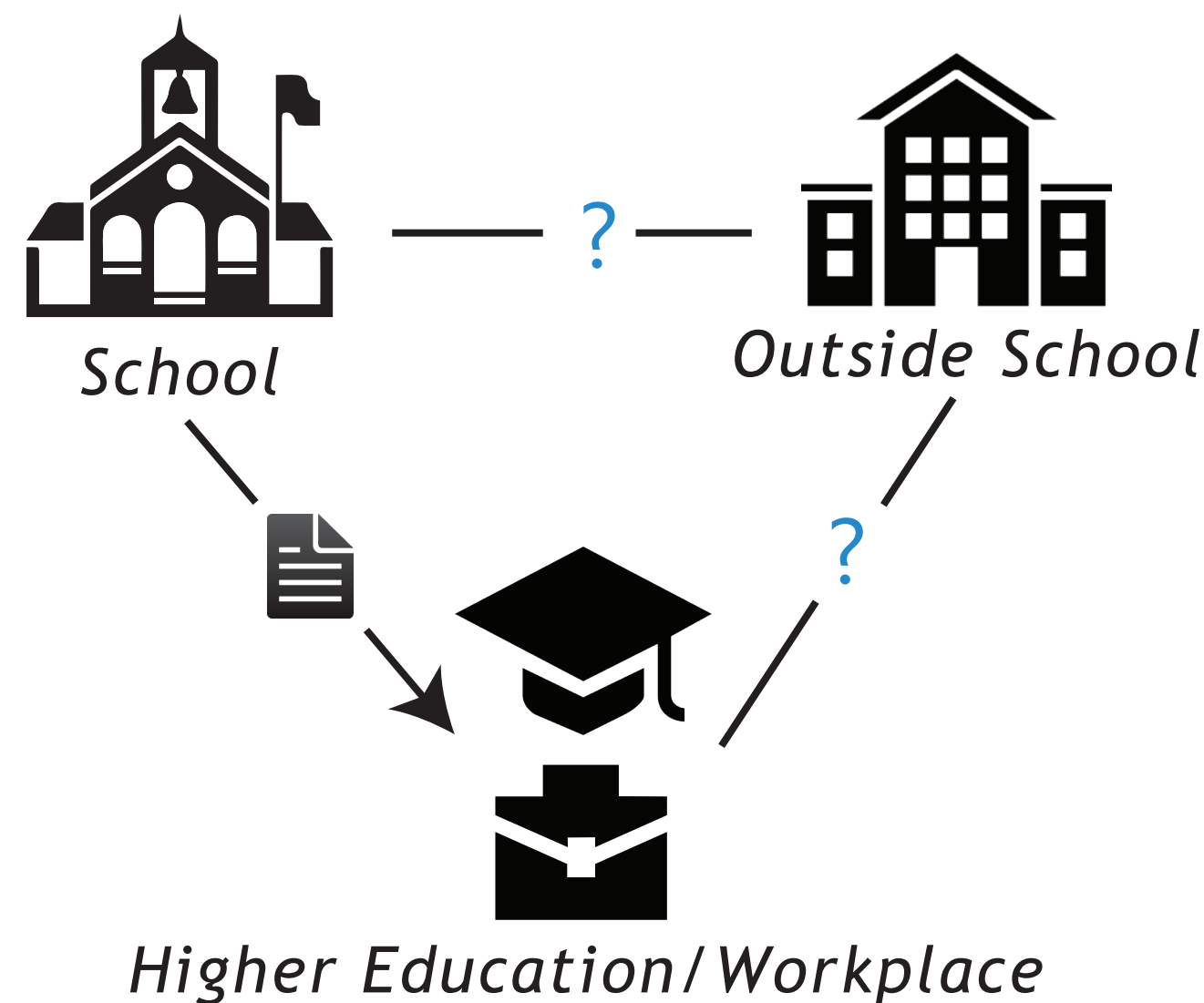


# Digital Badges: Validating Skills Outside of School

## Problem

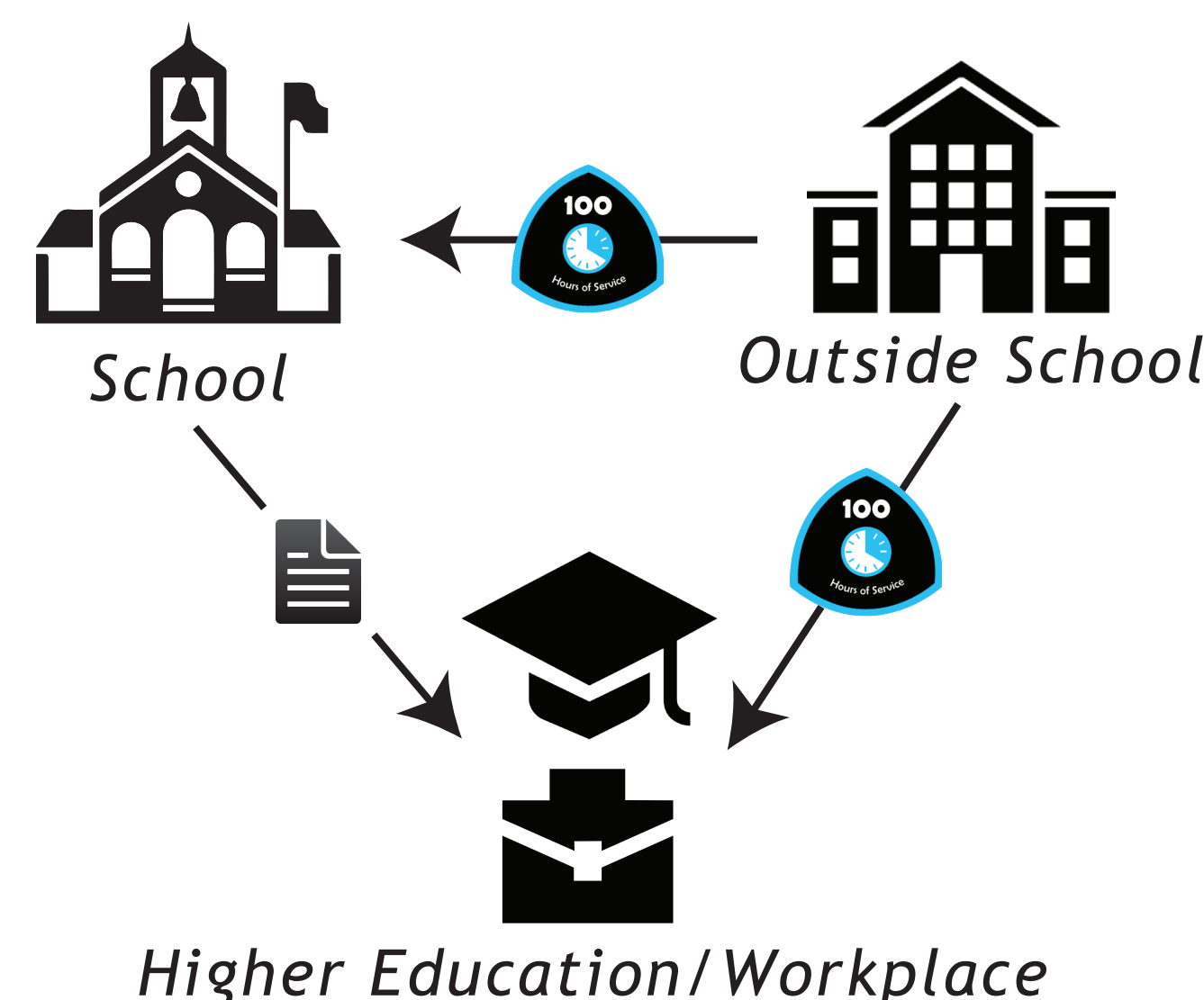
How can we help students gain **recognition** for the skills they develop outside of school?



Many students are developing skills in leadership, public speaking, and professionalism outside of traditional education settings. There are currently **few effective ways** to integrate this learning with academia or beyond, therefore students often go **unrecognized** for such achievements.

## Solution

Digital badges give students the ability to **quantify** and **display** their achievements for credit or recognition.



