



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.

EDWIN LEHAULI: Utah November 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month

We are pleased to announce that Edwin Lehaul, protective services teacher at Canyons Technical Education Center (CTEC), in Canyons School District, has been selected as the November 2023 CTE Teacher of the Month. Edwin is recognized as one of the best CTE teachers in the state of Utah. Edwin is an engaging instructor who makes meaningful connections with his students.

BACKGROUND: Born in San Francisco, Edwin grew up on the Island of Tonga returning to the U.S. to attend college. Edwin was a correctional officer at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and a deputy at the Salt Lake County Jail. He has taught criminal justice classes at Salt Lake Community College and at Utah Valley University. He was part of the Financial Crimes team at Wells Fargo.

EDUCATION: Edwin earned an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice from Salt Lake Community College. He continued his education at Utah Valley University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES TEACHER: Edwin teaches courses in the CTE Protective Services Career Pathway at CTEC. With the help of the Sandy City Police Department and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, he works tirelessly at integrating law enforcement and corrections scenarios to students in the classroom.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Through Edwin's guidance, expertise, and dedication, students are not only equipped with essential knowledge and skills but are also inspired to explore and focus on their career plans. By imparting real-world experiences and fostering a deep understanding of the field, Edwin empowers students to envision a future in criminal justice and provides them with the confidence and direction to pursue their aspirations.

CLASSROOM: Students enrolled in Edwin's class receive a wide array of experience that allows them to study in three major areas—law enforcement, corrections, and criminal justice. Students participate in the Utah Mock Trial competition working with Utah judges and attorneys. This activity provides real world situations that test students' knowledge and practice, as they also prepare for the SkillsUSA criminal justice competitions.



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.

Brittney Blazzard: Future Medical Assistant



“I would just say to take as many of these classes as possible. They truly help you prepare for the future and skills you will use in your life. These classes will put you out of your comfort zone sometimes but in the best ways possible. I have also gained many friends and met new people through taking these classes. I have had amazing opportunities to do things because of taking these classes. I have been able to be a part of FFA thanks to taking some of these classes. I was able to attend nationals many times due to my education and hard work. There are many amazing opportunities you will get if you participate in these classes.

“By taking CTE courses I have been able to learn about many different career options. I have learned many skills that will help me better communicate with the people around me. I learned to solve problems while doing many hands-on activities. I have loved learning about how life works and what causes different [illnesses] and infections. I believe that CTE classes are part of what made me decide to go into healthcare. Studying and working with life is amazing to me.”

Apprenticeship Showcase and Job Fair

Youth apprenticeships are growing exponentially in Utah and there are many wonderful opportunities available to high school students. Learn about these opportunities at the [Apprenticeship Showcase and Job Fair held at Rice Eccles Stadium on November 14, 2023 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM](#). Educators, parents, and students are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the apprenticeship program and visit with employers.

For questions contact Breckon Heywood at the Utah State Board of Education breckon.heywood@schools.utah.gov.

Watch what Utah students say about their apprenticeship experience with Stadler Rail, Utah’s first youth apprenticeship <https://bit.ly/3tuqCR5>. “It’s work experience and you get paid for it,” said Octavio Morales Olvera. “At the end of the apprenticeship we get an Associate in Applied Science,” said Madeline Coleman.

In Utah, there are 4,166 active apprentices and 287 registered apprenticeship programs. Learn more about apprenticeships in Utah at apprenticeship.utah.gov.



Calendar:

November 2: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT](#)
November 9: [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.