



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.

Kami Alison: Utah March 2024 CTE Teacher of the Month

We are pleased to announce that Kami Alison, Broadcasting and Digital Media teacher at Uintah High School in Uintah School District, has been selected as the March 2024 CTE Teacher of the Month. “What sets Kami apart is not just her technical proficiency but also her unwavering commitment to her students’ development,” said Kristina Yamada, Education Specialist, Utah State Board of Education.



BACKGROUND: Kami’s parents were both educators and instilled in her the value of hard work and the importance of a good education. Kami’s hard work, drive, and determination led her down the path of becoming a teacher.

EDUCATION: Kami received her Bachelor of Science in Business and Marketing from Southern Utah University (SUU). At graduation, Kami was awarded the Diploma of Merit from SUU, being chosen from her graduating class to be the most successful business teacher.

TEACHER: From Business Communications to Web Development to TV Broadcasting, in any given school year Kami teaches nine to eleven CTE courses. Kami is the department head of one of the largest professional learning communities in Uintah School District.

CLASSROOM: Kami established the Uintah High School Broadcasting team, collaborating with Channel V6 a video and broadcasting company in Vernal, Utah, to provide students with invaluable experiences in running live-streamed events. Through this partnership, Kami has opened doors for students to gain real-world insights and skills that go beyond the confines of traditional classroom learning.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Kami’s expertise gives students practical hands-on opportunities and enhances their media production skills. She equips students with the tools they need to succeed in the dynamic field of media production. Her broadcasting team has learned how to run broadcasting equipment, create video, interview, create commercials and social media content, and stream live events.

U.S. Presidential Scholars in CTE Candidate



Congratulations to Evan Luo, in Granite School District, who is a [2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars](#) in CTE [candidate](#). Evan has been chosen for this high honor because of his academic accomplishments, his technical competence, the certifications he has earned, and for this ingenuity and creativity to solve problems. The 2024 U. S. Presidential Scholars semi-finalists will be announced in April and the finalist will be announced in May.

Evan has shown a clear path towards his career, building off every experience both inside and outside of school to further his knowledge in his passion. Evan is an intern at the Delta Center where he works to categorize and annotate data for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning algorithms, which builds the foundation for his future career. He is also an intern at the University of Utah in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering where he applies algorithms in data decoding for neural signals from brain-computer interfaces using Python. He also graphs and statistically analyzes the data using Python’s matplotlib [Python plotting library], numpy, and scipy [scientific projects whose aim is to bring efficient and fast numeric computing to Python]. Evan wants to develop more accurate interfaces to better control prosthetics with greater precision. “I aspire to become a researcher in the interdisciplinary fields of biology, math, and computer science,” said Evan.

Learn more about Evan by visiting his LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/in/evan-luo-48a755261>.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by executive order of the President in 1964, to recognize and honor some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Learn about the program at <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>.

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

Yvan: Future Filmmaker

“As a student who has taken CTE courses during high school I would advise future students to take advantage of these opportunities. These courses offer hands-on experience and practical skills that are essential for success in the workforce. Additionally, participating in real-world projects and internships through these courses will provide you with a deeper understanding of the industry and prepare you for your future career. It is important to take CTE courses that align with your career interests and goals as they will give you a head start in your field and help you to stand out when applying for jobs or further education.”



Calendar:

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

March 21: [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.