

Angela Nederhand: My CTE Story



Angela Nederhand, teacher at Salem Hills High School in Nebo School District, shares her Career and Technical Education (CTE) story and her journey to become a high school teacher. "I remember taking a few CTE classes in middle school and high school. My 6th grade cooking class comes to mind, so does my 7th grade computer class where we ran a print shop, practiced making invoices, collecting orders and printing them on old dot matrix printers. I remember having so much fun and feeling like CTE meant that I was treated more like an adult."

HIGH SCHOOL: "When I was in high school I had a quiet mild mannered teacher for computer technology at Jordan High School. I did really well in the class and thought she did a good job training us for working professionally. As I reflected often on my education experiences, and what kind of teacher I wanted to be, I kept coming back to the idea that my work experience was a wealth of information that I could draw on to help teach the next generation. The fact that my passion for working started with my high school teacher's training in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and later expanded to training in the retail, furniture, marketing and advertising industries, is still a fire that burns in me now."

COLLEGE: "In college I took many different business and CTE classes. One professor, in particular, encouraged me to get involved with C-DECA. I had so much fun competing and going to national competitions, I even won first place in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing on my first trip to ICDC [International Career Development Conference]. Participating really lit a fire in me to become the DECA advisor that I am today. I have now helped prepare students to attend ICDC several times and am looking forward to getting them there again this year."

CAREER: "I owe my entire career to CTE training, support, and the passion passed down from many CTE educators. I can never share enough, nor begin to repay, the benefits I have received as a CTE educator, a lifelong learner, and a passionate and productive entrepreneur."

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