



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.

CTE Month Highlights

How did you celebrate CTE Month? Schools, districts/charters, and Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) throughout the state celebrated and advocated for CTE during the month of February. Their achievements were celebrated, and their success stories were shared, with their community, industry partners, and school boards. Below are a few highlights of what was shared on social media.

Alpine School District

[Alpine CTE](#) faculty at Lone Peak High School gathered together to celebrate CTE Month. “We have loved learning how we can all work together to help our students be better prepared for their future. We are all CTE!”

CTE teachers, from Mountain Ridge Junior High and Lone Peak High School, hosted a “Get the Scoop on CTE” activity for students showcasing CTE programs.

Cache School District



[Cache School District](#) celebrated CTE Career Pathways by highlighting students and teachers.

“My favorite part of computer programming and game development is when students create a game or activity that they can’t wait to share with others,” said Bill Chandler, CTE teacher at Sky View High School.

“I love teaching CTE classes like floriculture because students get to learn new skills and try things they may not get a chance to otherwise,” said Rebecca Leonard, CTE teacher at Ridgeline High School.

Canyons School District

[Canyons CTE](#) highlighted stunning wood projects created by students at Brighton High School and at Jordan High School.

[Alta High CTE](#) broadcasting and digital media students broadcasted a livestream of the varsity boys basketball playoff game.

Jordan School District

The web design class at JATC North was featured on the Jordan School District [Supercast](#) podcast. “On this episode of the Supercast, we take you inside the JATC North web design class where students are already in the running for a prestigious honor on a national stage because of their determination to help keep students safe in schools across the country. This is just one example of the great work going on in Career and Technical Education as we celebrate CTE Month.”



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Nebo School District

Payson High School highlighted [paysonhighwelders](#) who are using their skills to design, build, and fabricate projects, which will be featured in the [Utah Valley CTE Weld Expo](#) in May.

[Maple Mountain CTE](#) hosted a career fair where employers, military, and technical schools talked to students about postsecondary training and career opportunities.

Provo School District

[Provo CTE](#) asked CTE teachers, “Why CTE?” and they responded with enthusiasm. Ms. Fahringer, CTE teacher at Provo High School said, “A chance to share my love and knowledge of sports medicine and the human body with students is my motivation in teaching.”

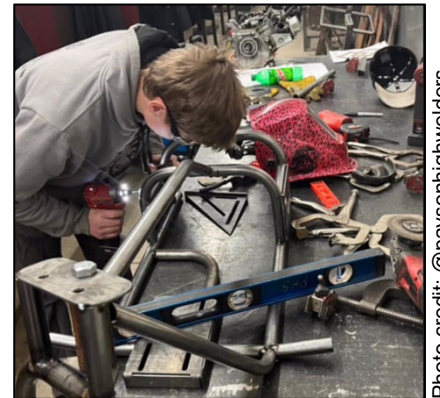


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South Summit School District

[South Summit CTE](#) advocated for CTE with daily posts highlighting students participating in CTE Career Pathways and their teachers.

Washington School District

In celebration of Valentine’s Day and CTE Month, ProStart students at [dixiehighprostart](#) used their skills to make lemon cupcakes with fresh raspberry Swiss buttercream to give to faculty and staff.

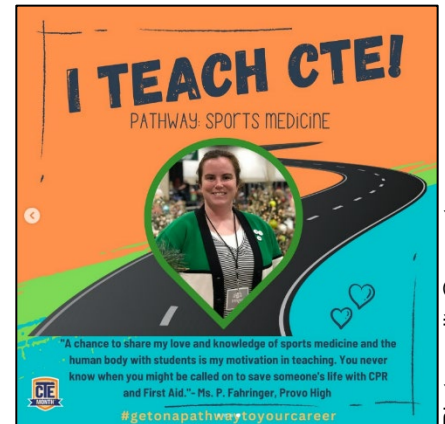


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Wasatch School District

[Wasatch CTE](#) celebrated CTE Month with ice cream sandwiches. “CTSO officers took turns during lunches to pass out ice cream and talk CTE with their peers.”

CTE Month may be over, however, advocating for Career and Technical Education continues. What was your favorite CTE moment? Share your CTE Month highlights and success stories on social media. Be sure to tag @UtahCTE or send your stories to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov.

ADVOCACY FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CTE Day on the Hill

On February 16, Utah CTSO members gathered at the Utah State Capitol to advocate for CTE and their respective Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). Members met with senators and representatives and showcased their CTSO through displays while also sharing their message with the public. Members posted photos highlighting the event on Instagram and Twitter.

Instagram: [ut_deca](#) | [edrisingut](#) | [utahffa](#) | [utahfccla](#) | [officialutahhosa](#)
[skillsusa_utah](#) Twitter: [UtahTSA](#)



Kurt Twining, CTE Technology and Engineering teacher, Evergreen Junior High

“After the sun set on yet another cold winter Utah day, hundreds of parents, students, presenters, and even a few administrators, gathered at Evergreen Junior High School for the first ever Technology Student Association (TSA) STEM Night. The event was the result of months of planning between the Evergreen Junior High and Olympus High School TSA chapters.

“Throughout the two hour event students had the opportunity to solve STEM puzzles at nine different stations, using a Micro-STEM Fest kit from the STEM Action Center, create their own TSA or school button, construct a light-up greeting card, fly mini drones with the Utah State University drone program, participate in a capture the flag challenge, and find the solution to math problems of varying difficulty.



“During the event, a number of schools and organizations helped students explore career opportunities in STEM by hosting interactive stations complete with STEM challenges. The half-time show was presented by Open Sky Pro who put on a 50 drone light show, complete with TSA logos from Olympus High School and Evergreen Junior High School.”

Rod Belnap, CTE Director, Weber School District

“All too frequently, I am in conversations with different people answering the question, **“What is CTE?”** I love the question and if the person has an hour or more I am more than happy to answer him/her with numerous examples from their OWN lives. I do not mind when the person first starts with the stereotype of the “blue-collar” jobs — the jobs that many people jump to first include jobs in skilled and in-demand pathways like welding, agriculture, construction, and/or auto mechanics. What they do not always acknowledge is that CTE extends beyond those fantastic careers into others including healthcare, business management, computer science, culinary, design and engineering among so many others. In short, I tell them that they cannot go a day without needing individuals with the skills taught and developed in our CTE courses.”

Calendar:

March 2: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

March 9: [Utah State Board of Education 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.

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