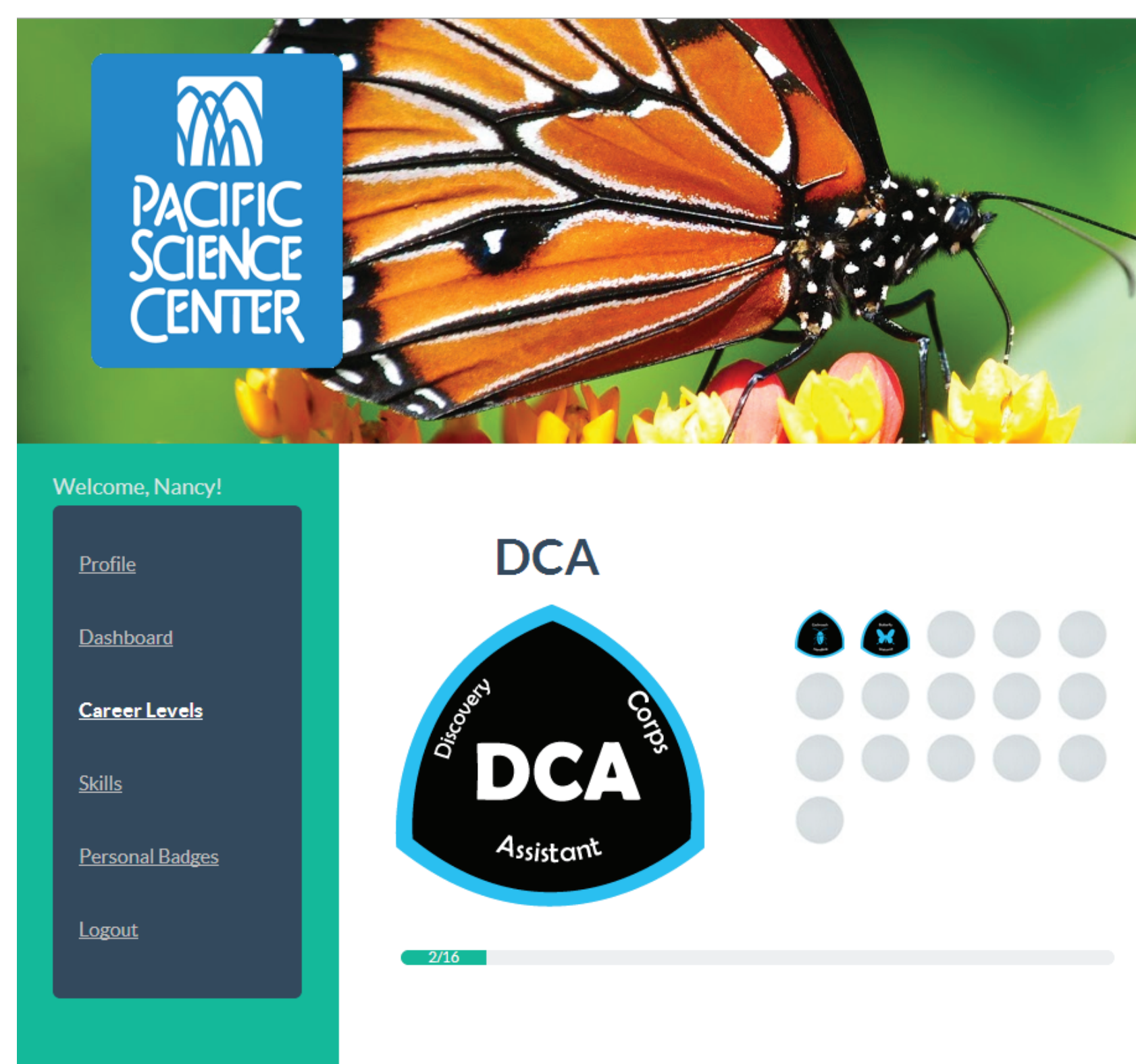
## Case Study

### The Discovery Corps Program

At the Pacific Science Center, youth in the Discovery Corps program become **leaders** in science and presentation, developing crucial personal and professional skills that they would not have otherwise developed in school.

We worked with the PSC to design a digital badge system that would reward students as they progress and also give them a way to take their achievements **beyond the program**.

