



CTE DIRECTIONS

Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

JEFFREY MOORE: Utah December 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month

We are pleased to announce that Jeffrey Moore, K-12: Teaching as a Profession teacher at Roy Junior High, in Weber School District, has been selected as the December 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month. Jeffrey is recognized as one of the best CTE teachers in the state of Utah.

BACKGROUND: It's no secret that Jeff hated school, and he brings that perspective to his teaching. In his classes, students can have fun while learning, but he ensures that students are learning while they do.

EDUCATION: Jeffrey earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Management and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Phoenix. He started teaching at the young age of 41. He holds endorsements in Social Studies Composite, Business and Marketing, Exploring CS, and K-12 Teaching as a Profession.

TEACHER: Jeffrey teaches College and Career Awareness, Exploring Computer Science, Teaching as a Profession 1, Student Government and Yearbook. He also teaches for Weber Adult Education. As a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Educators Rising advisor, Jeffrey has one of the largest Educators Rising chapters in Utah.

STUDENT SUCCESS: As all teachers do, he loves seeing the AHA! moments when a student really gets a concept. As much as Jeff loves teaching and working with kids, he's never quite sure of his total impact with his Junior High kids. And he's okay with that. Because occasionally, a student comes back to visit years later and tells him the influence he had when he taught them. Those moments are total gold!

CLASSROOM: "Jeff Moore is the ideal teacher to teach students about the education field. Once you walk into the door of Jeff's classroom you know that he cares and wants the best for each of his students. Jeff is well deserving of this award," said Ashley Higgs, CTE Education Specialist, Utah State Board of Education.



Advice to Students

Utah high school seniors were asked, “What advice would you offer to future students about taking CTE courses during high school? Throughout the year, their responses will be shared in this newsletter.

Autumn: Future Graphic Designer



“The advice I would offer to future students about taking CTE is to take as many classes as your schedule will allow. This way you can weed out what you are not interested in and then focus on what your interests are. This will help you immensely with your career and schooling choices. CTE classes are hands-on and are so much fun! I would also encourage students to participate in CTSOs if they are available. If they are not available, in the area you would like, talk to your teachers and see what can be done to start them.

“I was able to take four concurrent enrollment classes in high school and one AP class that helped give me a jump start on college. Because of CTE I have learned so much about my career choice. These classes offer a huge advantage to students who take them. My high school experience has been even better because of CTE.”

Save the Date: February is CTE Month

CTE Month is just two months away. Plan now to celebrate and advocate for Career and Technical Education. The theme for CTE Month 2024 is **CTE: Elevating Student Success**. Resources are available on UtahCTE.org at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/publications/month>.



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CTE MONTH 2024
CTE: Elevating Student Success

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CTE Teachers in the 21st Century

The Annenberg Institute at Brown University recently published a [report](#) that examines the nationally representative data on the CTE teacher workforce from 2004 to 2018. Researchers discovered:

- CTE teachers are increasingly more prepared and qualified to teach in the field, with aspiring professionals being 16% more likely to be qualified specifically for CTE.
- CTE teachers (87.3%) had higher year-over-year retention rates in comparison to non-CTE teachers (86.3%).
- By 2018, CTE teachers became significantly more likely (+10%) to teach in majority-minority schools than their non-CTE counterparts.

Calendar:

December 7: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

December 14: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

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