



Career and Technical Education

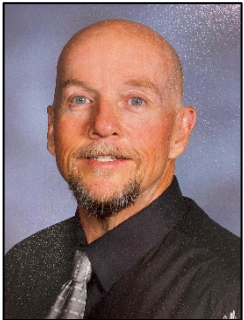
CTE DIRECTIONS

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.

ED SCHIRNER: Utah September 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month



We are pleased to announce that Ed Schirner, automotive teacher at Davis High School, has been selected as the September 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month. Ed is recognized as one of the best CTE teachers in the state of Utah. Ed has made a great impact on those around him with his passion for students and industry preparation. His classroom and skills are exemplary of what it means to be CTE. “Ed runs an amazing automotive program . . . All students feel welcome in his courses and learn at high levels,” said Brian Hunt, CTE Director, Davis School District.

BACKGROUND: Ed grew up around the automotive industry in Vernal, Utah. As a teenager he worked as a gas station attendant pumping gas and performing oil changes. Several years later, Ed landed a job with Big-O Tires where he built a successful career for the next fifteen years.

EDUCATION: While working at Big-O Tires, Ed pursued a degree from Weber State University (WSU) in Automotive Technology.

AUTOMOTIVE TEACHER: While attending WSU, Ed was presented with the opportunity to teach automotive repair courses for Davis School District. In 2001, Ed started at Clearfield High School in what he believed was a temporary career steppingstone that would help him pay for his education and later further him in his pursuit of his automotive career goals. Twenty-three years later, Ed never left teaching.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Ed has a passion for teaching! He chose to stay in education to provide service to his community through educating students. He enjoys seeing students succeed, develop a work ethic and responsibility, and light up when they discover a passion they want to pursue in their lives after high school.

CLASSROOM: Stepping into Ed’s classroom and automotive shop it is easy to see how the environment exemplifies and mirrors his passion for his students. The shop is painted, pristinely organized, and arranged to mirror that of what would be found in a typical industry environment. Every student has an immersive experience in which they have the opportunity to see what an automotive career would truly feel like because of the environment and experience that Ed provides to them.

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.

Bailey Beckstrom



“I have enjoyed taking CTE courses in high school because all the courses are subjects that I will use in my everyday life. I would encourage all students to take CTE courses in high school. CTE courses provide you with hands-on learning and prepares you for a career. CTE provides you with a knowledge base that is expanded upon during college which can help you earn a better grade in your college classes. By taking CTE courses, you can find careers that you are interested in, so you have a clear path on how to achieve your career goals. CTE courses can provide you with certificates so you can enter the workforce earlier and start earning a paycheck. CTE internships allow you to network with others in your chosen career field and receive on-the-job training. Internships allow you to see first-hand what a job in that career would be like. You are given the opportunity to learn skills that you will use every day in your career. CTE courses also help strengthen your applications for competitive college programs.”

Amy Fullmer: New State Education Specialist



We are happy to announce that Amy Fullmer has joined our team as the Agricultural Education Specialist. Amy is stepping into the position vacated by William (Buddy) Deimler who retired last month. Amy has been one of the countless recipients of the influence of Buddy and she hopes to build on the legacy he leaves behind, by providing students opportunities to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Amy was born and raised on a dairy Farm in Elwood, Utah. She spent her childhood milking cows, feeding calves, moving hand pipes, and raising her personal drove of show hogs. After graduating at the top of her class at Bear River High School Amy went to Utah State University

to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education.

Amy has eight years of in-classroom teaching experience ranging from Agricultural Education at Weber and Fremont High Schools and Granite Technical Institute to her most recent position at Panguitch Middle School teaching Integrated Science and College and Career Awareness. In addition, Amy has been an online professor for eight years teaching International Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness. She has a Master’s of Education in Career and Technical Education, and Administrative Supervisory License, and an Integrated Science Endorsement.

Calendar:

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

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

[Utah CTE Calendar](#) | [ACTE Calendar](#)

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