



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 Scholarships and Tuition Awards

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, the 33rd Annual Career and Technical Education Scholarships and Tuition Awards Banquet took place at Salt Lake Community College. This banquet is a longstanding tradition to honor CTE students throughout the state who have been selected to receive a scholarship or tuition award from a postsecondary institution in Utah.



This year's selection process began in February when 258 students applied for a scholarship or tuition award. Each year we are impressed with the pool of qualified applicants and their desire to further their education and training. At the banquet, 90 scholarships or tuition awards were awarded to high school CTE seniors for up to one year's tuition at a postsecondary institution. We commend the hard work and dedication of each student who was selected to receive a scholarship or tuition award.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to each award recipient as he/she advances to college and career and prepares to successfully compete in a global economy.

Read below what six CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award recipients say about CTE and their high school experience.

Alyssa Wilson: Future Agricultural Education Teacher

"Before I joined FFA I wasn't part of any clubs, groups, or organizations. CTE introduced me to a whole new side of employment and job interests. If I hadn't been introduced to CTE I wouldn't have discovered my love for agriculture and the livestock industry. Through the CTE programs I was able to not only discover my purpose but also develop it. Having the opportunity to raise and care for animals and crops taught me responsibility and the value of hard work and dependability. Having a living creature depend on me for food, water, and care helped me realize the importance of completing all of my responsibilities in life."



Dylan Betts: Future Electrician



"CTE courses taught me an abundance of skills relating to preparation for future workplace environments. I learned how to become a better listener, observer, and leader. I feel these skills will benefit me in my self-development as a person with character and my future as a business owner. CTE courses gave me firsthand experience and knowledge in various capacities. I was able to see where my skills sets and interests are and ways in which they can serve a greater purpose."

[What is your CTE story?](#)

Nyla Maryboy: Future Graphic Designer



“Throughout high school I’ve learned a lot about career options and the technology industry. Without these courses I wouldn’t have made the choice to pursue technology. I’ve taken CTE courses since my freshman year and every year I’ve participated in one or more classes related to careers and technology. The one course that captured my attention was digital media. I found that I enjoyed working with different [software] programs and creating different projects. When I realized I found what I wanted to do I started becoming more involved in leadership conferences and CTE related events. Due to CTE, I now know where I want to be in life and where I plan to study.”

Omar Sanchez: Future Welder

“The CTE classes I completed throughout high school have taught me skills for life. Welding has shown me how to really measure accurately and work in teams. Taking welding helped me decide that I really want to pursue a welding career. I used to be confused about what I wanted to do in the future but not anymore. Taking welding all four years of high school taught me many valuable leadership and workplace skills. Mr. Murillo, my welding teacher, has been the most influential in my career choice. He made the class fun. He has made me want to learn more and pushed me to do better. If it weren’t for him I wouldn’t have found such an interest in the field.”



Selena Pham: Future Mechanical Engineer



“I desire to go into mechanical engineering with an emphasis in biomedical engineering. The CTE courses I completed guided me towards my future career. I did not know what I wanted to go into and taking these courses convinced me to go into engineering. I have gained so many valuable skills from taking CTE courses that will help me not only in the workplace but in my everyday life. I know what I want to do with my future and I am dead set on it. Taking CTE courses in engineering showed me a glimpse of what working as an engineer will be like.”

Vanessa Barlow: Future Therapist

“The CTE classes, clubs, and CTSOs I participated in during high school have helped prepare me for life by teaching me important workplace skills and allowing me to push my boundaries and reach my full potential. I have learned critical thinking skills through the assignments and responsibilities I have had in the CTE classes I have taken. While participating in FCCLA I learned how to be a leader and communicate my thoughts to a group. This skill will help me in the workplace to communicate with those around me and to be a leader to my coworkers. While taking CTE classes I have been able to learn about different career fields and what I am interested in.”



Calendar:

May 1-2: Bear River Career Days – Bridgerland Technical College – Logan, UT

May 2: [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

May 7: [Utah Digital Media Arts Festival](#) – Utah Valley University – Orem, UT

May 9: [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

June 10-22: [CTE Summer Conference](#) – Held at various locations throughout Utah

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The [CTE Directions](#) newsletter will be on hiatus during June, July, and August. The newsletter will return in September with resources to assist you in promoting your CTE programs. Have a great summer!