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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.

Shauna Ward: Utah February 2024 CTE Teacher of the Month

We are pleased to announce that Shauna Ward, accounting teacher at Davis High School in Davis School District, has been selected as the February 2024 CTE Teacher of the Month. "Shauna Ward is a talented Utah Business, Finance and Marketing teacher and she is also a top notch FBLA adviser," said Duke Di Stefano, FBLA State Director.

BACKGROUND: Shauna's first teaching position was in Idaho at West Side High School, a rural school in Dayton. Five years later, she started teaching at Bridgerland Applied Technology College (now known as Bridgerland Technical College) in the Adult Office Technology Program. Ten years later she accepted a teaching position at Davis High School, where she has taught business courses for 24 years.

EDUCATION: Shauna graduated from Utah State University in Business Education. She has been teaching for 37 years.

TEACHER: "I have always believed that Shauna Ward is the best accounting teacher in the state. Her dedication to her students is inspiring. I have rarely seen anyone work as hard as she does to help her students learn," said Camille Hogge, CTE Coordinator, Davis School District.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Through active participation in FBLA, Shauna's FBLA student members have developed leadership skills and many have grown to love accounting. As a result of Shauna's exemplary teaching, her students have consistently placed in the top 10 at FBLA region and state competitions and placed in the top 5 in the Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams. Many of these students have become CPAs in professional accounting firms and become accomplished business leaders.

CLASSROOM: Shauna's goal each year is to encourage her students and to help them feel valued and confident. She receives great satisfaction knowing that she starts students on a journey to help them to be successful after they graduate from high school.



Happy CTE Month – CTE: Elevating Student Success



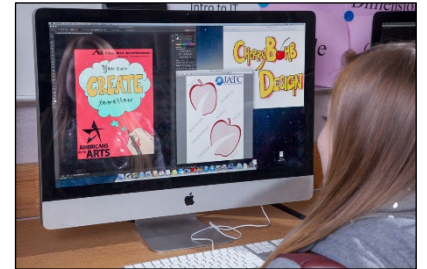
CTE Month is an opportunity for CTE administrators, educators, staff, and students to celebrate their achievements and to advocate for CTE. What are you doing this month to celebrate Career and Technical Education? Email your photos and stories to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov. Connect with @UtahCTE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CTE Month resources are available at <http://tinyurl.com/4vt2fppt>.

“The CTE courses I took in high school have provided me with indispensable knowledge and skills that I have applied to my everyday life and continue to do so. My courses allowed me to gain proficiency and comfortability with hand and power tools as well as machinery and raw materials. They taught me to be resourceful and creative as well as cautious and precise. The soft skills I gained from these courses, such as problem solving, communication, the ability to ask for help, discipline, and gratification, have translated to all aspects of my life, including my education. Ultimately, they have led me to be a more efficient worker, a fast learner, an agreeable colleague, a valuable employee, a dedicated student, and a happier individual,” said Jackson.

Advice to Students: Utah high school seniors were asked, “What advice would you offer to future students about taking CTE courses during high school?”

Abigale: Future Product Designer

“CTE courses are designed to prepare students for the ‘real’ world. You work in teams to solve problems, learn skills that go beyond the classroom, and find what you like and don’t like to do. I would encourage students, and girls especially, to engage in CTE courses and explore multiple different avenues. I took classes from programming to woodworking and found my strengths and weaknesses. I learned that just because something like programming was hard for me I shouldn’t give up so easily.”



Data: Utah State Board of Education (USBE)

Have you heard of Utah’s Educational Data Gateway? This resource provided by the USBE allows the public and school personnel to access education-related data. Do you want to know student growth, student proficiency, or early college data? You can find out using the Data Gateway <https://www.schools.utah.gov/datastatistics/data>.

Below are a few examples of USBE datapoints:

- 672,662 students are enrolled in Utah K-12 public schools for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- 88.3 percent is the graduation rate for the 2023 cohort in Utah.
- 77 percent of students have opted into full-day kindergarten.

Calendar:

February 1: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

February 8: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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

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