Students would be issued career badges as acknowledgement of the jobs they perform in the program and would be issued skill badges that they can use to showcase to a **broader audience**.



Prototype design for the Pacific Science Center case study; students can see the badges they've earned and can share to other platforms

## Badges

### Career Badges

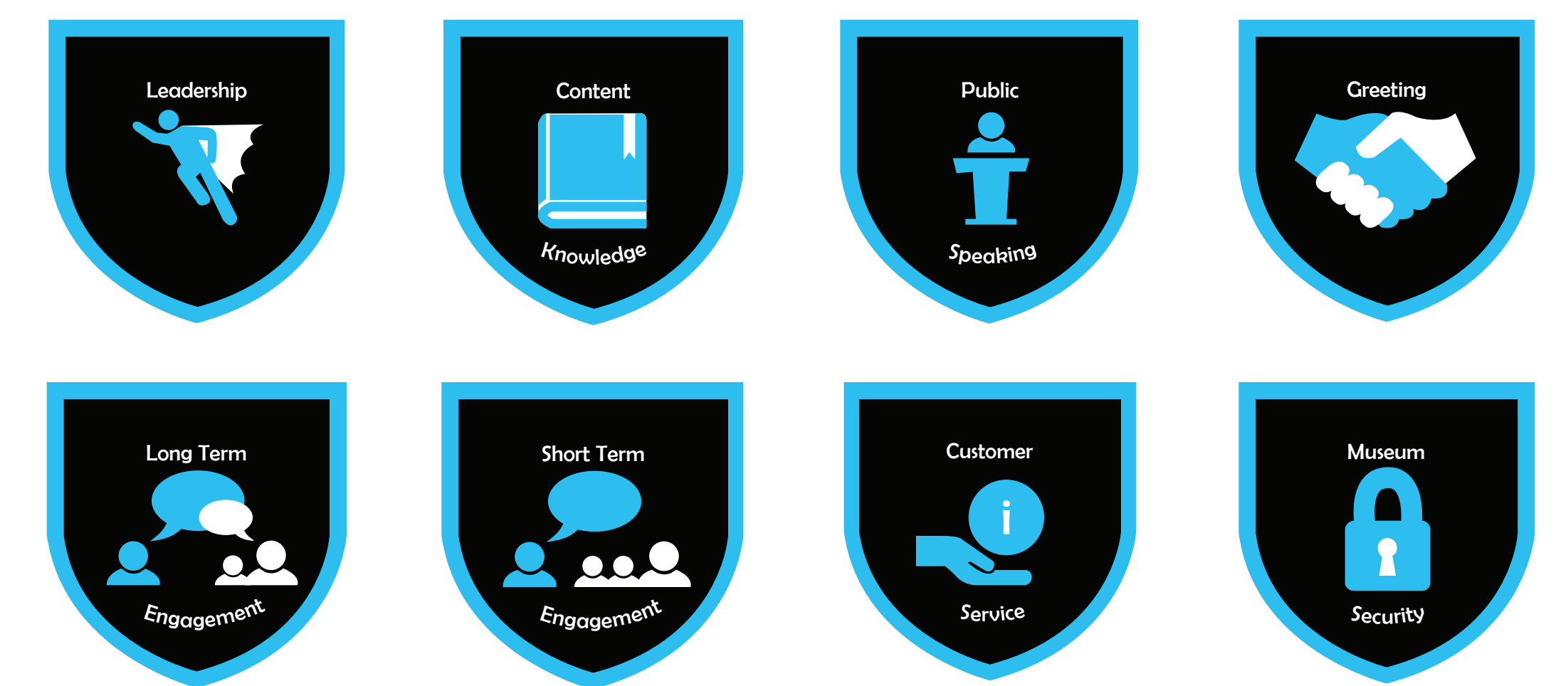
For advancement at the Pacific Science Center



where the badge shape determines the career level

### Skill Badges

To display for potential employers and higher education



Badge shape represents the type of badge



Example Skill Badge

**Student Name:** Nancy Drew

**Badge Issued:** Leadership

**Date Issued:** May 2nd, 2014

**Issued By:** Carolyn Keene, Supervisor

**Related Jobs:** Teen Science Cafe, Portal to the Public

