



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

This month Utah CTE celebrates 74 students who are recipients of a 2022 CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award. Each award recipient is one of 213 applicants who applied for a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award to a Utah postsecondary institution. Each year, we are impressed with the pool of qualified applicants and their desire to further their education and training to successfully compete in a global economy. We commend the hard work and dedication of each student and offer our congratulations and best wishes to each award recipient.

Read what 12 CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award recipients say about CTE and their high school experience.

Cambri Schmitt: Future Registered Dietitian



"I have been extremely grateful for my CTE classes and teachers. They have helped me sort out my many interests to see what I am good at and what I enjoy learning. I took multiple food classes which have inspired my food science, dietetics & nutrition career pathway. Everything just clicked for me. I found not only my passion for food but the passion to create new things. Without these classes I don't think I ever would have given a thought to going into food science and dietetics. CTE helped me to not waste my time looking in college for different career options, but to discover my career path before college and feel more prepared and knowledgeable."

Jacob Gurney: Future Interior Designer

"A CTE internship offered me the chance to work outside of the classroom for on-the-job training and opportunities to help me better understand what I want to do after graduation. The company I chose for this internship was Anne Gurney Drafting and Design. My responsibilities were to draw and create layouts for residential buildings, take measurements of existing structures and put them on paper, and to meet with clients. I learned to work with clients who helped me understand the day-to-day work and skills needed to excel in this field."



Hideki Irei: Future Graphic Designer



"One of my biggest ambitions is to create, which is why I chose to take different art classes in high school. The graphic design course I took my sophomore year became my ideal career choice. Graphic design helped me develop many skills that improved my communication. I learned how to listen and ask questions, and I developed time management skills. These skills are going to help me in the future. I feel more confident entering college since I have taken CTE classes. My CTE experience, and what I learned, will help me be ahead at college."

Emma Greer: Future Marketer

“Thinking back to my high school years and the CTE courses I took, many of them helped me prepare for life as an adult in my future career. The option of taking CTE courses in high school is a wonderful opportunity. It is a great way to learn and gain many life skills without having to pay more, like you would during college. It gives students the time to talk one-on-one with teachers and other students who may be interested in the same career. CTE courses give students many options for different careers, and they are able to try so many different things without having to declare a major or pay thousands of dollars for these types of courses in college.”



James Cox: Future IT Developer



“CTE courses have set the course of my life. I was planning on doing something computer related and taking CTE courses have led me to understand what I am confident about, what I enjoy doing, and what possible careers I could go into. CTE classes have allowed me to do work experience learning and that was one of the most helpful things I have done in high school. The classes provided me with an idea of what college I want to go to and what I want to major in. CTE has also set me ahead, as I have now taken some classes during high school that I won’t have to take in college.”

MaryTess Given: Future Preschool Teacher

“The pencil in the young boy’s hand shakes with the pressure he uses to make the letter S. He turns and smiles up at me, elated because he just successfully wrote the first letter in his name. I realize what a momentous action this is in his life and that I helped him achieve it. Every day while helping to teach preschool I get to help children have momentous learning experiences. I realized I love it and want to further my education so that one day I can open a preschool of my own and help children learn to love learning. I love helping little kids grow and encouraging their curiosity to sprout. I am grateful for the CTE courses directing me towards my future profession.”



Preston Smith: Future Civil Engineer



“The CTE classes I took during high school helped me find what I would enjoy going to school for and getting a job in. The CTE classes were my favorite classes because I got to use what I learned in the classroom and apply it to real life situations and create things in the real world. Through my CTE internship, I learned how to use the CAD system well. This experience will greatly benefit me as I go into civil engineering. I now have a jumpstart on learning and using this CAD system. The CTE classes I took will help me with my college education by giving me a general knowledge and understanding of some of the courses I will be taking at the college level.”

Clara Cushing: Future Surgical Technician

The CTE classes I have taken throughout high school have really set me up for success in college and life after high school. Not only did the CTE class Intro to Health Science help me decide on the career I wanted to go into, but it also prepared me for some of the things I might see in the operating room.

“Other CTE classes have made it so that I feel comfortable learning new skills in class. The classes have been challenging and have helped me set up good time management skills and studying habits. These skills will help me in college as well as my future career.”



Varen Moe: Future Food Product Specialist



“My CTE courses taught me many valuable lessons. In Prostart®, a college-level culinary class, I learned many skills. Prostart® taught me skills that are needed in a modern restaurant such as being prepared for the product to turn out, managing a kitchen team, and preparing a dish for serving. In life, I apply this knowledge daily. It helps me remind myself to do even the most basic things. I know I will be using the skills I have learned in my future career and schooling. As an early look into the real world, I can come out prepared and ready for the experience.”

Meadow Lee: Future Cosmetologist

“My high school CTE experiences have set me up for triumph in my life, as well as my college and career pathway. Cosmetology has taught me great interpersonal skills that I never had before. The art of listening, communication, and professionalism are some of the most important skills I have acquired.



“This year I joined FBLA. I understand that it will be necessary for me to understand the business world for success in my own business. I have gained a lot of information about how to start my own company and how to be a strong business leader. FBLA helped me think about my future and my success in business and cosmetology.”

Marcus Duran: Future Welder



“I found a love for a career in my welding courses. These courses have shown me that I need to study heavily, work with my team, and be prepared for my future. The [Welding & Manufacturing] Pathway has allowed me to begin my college education during high school.

“CTE courses not only teach you skills that are highly useful but introduces you to industries that are in high demand for workers. I feel confident that, due to my four years of high school welding experience, I can walk into just about any welding job and they will get good use out of my skills.”

Jaxon Carter: Diesel Technician

“I have always known that I wanted to work in mechanics. When I was in 9th grade, I started working as a mechanics assistant. As a junior in high school, I attended the ASE Engine Performance class at Mountain View High School. Brett Woffinden was my teacher for this course. He is a really great teacher and taught me to focus and engage in a project. He showed me what was possible with a career in mechanics. I later began the Diesel Technology program at MTech. After I graduate from high school, I plan to finish the remainder of the program to become a master diesel technician. I hope to one day run my own mobile mechanic business.”



Calendar:

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

April 14: [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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