



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.

U.S. Presidential Scholars

Congratulations to the 73 high school seniors from Utah, 5 in Career and Technical Education, who have been selected as the [2018 candidates](#) in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1967 to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 2015 the program was expanded to include Career and Technical Education. Each year up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars.

Semifinalists will be announced in mid-April. The 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be announced in May.

Utah Career and Technical Education 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates

- Kael Berkley, Wasatch High School
- Lydia Day, Timpanogos High School
- Pedro Martinez, Beehive Science and Technology Academy
- Kanishka Ragula, Skyline High School
- Kashish Singh, Jordan High School



Photo courtesy of U.S. Department of Education — 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars

UtahFutures

[UtahFutures.org](#), Utah's career information system, has a new look! The new look was designed to make UtahFutures more user-friendly. The site now provides faster ways to access popular tools like webinars and videos. Take a look at [UtahFutures.org](#) today and plan the path to your future.

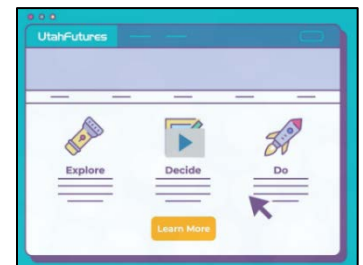
UtahFutures Promo Video

Discover What Your Future Holds

Explore: Create an account in UtahFutures to discover your interests and search schools and occupations.

Decide: Prepare for tests, write a résumé, complete the FAFSA, and search for scholarships.

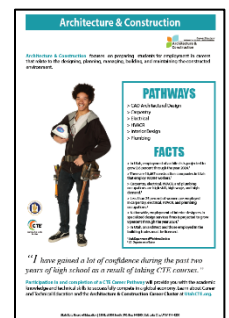
Do: Enroll in school, apply for jobs, upgrade your skills, and share your success story.



CTE Resources



- Flyers highlighting each Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) are available at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/resources/ctsos?mid=3070&tid=3>.
- Posters highlighting the 15 Utah CTE Career Clusters are available at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/fee6c126-580d-4a5e-93ee-b2fa2d105f7c>.
- The [2016-2017 LEA and Region CTE At-A-Glance flyers](#) are now available on the Web. Use your specific flyer to promote your CTE programs and advocate for CTE.



Caden Thomas: Future Carpenter



Caden Thomas, a graduate of Murray High School, focused on the CTE Carpentry Pathway. He would like to start his own construction business someday. Caden developed skills to advance his goals while taking carpentry and construction classes where he further developed his skills as a craftsman. Caden received a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award to Salt Lake Community College to continue his studies in carpentry.

“My goal after graduating from high school is to go to Salt Lake Community College and get a two-year AS degree in construction management. While going to school, I would like to be able to work for a big name construction company to further my education and gain experience in the workforce.

“In the carpentry/construction class we were able to build hands-on skills that we will be able to use for the rest of our lives. The class is very motivating. Seeing what you can accomplish in just a few hours makes you want to come back the next day to continue the project. You are taught the proper way to complete a job, even though it may not be easy. It teaches you to have patience and take pride in the work you do at the project house and in the woodshop. Once I have gained a sufficient amount of experience I would like to be able to be my own boss and start my own business,” said Caden.

What is your CTE story?

MOS State Champions – South Jordan Middle School

Congratulations to the following [six students](#) at South Jordan Middle School who are Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) state champions!

| Word 2013 | PowerPoint 2013 | Excel 2013 |
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| Utah Champion – Laura Yeschick | Utah Champion – Avary Grimm | N/A |
| Utah 2nd Place – Whitney Powell | N/A | N/A |
| Utah 3rd Place – Coleton Kehl | Utah 3rd Place – Paige Nelson | Utah 3rd Place – Kelton Preece |

Last year, **17,966** industry-recognized certifications were earned through the Microsoft Imagine Academy and Certiport partnership.

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| 17,308 | Microsoft Office Specialist |
| 312 | Microsoft Technology Associate |
| 149 | Adobe |



Industry certifications are recommended for anyone looking to improve their earning power, efficiency with their work, and/or becoming more confident in their area of employment or schooling. Have you earned an industry certification through the Microsoft Imagine Academy? [Tell us your story.](#)

Read the stories of Utah students who have earned MOS certifications.

[Emily Nielsen](#) | [Brandon Webb](#) | [Madeline Larson](#)

Learn. Practice. Certify.

Calendar:

| 2018 Utah Legislative Session continues through March 8. Follow education-related bills via the USBE Bill Tracking sheet. | |
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| March 2: Utah Association for Career and Technical Education (Utah ACTE) Day on the Hill – Utah State Capitol | March 13-14: TSA State Conference – Davis Technology College – Kaysville, UT |
| March 5: Entries due for the Utah CTE Video Contest | March 15: Utah State Board of Education Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT |
| March 5-7: FBLA State Convention – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT | March 15-16: HOSA State Convention – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT |
| March 7: ProStart® State Competition – Mountain American Expo Center – Sandy, UT | March 20-21: FCCLA State Convention – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT |
| March 8: Utah State Charter School Board Meeting 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT | March 21: Digiforge Conference – Salt Lake Community College South City Campus – Salt Lake City, UT |
| March 8-10: FFA State Convention – Cedar City, UT | Utah CTE Calendar ACTE Calendar Utah School Calendars |